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UPDATE ON DEReC

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The DAC Evaluation Resource Centre (DEReC) was launched in November 2005 and now contains over 1800 development evaluation reports published by Network members. It also contains DAC Evaluation manuals, guidelines and tips, as well as information about each member of the Network. The last couple of years it has constantly been among the top hits in Google searches on development evaluation.

Extensive updates have been made to the website throughout 2008 to make it more user friendly and to expand its content. For example, the lay out has been changed and we have created *DEReC news* to update members about the latest reports available online. The Secretariat is currently working with the IT personnel at OECD to further improve the key word search function. A user poll has also been created to capture users opinions about the site. The results will be used for future improvements.

DEReC is a collective knowledge base and its usefulness depends on the information provided by the members – prompt contribution of new reports are therefore key. DEReC is a dissemination tool for members' publications to reach a broader audience and to increase lesson learning. Our experience shows that identification of reports is facilitated by including key words in the evaluation reports, as it is already done in for instance most ADB evaluations. Good key words guarantees proper classification of the report and improves search results, facilitating access by the public to members' evaluation reports. Therefore, members are invited to include a list of key words in the report as a matter of good practice.

Members are encouraged to continue sending updates and new evaluation reports to **nathalie.bienvenu@oecd.org**.

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