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DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE AGENDA FOR 8TH MEETING, 18 – 19 NOVEMBER 2008

Tuesday 18 November, morning session 9.30 – 13.00 <i>(including coffee break)</i>	Wednesday 19 November, morning session 9.00 – 12.30 <i>(followed by a lunch buffet and an informal session ending at 15.00)</i>
<p>I. Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Election of the Bureau ii) Chairs' introduction and brief presentations of new members iii) Adoption of the Agenda iv) Approval of Summary Record of the 7th meeting v) Update on programme of work and budget for 2009-10, voluntary contributions, and DAC matters. <p>II. Follow up to the Accra High Level Forum and the evaluation of the Paris Declaration</p> <p>Brief highlights of Accra HLF. Reflections on the phase I evaluation and suggested next steps for phase II.</p> <p><i>11.00 Coffee break</i></p> <p>III. Evaluation systems – exchange on reforms and developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Recent development in UNEG/DAC peer reviews and in the ECG planned reviews. ii) Results of a system review of evaluation in German development cooperation 	<p>V. Developing methods, standards and guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Evaluation Quality Standards – planning of workshop ii) Impact evaluation (NONIE, 3IE) <p><i>10.30 Coffee break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) Evaluation methodology of budget support iv) Guidance on evaluating conflict prevention and peace building v) Evaluating global and regional partnerships <p>VI. Other business</p> <p><i>(The meeting will continue with an informal session over lunch and will end at 3pm.)</i></p> <p>VII. Informal session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Sharing experiences and information. <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation in the US aid programmes, joint presentation by US State Dept, USAID and MCC - Evaluation in the new JICA - Regional centres for results-based management and evaluation capacity development, the World Bank - Joint evaluation of anti-corruption, Norway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) Exchange on new ideas and suggestions for joint or collaborative evaluation work, including brainstorming on the global financial crisis and its implications for development evaluation. iii) The global financial crisis and its implications for development evaluation
<p>Tuesday 18 November, afternoon session 14.30-18.00 <i>(including coffee break)</i></p>	
<p>IV. Harmonising, aligning and sharing</p> <p>This session will discuss the new context for evaluation and implications for evaluation of the Accra Agenda for Action (AAA).</p> <p>The discussion will include discussions on recommendations of the study on joint programming of evaluations, and on the new tool for sharing evaluation plans to promote joint and collaborative work.</p> <p>Alignment and capacity development, including a partner country perspective.</p> <p>Update on sharing evaluation reports – DEREc</p>	

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

The meeting will be held at the conference centre at the OECD Headquarters, 2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris.

The meeting will take place from 9.30 - 13.00 and 14.30 - 18.00 on 18 November (with coffee breaks). On 19 November the meeting will start at 9.00 (with a coffee break mid morning) and continue in informal session over lunch until 15.00. Simultaneous English – French interpretation will be provided for the first day and up to lunch on the second day.

Participants should confirm their participation via email to the Secretariat as soon as possible (nathalie.bienvenu@oecd.org) to ensure that security is informed and entry badges can be prepared.

Documents for the meeting will be available on the Evaluation Network's restricted website: www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/members (login: dacevaluation, password: evaluation).

ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

I. Opening session

The session will start with the election of the Bureau. Following a brief introduction by the new Chair, new members will be invited to briefly present themselves. This will be followed by the adoption of the agenda and approval of the summary record of the 7th meeting. The Secretariat will give an update on DAC work and the programme of work and budget for 2009-10, including on the status of voluntary contributions.

II. Follow up to the Accra High Level Forum and the evaluation of the Paris Declaration

The Accra High Level Forum outcomes and the role the evaluation of the implementation of the Paris Declaration played will be briefly presented. This will be followed by a reflection on the process of the evaluation during phase I, and suggestions on next steps for phase II.

III. Evaluation systems – exchange on reforms and developments

i) Recent development in UNEG/DAC peer reviews and in the ECG planned reviews.

The co-chairs of the UNEG/DAC Network task team on professional peer reviews of evaluation systems will discuss experiences to date, ongoing reviews, and plans for further work. An update on the status of peer reviews of evaluation at multilateral development banks will be provided by the ECG chair.

ii) Results of a system review of evaluation in German development cooperation

A comprehensive review of the German evaluation system has been recently completed and BMZ will provide highlights of the results.

Members are invited to discuss recent reforms and developments in evaluation systems: are major changes taking place in the accountability environment and in the governance of evaluation?

IV. Harmonising, aligning and sharing

DFID, as task team lead on the new context for evaluation, will introduce the session, followed by a presentation by SADEV of the main recommendations of the study on joint programming of evaluations.

The Secretariat will present a new tool for sharing evaluation plans to promote joint and collaborative work and reduce evaluation fragmentation.

This will be followed by an exchange on alignment and capacity development, including a partner country perspective.

An update on sharing evaluation reports – DEREc - will be provided.

Key issues for the discussion include:

- Are the recommendations of the above mentioned study feasible to implement?
- How can we promote harmonisation of approaches to evaluation planning?
- What is necessary to make the sharing evaluation plans within the Network fully operational and most useful?
- What are the implications of the Accra Agenda for Action for alignment and support to partner country evaluation capacities?

The aim is to conclude with agreement on follow-on actions for the Network members.

V. Developing methods, standards and guidance

i) Evaluation Quality Standards – planning of workshop

Australia and New Zealand will inform members about the upcoming Evaluation Quality Standards workshop to be held on 9-10 February 2009 in Auckland. The aim of the workshop is to review experience with the use of the standards and to identify what changes are needed to finalise the Standards, after the three-year test phase that was agreed in 2006.

ii) Impact evaluation

The Chair of the Network of Networks on Impact Evaluation (NONIE) will report on the results of the recent meeting held in Lisbon on 1 October 2008 and on current work. The Director of 3iE will present the status of the 3iE initiative.

iii) Evaluation methodology of budget support

The EC will report on the status of the development of a methodology for evaluating budget support which is conducted by a task team led by the EC.

iv) Guidance on evaluating conflict prevention and peace building

Norway, as co-chair of the task team, will give an update on the ongoing applications which currently includes Sri Lanka, Haiti and DRC, with plans for South Sudan.

v) Evaluating global and regional partnership programmes

The World Bank will brief members on progress.

VII. Informal session

The meeting will continue with an informal session including a buffet lunch and will end at 3pm.

The objective of this session is to share experience and discuss new suggestions for joint or collaborative work.

i) Sharing experiences and information. Topics include:

- Evaluation in the US aid programmes, joint presentation by US State Department, USAID and MCC
- Evaluation in the new JICA, presentation by Japan
- Regional centres for results-based management and evaluation capacity development, presentation by the World Bank
- Joint evaluation of anti-corruption, presentation by Norway

ii) Open exchange on new ideas and suggestions for joint or collaborative evaluation work

Members have been invited to bring ideas or new suggestions for joint or collaborative work, with a view to identify potential mutual interest and partners.

iii) The global financial crisis and its implications for development evaluation

It has been suggested to have a first brainstorming on the global financial crisis and its implications for development evaluation during in the informal session.