

## **ROOM DOCUMENT**

### **Agenda Item III,c**

#### **DEReC**

#### **UPDATE AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

This note has been prepared by the Secretariat for information at the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation, 10-11 February 2010.



## The DAC Evaluation Resource Centre (DEReC)

was launched in 2005 and now contains over 2,100 development evaluation reports published by Network members. DEReC is a free online resource centre designed to make evaluation outputs accessible to a wide audience of development partners, civil society, researchers, students and the interested public. DEReC, one of three websites managed by the Network Secretariat, helps users quickly and easily access an array of key evaluation publications, including thousands of member evaluation reports as well as evaluation manuals, guidelines and tips. Each year, Network members contribute hundreds of new reports and DEReC continues to grow substantially.

## Update and recent developments

### Improvement to the search function

The Secretariat and the IT personnel at the OECD have worked together to improve and enhance the key word search function and its accuracy. Users can now easily search and quickly find and access reports by using the search box on the top right of the page.

The Secretariat encourages members to include key words for each evaluation report as agreed at the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting, to support this effort and improve accessibility to reports.

### Improvement of the sector classification

As announced at the last meeting, the Secretariat has also worked to rationalise and update the sector categories list (on DEReC under “Search by Sector”) to ensure that reports are properly categorised. New categories have been added (for example “human rights”) and some categories have been removed, renamed or combined to more clearly reflect the reports available on DEReC. The re-categorisation of reports is now complete.

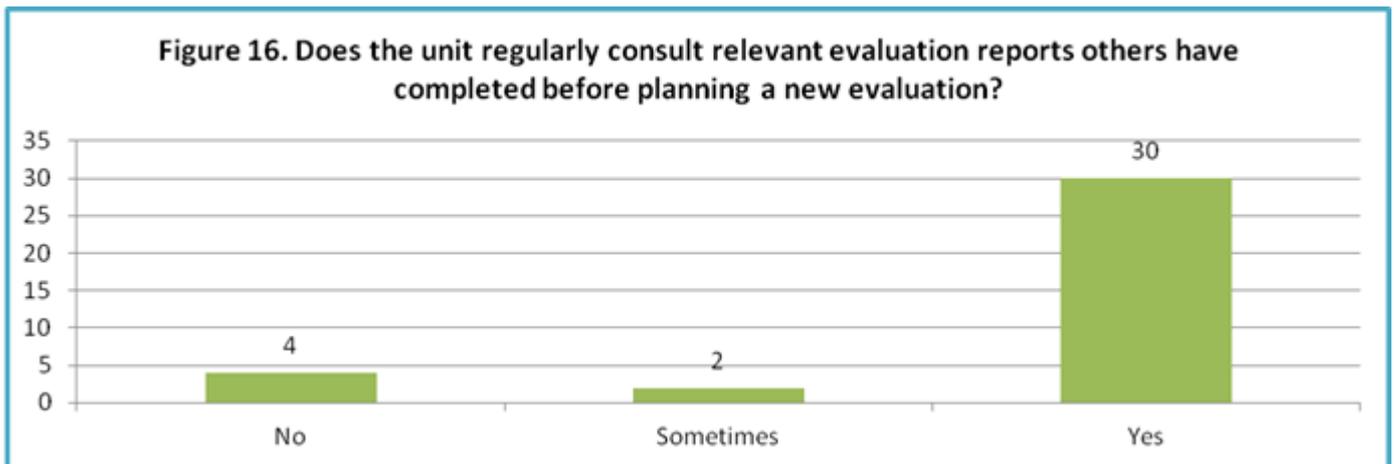
### New sector classification in DEReC

Agriculture and rural development, (125)	Governance and public sector management, (293)
Aid modalities, (10)	Health, (162)
Banking and financial services, (73)	Human rights, (2)
Capacity development and technical assistance, (7)	Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction, (43)
Civil society and NGOs, (36)	Industry, (14)
Communications and media, (32)	Infrastructure, (14)
Conflict, peace and security, (83)	Microcredit, (8)
Corporate evaluations and annual reports, (107)	Mineral resources and mining, (7)
Country programme, (261)	Multilateral aid, (1)
Debt related action, (5)	Multisector, (95)
Decentralisation, (2)	Other, (74)
Education, (145)	Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, (9)
Emergency food aid, (2)	Population and reproductive health , (66)
Energy, (66)	Private sector, business and industry, (58)
Environment and climate change, (73)	Reconstruction relief, (16)
Fisheries, (7)	Regional programmes, (13)
Food aid and food security, (5)	Social infrastructure and services, (68)
Forestry, (16)	Tourism, (1)
Gender equality and women in development , (67)	Trade, (33)
General budget support, (19)	Trade policy and regulations, (13)
Global programmes, (1)	Transport and storage, (66)
	Water supply and sanitation, (90)

### Members' participation on DEREc:

At the last meeting in May, concerns were raised regarding the levels of member participation to DEREc and members agreed to consistently submit reports to ensure a complete and representative collection of reports. Members are encouraged to continue sending completed evaluations to DEREc as standard procedure in the dissemination of their reports and to include key words for each report and the Secretariat will present a note on the evolution of members' participation at the November meeting.

