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## **DAC Network on Development Evaluation**

### **Draft Agenda of the Seventh Meeting**

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## DRAFT AGENDA OF THE SEVENTH MEETING

Wednesday 20 February, morning	Thursday 21 February, morning and lunch
<p><b>I. Opening session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Chair's introduction and brief introduction of new members</li> <li>ii) Adoption of the Agenda</li> <li>iii) Approval of Summary Record of 6<sup>th</sup> meeting</li> <li>iv) Election of Vice-Chair</li> <li>v) Update on ongoing work and DAC programme of work and budget process for 2009-10</li> <li>vi) Results of the evaluation of the DAC</li> </ul> <p><b>II. Improving methods, quality and systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Application of the guidance on evaluating conflict prevention and peace building – discussion on next steps</li> <li>ii) Impact evaluation</li> <li>iii) UNEG/DAC Network task team on peer reviews of evaluation systems and update on ECG peer review work</li> <li>iv) Evaluation quality standards – results of the survey and next steps</li> </ul>	<p><b>IV. Joint evaluations of aid effectiveness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Evaluation of the Paris Declaration – outcome of the Johannesburg reference group meeting and next steps</li> <li>ii) Outcome of the GBS evaluation – results of the questionnaire</li> </ul> <p><b>V. Evaluation capacity development and updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Secretariat briefing on a study of ECD experiences in West Africa</li> <li>ii) Results of the ODA evaluation workshop in Asia</li> <li>iii) DEReC</li> </ul> <p><b>VI. Evaluation in the context of managing for development results</b></p> <p>Briefing on ongoing work by the DAC Joint Venture on Managing for Development Results</p> <p><b>VII. Informal session</b></p> <p><i>(The meeting will continue in informal session over lunch and will end at 3pm.)</i></p> <p>Sharing experience and discussion of new ideas, topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update/linking with HIV/AIDS work by the MERG</li> <li>- Briefing on developments in evaluation of humanitarian aid</li> <li>- A comparative study of evaluation policies and practises in development agencies</li> <li>- Preparations for a joint evaluation of anti-corruption strategies</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday 20 February, afternoon</b></p>	
<p><b>III. Discussion on evaluation harmonisation and alignment in a changing aid and development context</b></p> <p>Discussion on planning evaluation and how strategic priorities for evaluation at the country level can be supported and combined with the needs for donor accountability. As concrete cases, attention will be given to Tanzania and Uganda. This session will also include a discussion on evaluation work plans of members.</p>	

### GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

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

The meeting will take place from 9.30 - 13.00 and 14.30 - 18.00 on 20 February (with coffee breaks). On 21 February the meeting will start at 9.30, 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 with the Secretariat as soon as possible ([nathalie.bienvenu@oecd.org](mailto: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 restricted website: [www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/members](http://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/members) (login: dacevaluation, password: evaluation).

### ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

#### **I Opening session**

Following a brief introduction by the 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 previous meeting.

One of the two positions as Vice-Chair of the Network is vacant. Members are invited to propose candidates for this position, preferably before 13 February, to the Secretariat which will assist in the election process. In accordance with the rules for subsidiary bodies of the OECD, a candidate's nationality has no bearing on the choice and each subsidiary body should endeavour to elect the person who appears best qualified to help give effective and impartial direction to its work.

The Secretariat will present an overview of current work and the process for developing the overall DAC programme of work and budget for 2009-10 (including results of the voting on priorities, if available). The main findings of the evaluation of the DAC will also be presented as well as follow up steps.

#### **II Improving methods, quality and systems**

##### ***i) Application of the guidance on evaluating conflict prevention and peace building – discussion on next steps***

Following the finalisation of the working draft of the guidance on evaluating conflict prevention and peace building activities, a meeting to discuss its application was hosted by Switzerland on 21-22 January 2008. Norway, as co-chair of the task team, will report on the outcome of the Bern meeting which included agreement on developing concrete plans for application in several joint evaluations.

