

Members of the International Reference Group for the Evaluation of the Paris Declaration.

Dear colleagues,

Attached please find

1. Minutes of the 1st Management Group meeting
2. Final Draft Approach Paper
3. Response to written comments on 2nd draft of the Approach Paper
4. Final Draft ToR for the Evaluation Core Team
5. List of countries/donors conducting studies
6. Phase 2 evaluation budget and pledges

As agreed in the Auckland meeting of the International Reference Group, the Approach Paper and the Terms of Reference for the Evaluation Core Team should be approved by the International Reference Group by written procedure. A second draft of the Approach Paper was circulated to the International Reference Group on 14 March with a request for written comments. Comments received by 8 April have been taken into account in drafting the current document.

This final draft was reviewed by the Management Group at its meeting on 24th April. The Management Group was satisfied that the comments received from the members of the International Reference Group have been adequately addressed in the revised document, and that comments/suggestions that could not be accommodated are adequately responded to in the attached 'response to written comments note'.

In its meeting, the Management Group also reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Evaluation Core Team and discussed the status of pledges and commitments to the evaluation budget as well as other aspects of the evaluation (for details see the attached minutes of the meeting).

The Management Group now submits the Approach Paper as well as the Terms of Reference for the Evaluation Core Team to the International Reference Group for approval.

You are kindly requested to provide any comments you may have by 15 May to the Paris Declaration Evaluation Secretariat: NDA@diis.dk. In the event you do not respond to this mail letter it will be assumed that you are in agreement with these documents.

Best regards,
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