Based on the study of Network members on development evaluation resources and systems (Room Document for Agenda item II), of the members responding to the member survey in 2009, 57% said they regularly submit completed evaluation reports to DEREc. Nearly all responding members (36) refer regularly to evaluation reports completed by other donors, often through DEREc.



### DEReC “Front Page”

Last year, the Secretariat created DEREc Front Page which highlights evaluation reports relevant to major world events. This feature makes the DEREc website more lively and interesting with new postings linking to topical evaluation reports. New editions are posted periodically (see below) and the Front Page provides a space for synthesising evaluation findings, highlighting major reports and disseminating evaluation results.

### Currently on DEREc Front Page:

This month on the **“Front Page”** of DEREc:

#### **EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI**



*UN Photo/Marco Dormino*

**As donors pledge to help Haiti recover, they should draw on evidence of what works from evaluations of past aid efforts:**

[Key lessons from evaluations to inform the donor response in Haiti](#)

[Click here to find evaluations of humanitarian responses](#)

[Click here to find evaluations of aid in Haiti](#)

## THE DEReC FRONT PAGE



*Curt Carnemark/World Bank.*

### **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women 25 November 2009**

How can development partners contribute to reducing violence?

Gender-based violence is a major public health and human rights problem throughout the world. Gender-based violence both reflects and reinforces inequities between men and women. It encompasses a wide range of human rights violations, including sexual abuse of children, rape, domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment, trafficking of women and girls and harmful traditional practices.



*Masaru Goto/World Bank*

### **Disarmament Week 24 – 30 October 2009**

Disarmament Week begins each year on the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations with the goal of increasing public understanding of armed violence and the urgent need for action. Development evaluations shed light on how disarmament can be supported effectively.

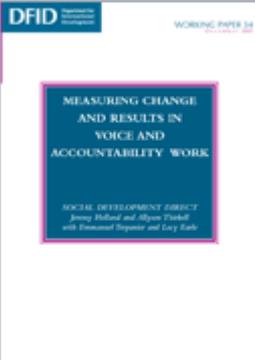
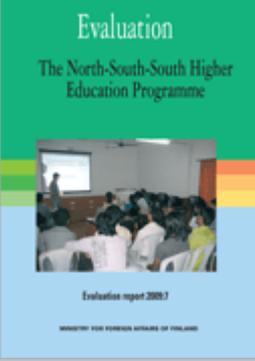


*World Bank*

### **Aid for Trade Report Launch - 6 July Aid for Trade at a Glance 2009: Maintaining Momentum**

Monitors the Aid-for-Trade Initiative to assess what is happening, what is not and where improvements are needed. Assessments on the impact of trade-related assistance are needed to inform ongoing efforts to promote more and better aid for trade as well as policy coherence for development.

## Most recent reports on DEREc:

	<p><a href="#"><u>Measuring Change and Results in Voice and Accountability Work</u></a> <i>15-Dec-2009- Published by DFID</i></p> <p>The paper discusses the importance of establishing a theory of change to demonstrate the causal relationship between V&amp;A interventions and wider development impacts, but further work is required to establish the links between outcome and impact through V&amp;A work.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Switzerland's economic development cooperation in the field of trade promotion of organic agriculture products</u></a> <i>08-Dec-2009- Published by SECO</i></p> <p>"Switzerland's economic development cooperation in the field of trade promotion of organic agriculture products"</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>The North-South-South Higher Education Institution Network Programme</u></a> <i>02-Dec-2009 - Published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland</i></p> <p>The current evaluation of the N-S-S Programme examined the five years of implementation of the programme with a view to making recommendations for the next phase.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Evaluation of the Humanitarian Mine Action Activities of Norwegian People's Aid</u></a> <i>18-Nov-2009 - Published by Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)</i></p> <p>This evaluation report concludes that Norwegian People's Aid is one of very few organisations that is engaged in operational mine clearance programmes, development of new methodologies as well as advocacy, areas that are mutually reinforcing.</p>