## ***ii) Impact evaluation***

The Chair of NONIE will report on the results of the NONIE meeting held in Washington DC on 14 January 2008 and recent developments. The World Bank will present highlights of the conference on “Making smart policy – using impact evaluation for policy making”, held in Washington DC on 15-16 January 2008.

## ***iii) UNEG-DAC Network task team on peer reviews of evaluation systems and update on ECG peer review work***

The co-chairs of the UNEG/DAC Network task team on peer reviews of evaluation systems will relate experiences so far, and plans for further reviews. An update on the status of ECG work on peer reviews of multilateral banks will be provided by the ECG chair.

## ***iv) Evaluation quality standards – results of the survey and next steps***

A survey of members use and experience with the DAC Evaluation Quality Standards currently in test application phase was undertaken during summer/autumn 2007. The Secretariat will report on the results of the survey followed by a discussion on next steps, including the holding of a workshop to feed into the finalisation of the standards in 2009.

## **III Discussion on evaluation harmonisation and alignment in a changing aid and development context**

At the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Network, a discussion began on evaluation in a changing developing country context, and the new aid context emerging following the adoption of the change agenda contained in the Paris Declaration. The objective of the discussion at this meeting is to focus on the planning of evaluations and how strategic priorities for evaluation at the country level can be supported and combined with the needs for donor accountability.

Key issues include:

- What is the vision that the donor evaluation community should strive for in terms of combining in-country needs, headquarter needs and public accountability?
- What are the limitations and opportunities within the current planning processes for setting evaluation priorities and preparing for joint work? Do the parts add up to a logical sum of what needs to be evaluated to generate critical knowledge on the results of development co-operation efforts?
- How can in-country processes for determining evaluation priorities and for conducting evaluations be usefully supported?
- Special attention will be given to Tanzania and Uganda as concrete cases to explore the issues and potential opportunities for joint work.

The aim is to conclude with agreement on concrete follow-on action.

## **IV Joint evaluations of aid effectiveness**

### ***i) Evaluation of the Paris Declaration***

The co-chair of the reference group will report on the outcome of Johannesburg meeting and on the preparation of a report to feed into the Accra High Level Forum.

*ii) Outcome of the General Budget Support evaluation – results of the questionnaire*

It was agreed at the previous meeting to follow up on the evaluation of General Budget Support (GBS) with a questionnaire on the results and outcomes of this major evaluation. The questionnaire was circulated to the stakeholders and DFID will provide a summary analysis of the responses.

**V. Evaluation capacity development and Network updates**

*i) Study of Evaluation Capacity Development experiences in West Africa*

The Secretariat will brief members on a study currently underway on evaluation capacity development experiences in West Africa.

*ii) Results of the ODA evaluation workshop in Asia*

An ODA evaluation workshop was jointly organised by Japan and Malaysia on 28 – 29 November 2007 in Kuala Lumpur. The workshop brought together a large number of Asian countries, and Japan will provide highlights from the workshop. Evaluation capacity development has been promoted as an explicit dimension in a series of ODA evaluation workshops.

*iii) DEREc*

The Secretariat will provide a brief update on the Network's online Development Evaluation Resource Centre (DEReC).

**VI. Evaluation in the context of managing for development results**

The DAC Joint Venture on Managing for Development Results (JV-MfDR) is invited to provide a briefing on their ongoing work streams. The results agenda is receiving increasing attention among members and the DAC Senior Level Meeting held on 11- 12 December 2007 addressed results based approaches and their implication for managing development co-operation [DCD/DAC(2007)53/REV1].

**VII. Informal session**

*(The meeting will continue in informal session over lunch and will end at 3pm.)*

The objective of this session is to share experience and discuss new ideas.

Topics include:

- Update/linking with HIV/AIDS work of the MERG, by Ireland.
- Briefing on developments in evaluation of humanitarian aid by ALNAP.
- A comparative study of evaluation policies and practises in development agencies, by Agence Francaise de Développement.
- Preparations for a joint evaluation of anti-corruption strategies, by Norway.