

Evaluation Of the Paris Declaration Phase II

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Why Evaluate the Paris Declaration?

- Evaluation is part of the Paris Declaration and reflects its principles.
- Accra Agenda for Action called specifically for an evaluation of the implementation, effects
- Add value to the monitoring of commitments and feed into the High Level Forums in 2008 (phase I) and 2011 (phase II).
- What has been achieved? and what has not? – and why? - will be a key questions at HLF 4.

A joint evaluation

- Based on the principles of the Paris Declaration: partner countries and development partners develop evaluation framework/approach jointly
- The evaluation itself is a tool for mutual accountability:
 - Country-level evaluations led by partner countries and managed in-country
 - Additional donor/agency HQ studies
- Supplementary studies with focus on results
- Synthesis to feed into HLF-4

Phase II Evaluation Model

Two complementary foci:

1) Implementation focus (expanded Phase I):
How is the PD put into action?

- More diverse set of countries + wider range of stakeholders
- HQ studies by donors not included in Phase I

2) Results focus: What has changed?

- Identify PD influence on development effectiveness (outcomes & results)

Methodological Issues

Challenges in evaluating results:

- Brief time span since PD endorsed (March 2005)
- Complexity of development effectiveness - many factors can affect outcomes
- External influences make attribution difficult
- Demanding data requirements

Methods to be applied

- Reviews of existing evaluations, research and indicator systems
- Comparative in-depth case studies (of country partnerships) which are chosen to contain a good cross-section of common themes/sectors
- Longitudinal studies:
 - forward looking, 'theory-based' mapping of plausible directions of travel or
 - backward looking tracking back to PD-like, longer established policies
- Targeted comparative studies to 'supplement' country-based case comparisons

Overseeing the evaluation

International Reference Group, *co-chaired by Sri Lanka and Sweden*

- Ensure buy-in, quality and credibility.
- Members of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation (who actively support)
- Partner countries who conduct country-level evaluations
- Multilaterals and CSOs

Tasks:

- Endorse overall Evaluation Framework and ToRs for component & supplementary studies
- Review draft reports for quality, credibility & clarity

Participants in Int. Ref. Group

- Austria*
- Belgium
- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Global Fund/GAVI
- Ireland*
- Japan*
- The Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Spain*
- Sweden*
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- USA*
- AfDB*
- AsDB
- OECD/DAC
- Better Aid
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Bolivia
- Cambodia
- Cameroun
- Columbia
- Ecuador?
- Indonesia
- Ghana
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Malawi
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Samoa
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Uganda
- Viet Nam
- Zambia?
- Reality of Aid

Managing the evaluation

National Reference Groups established in-country with key government, development partners and non-government stakeholders

- Approve detailed design of country study
- Serve as resource for country evaluation teams
- Review draft evaluation products for quality, credibility and clarity

Management Group: Colombia, Malawi, Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Sweden, US and *The Secretariat at DIIS*, responsible for:

- Developing the overall evaluation framework and ToR
- Coordinating and managing the joint evaluation process
- Guiding the component studies,
- Developing and managing the thematic Studies and synthesis of findings and recommendations.

Schedule of Events 2009

- 7 Sept. Core Team operational
- 23 Sept. Workshop on Donor HQ studies
- 26 Oct. Draft Report on Untying of Aid to IRG for comments (by 2 November)
- 27 – 29 Oct. Asia Pacific Regional Workshop in Cambodia
- 3 – 4 Nov. Latin America Regional Workshop in Colombia
- 10 – 12 Nov. Anglophone Africa Regional Workshop in Malawi
- 18 – 20 Nov. Francophone Africa Regional Workshop in Benin
- 30 Nov. Final Report on Untying of Aid
- 30 Nov. 2nd Meeting of the Reference Group for PD Evaluation
-1 Dec. Phase 2: Evaluation Framework; Country Level TOR; Work plan for 2010
- 2 – 3 Dec. WP-EFF, presentation of progress report and Untying of Aid Study