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DRAFT AGENDA OF THE THIRD MEETING

This meeting is to be held at OECD Headquarters, 2 rue André Pascal, Paris, 75016.

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AM	<p>I. OPENING</p> <p>i) Chair's introduction.</p> <p>ii) Elections.</p> <p>iii) Brief self-introduction of new members.</p> <p>iv) Adoption of the draft Agenda.</p> <p>v) Approval of Summary record of 2nd Meeting.</p> <p>II. EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AID</p> <p>i) Follow up to the HLF Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and discussion on implications for evaluation practice.</p> <p>ii) Assessing the development effectiveness of total ODA at the country level.</p> <p>iii) Progress report on the GBS evaluation.</p> <p>iv) Workshop on evaluating conflict prevention and peace building programmes.</p>	<p>IV. IMPACT EVALUATION</p> <p>Thematic session starting with presentation by the World Bank on its recent experience with impact evaluations.</p> <p>Followed by discussion around members' experiences, interest in and need for various types of impact evaluations.</p> <p>V. IMPROVING INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING</p> <p>Brief presentation of the Evaluation Network website – followed by discussion on next steps.</p>
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PM	<p>III. JOINT EVALUATIONS, QUALITY STANDARDS AND SYSTEMS</p> <p>i) Joint evaluations – Presentation of report.</p> <p>ii) Evaluation Quality Standards.</p> <p>iii) Evaluation of Multilateral Organisations.</p> <p>iv) Evaluation systems and use – developing a tool for peer reviews.</p>	<p>VI. PARTNERS IN EVALUATION</p> <p>i) Tsunami relief and reconstruction evaluations</p> <p>ii) Briefing by the Secretariat on ongoing work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness in the context of NEPAD. • Joint venture on managing for development results <p>iii) Evaluation capacity building – recent initiatives</p> <p>iv) Possible DAC Evaluation Workshop in connection with the 2006 AFREA conference.</p> <p>v) Reports by ECG and UNEG on their recent meetings.</p> <p>VII. OTHER BUSINESS</p>
	Network Informal Dinner	

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

The morning sessions on both days will be from 09h30 - 12h30. The afternoon sessions on both days will be from 14h30 – 18h00.

Participants should confirm their participation with the Secretariat as soon as possible (michelle.weston@oecd.org) to ensure that security badges are prepared in advance.

ANNOTATIONS

Item I - Opening session

The first session will start with a brief introduction by the Chair. This will be followed by elections to the Bureau as in accordance with the OECD rules for subsidiary bodies of the Organisation, elections should take place at the first meeting of the year. In advance of the meeting, the Secretariat will circulate further information about this.

Also, under this item, new participants in the Evaluation Network will be invited to introduce themselves briefly.

Item II – Evaluating the effectiveness of aid

- i) Follow up to the HLF Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and discussion on implications for evaluation practice.

The Paris Declaration of the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness was adopted by OECD Ministers and Heads of Agencies, MDB Presidents and Partner Governments in March 2005. It calls for important shifts in the delivery and implementation of development assistance, and consequently has implications also for evaluation activities. There are also specific references to evaluation in the Declaration which necessitate follow up. The Secretariat will make available a note to help advance the discussion, including the suggestion of new work on this subject led by a group of interested members.

- ii) Assessing the development effectiveness of total ODA at the country level

At the 2nd meeting of the DAC Evaluation Network held in November 2004, Sweden indicated its willingness to lead the initial phases of this work, and will now report back on progress made. An informal working group consisting of Denmark, the Netherlands and the Secretariat have assisted Sweden in the first phase. Members are invited to provide comments on the suggested next steps including a proposed seminar in the autumn.

iii) Progress report on the GBS evaluation

The Chair of the Steering Committee, UK, will be invited to report briefly on progress of this major ongoing evaluation, and provide some highlights from the recent “Practitioners’ Forum on Budget Support” held in Cape Town in May 2005.

iv) Workshop on evaluating conflict prevention and peace building programmes

Further to the agreement at the last meeting to initiate collaborative work with the DAC Network on Conflict Peace and Development Co-operation (CPDC) in this area, Norway and the Secretariat has led the initial work and will report on steps taken so far, and plans for a forthcoming workshop in Oslo. Members are invited to provide suggestions and comments to inform the planning process.

