

Workshop on Lessons Learned From International Joint Evaluations
French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry
DAC Network on Development Evaluation
Paris Declaration Evaluation Secretariat

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Background:

The changing context of development assistance approaches has increased the importance and utility of joint evaluations for donors and partners. Poverty Reduction Strategies, national development programs, sector-wide assistance and general budget support vary considerably from traditional project assistance activities. The 'way of doing business' is also changing considerably due to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005), the Accra Agenda for Action (2008) and the Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (2011). These new approaches to development cooperation emphasize collaborative, aligned and harmonized multi-donor assistance efforts with shared common objectives, and increasingly employ co-financing schemes. They also stress greater participation and leadership (ownership) by the developing countries. Effective evaluation of development cooperation calls for – in fact requires – greater leadership on the part of the partner countries and intense collaboration by all partners.

Joint evaluation has several virtues: rationalization of the evaluation process, reduced transaction costs for partner countries, improved evaluation quality, increased weight and legitimacy of the evaluation when undertaken with partners, answer questions which cannot be addressed by one actor¹. In addition joint evaluation is one element of mutual accountability. They are also challenging: compared to single project/program evaluation, the subjects are more difficult to evaluate and the management of the evaluation is often complex and cumbersome.

Purpose:

- Identify the main lessons for future joint evaluations– drawing from the experience with the Paris Declaration Evaluation and other recent large scale joint evaluations.
- How do we build on the capacity and network relations developed in these evaluations for future collaboration, e.g. partner-led, collaborative or joint efforts as a way towards mutual accountability?

Workshop format:

The Workshop will be 1 ½ days of presentations and discussions in break-out groups with defined themes for discussion and pre-assigned facilitators.

¹ DAC Evaluation Series: Guidance for Managing Joint Evaluations. OECD 2006

Programme:

Monday 6 February 2012

1300 – 1330 Opening:

Ms. Delphine D'Amarzit, Assistant Secretary, Multilateral affairs, Trade and Development Policies Department, Treasury General Directorate.
Mr. Henri Jorritsma, DAC EvalNet Vice-Chair.
Mr. Niels Dabelstein, PDE Secretariat

1330 – 1530 Setting the agenda: Presentations by Evaluation Managers and Evaluators

1. Programming, preparing and engaging stakeholders in joint evaluations – experiences from the PD Evaluation (Niels Dabelstein & Lal Shanker Ghimire, Nepal)
2. Building consensus on the approach – experiences from Budget Support Evaluation (Martyn Pennington, EC) and PDE (Jaime Garron Bozo, Bolivia)
3. Governance and management structures – experiences from the South Sudan Evaluation (Ted Kliet, NL) and PDE (Timothy Lubanga, Uganda)
4. Co-ordination of multi-site evaluations: design, support, execution, QA and synthesis (Bernard Wood and Julia Betts)
5. Utilization: making a difference with the evaluation – input to policy and decision making (Michael Patton and Twaib Ali, Malawi)

1530 – 1600 Coffee

1600 – 1615 Instructions to break out groups

1615 – 1730 Break out groups

1. Programming, preparing and engaging stakeholders in joint evaluations (Facilitator Margrethe Holm Andersen)
2. Building consensus on the approach and methodology (facilitator Anne Bichsel)
3. Governance and management structures and cost sharing (Facilitator Stefan Dahlgren)
4. Co-ordination of multi-site evaluations: design, support, execution, QA and synthesis (Facilitator Henry Jorritsma)
5. Utilization: making a difference with the evaluation – input to policy and decision making (Facilitator Michael Patton)

Tuesday 7 February 2012

0900 – 1000 Reporting back from Yesterday's group discussions

Facilitator: Stefan Dahlgren
Rapporteur: Michael Patton

1000 – 1200 Break out groups

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1200 – 1300 Lunch

1300 – 1400 Reporting Back

Facilitator: Stefan Dahlgren
Rapporteur: Michael Patton

1400 – 1530 Plenary Discussion

How do we build on the capacity and network relations developed in these evaluations for future collaboration, e.g. partner-led, collaborative or joint efforts as a way towards mutual accountability? Partner and donor perspectives.
Facilitator: Niels Dabelstein
Rapporteurs: Stefan Dahlgren and Michael Patton

1530 – 1600 Coffee

1600 – 1630 Conclusions & next steps

Henri Jorritsma, DAC EvalNet Vice Chair

1630 – 1700 Closing

Mr. Rémy Rioux, Deputy Director, Multilateral Affairs and Development, Treasury General Directorate.
Niels Dabelstein, PDE Secretariat