Item III – Joint evaluations, quality standards and systems

i) Joint evaluations

The final report is submitted for consideration by members, and a presentation of the main findings and recommendations will be made by the consultant. The report is intended for publication in the DAC Evaluation Series. Members may also wish to consider implications for future joint evaluation undertakings.

ii) Evaluation Quality Standards

In connection with the IDEAS conference held in March 2005 in New Delhi, the Evaluation Network organised a workshop on quality standards in evaluation (the report will be made available as a room document). DAC members present at the workshop agreed to work together to develop quality standards with Australia and Denmark in the lead and they will inform members about planned work. Members are invited to comment and provide suggestions on next steps.

iii) Evaluation of Multilateral Organisations

A progress report will be made by Denmark, the lead agency for this work. It can be noted in this context that the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) adopted at its recent meeting Norms and Standards for evaluation applicable to all UN agencies.

iv) Evaluation systems and use – developing a tool for peer reviews

Following on the discussion at the last meeting, the Secretariat will present a first version of a supplementary tool to assist the peer review process in its analysis of evaluation use and systems as part of the regular DAC Peer Reviews. The DAC Principles on Aid Evaluation remain the agreed official text and the idea is that an “easy to use” note building on these principles could assist the examiners in the peer reviews when they are discussing evaluation use and systems with the country under review. Members are invited to provide suggestions on the draft.

Item IV – Impact evaluations

This is a thematic session which is foreseen to last most of the morning of the second day. It will start with a presentation by the World Bank on its recent experiences with impact evaluations.

This presentation will be followed by a discussion during which members will be invited to relate their experiences and possible need for further impact evaluation work, and to consider best ways forward for individual and collective action (brief written contributions are also welcome).

Item V – Improving information exchange and knowledge sharing

In response to the clearly expressed need for better information exchange and knowledge sharing in evaluation, the Secretariat has opened up a new public website which provides information on members' recent evaluation outputs and activities. It also provides online access to all Network documents. Members may wish to take stock of progress and consider how to take this forward. The site is primarily designed as a service to members but is also likely to be of use to a broader development community interested in evaluation and development results. The Secretariat will circulate a note to initiate the discussion under this item and members will be invited to provide comments and suggestions.

Item VI – Partners in evaluation

i) Tsunami relief and reconstruction evaluations

A presentation will be made on the evaluation coalition supported by ALNAP and the evaluation framework. This constitutes an effort to join forces in the evaluation of emergency and humanitarian assistance in relation to the tsunami catastrophe. The work includes a study of longer term rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts. (See: <http://www.alnap.org/tsunami/>)

ii) Briefing by the Secretariat on ongoing work

- Mutual review of development effectiveness between OECD/DAC and UNECA in the context of NEPAD.

A briefing will be provided by the Secretariat on recent developments, including at the African Partnership Forum held in Abuja in April, and at the ECA Finance Ministers meeting in May.

- The joint venture on managing for development results

The Secretariat will brief members on ongoing work in this subsidiary body of the DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, including its recent meeting on assessing results at the overall agency performance level.

iii) Evaluation capacity building – recent initiatives

Under this item, Japan will brief members about its recent and ongoing efforts in evaluation capacity building in the Asian region. The African Development Bank will provide highlights from its recent workshop in the Africa region aimed at strengthening evaluation capacity. Members are invited to consider the possible need for collective efforts in this area, in light of the HLF agenda and the need for greater partner ownership of the evaluation agenda and process.

iv) Possible DAC Evaluation Workshop in connection with the 2006 AFREA conference

France will present a draft proposal for an Evaluation Network workshop to be held in connection with the next African Evaluation Association Conference (Afrea) which is planned to be held towards the latter half of 2006 in Niger.

- v) Reports by ECG and UNEG on their recent meetings

The Chairs of ECG and the UNEG will be invited to report on their recent meetings.

Item VII – Other business

At the recent UNEG meeting, it was suggested that their next meeting should be held back to back with the next meeting of the DAC Evaluation Network to permit more interaction between the groups. Members are invited to consider this suggestion and how such interaction could be made most fruitful.