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## **DAC Network on Development Evaluation**

### **Draft Agenda of the Ninth Meeting**

**15 - 16 June 2009**

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<p><b>Monday 15 June, morning session 9.30 – 13.00</b> (including refreshment break)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 16 June, morning session 9.00 – 12.30</b> (including refreshment break, followed by an informal session and buffet lunch ending at 15.00)</p>
<p><b>I. OPENING SESSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Welcome from the Chair and brief presentations of new members</li> <li>ii) Adoption of the 9th Meeting Agenda</li> <li>iii) Approval of Summary Record of the 8th Meeting</li> <li>iv) Update on Programme of Work and Budget for 2009-10</li> <li>v) Current DAC matters, including reflection exercise</li> </ul> <p><b>II. PROGRAMMING AND CO-ORDINATING EVALUATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Monitoring progress</li> <li>ii) Sharing evaluation plans</li> <li>iii) Discussion of concrete joint evaluation suggestions and next steps</li> </ul> <p><b>III. PHASE II OF THE JOINT EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS DECLARATION</b></p> <p><i>11.00 – 11.30 Refreshment break</i></p> <p><b>IV. SUPPORTING EVALUATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Presentation of paper on emerging ECD lessons</li> <li>ii) Presentation from partner country</li> <li>iii) Update on World Bank regional centres initiative</li> <li>iv) Discuss strategic way forward</li> </ul> <p><i>13.00 - 14.30 Lunch break</i></p>	<p><b>VII. DEVELOPING EVALUATION STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) DAC Evaluation Quality Standards – Presentation of revised standards</li> <li>ii) Impact evaluation – update for information</li> <li>iii) Guidance on Evaluating Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding – update on ongoing applications</li> <li>iv) Evaluation methodology of budget support</li> </ul> <p><i>10.30 – 11.00 Refreshment break</i></p> <p><b>VIII. PROGRESS ON THE DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION RESOURCE CENTRE (DEReC)</b></p> <p>Presentation on new developments and discussion on next steps</p> <p><b>IX. OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Discussion on engagement with partner countries, non-DAC donors, OECD enhanced engagement and accession countries, and civil society.</p> <p><i>The meeting will continue in informal session with a lunch buffet at 12.30</i></p>
<p><b>Monday 15 June, afternoon session 14.30-18.00</b> (including refreshment break)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 16 June, Informal session 12.30 -15.00</b> (without interpretation service/sans interprètes)</p>
<p><b>V. ASSESSING MULTILATERAL AID EFFECTIVENESS</b> <i>Pause for refreshment break 16.00 – 16.30</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Presentation of approaches to assess multilateral effectiveness and global programmes, followed by discussion</li> <li>ii) Evaluation systems of multilateral agencies: updates on UNEG/DAC and ECG professional peer reviews</li> </ul> <p><b>VI. “THE STATE OF EVALUATION”</b> Study of member evaluation resources and systems</p>	<p><b>INFORMAL SESSION</b> <i>Topics include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing policy coherence for development (OECD)</li> <li>Presentation of distance learning M&amp;E course (US)</li> <li>Public Sector and Governance Reform Evaluation (DFID)</li> <li>Effects of debt relief (Netherlands)</li> <li>French Evaluation Society 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversay (France)</li> <li>Other ongoing joint evaluations of common interest</li> </ul>

## GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

The meeting will be held at the conference centre at the  
**OECD Headquarters Conference Centre**  
**2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris, France**

The meeting will take place from 9.30-13.00 and 14.30-18.00 on 15 June (with refreshment breaks). On 16 June the meeting will start at 9.00 (with a coffee break in the morning) and continue over lunch in an informal session ending at 15.00. Simultaneous English-French / French-English interpretation will be provided for the meeting through the morning on the second day.

Participants should confirm their participation via e-mail to the Secretariat as soon as possible (by emailing: [nathalie.bienvenu@oecd.org](mailto:nathalie.bienvenu@oecd.org)) to ensure that security is informed and entry badges can be provided.

Documents for the meeting will be available on the Evaluation Network's restricted website: [www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/members](http://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/members)

## ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

### I. OPENING SESSION

The Chair will make a brief introduction followed by a tour de table where new members will be invited to briefly present themselves. After adoption of the draft agenda and approval of the summary record of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Secretariat will give an update on the work programme and some current issues including the DAC reflection exercise.

### II. PROGRAMMING AND CO-ORDINATING EVALUATION

#### *i) Monitoring progress*

At the last Network meeting, the study "Challenges, opportunities and approaches for increasing joint donor programming of evaluations" prepared by SADEV was presented and the main recommendations endorsed. The task team has since met and has elaborated a matrix for monitoring the follow up of the main recommendations. This task was led by France who will present the follow up matrix.

#### *ii) Sharing evaluation plans*

The Secretariat will provide an update on the tool for sharing member evaluation plans and issues for discussion.

***iii) Discussion of concrete joint evaluation suggestions and next steps for increasing joint work***

The basis for the discussion is a short list of possible joint evaluation topics drawn from common topics in members' evaluation plans and other proposals that members may have. The discussion will also address a possible online "joint evaluation platform" as a follow up to the recommendation on developing a "marketplace" for joint evaluation ideas and suggestions.

**III. PHASE II OF THE JOINT EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS DECLARATION**

A status report on phase II of the evaluation will be provided. Members who are not currently participating are invited to consider their potential participation and contribution, which can take flexible forms.

*11.00 – 11.30 Refreshment break*

**IV. SUPPORTING EVALUATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**

The session will include an overview of the Network's efforts and emerging lessons on capacity development on the basis of a review by the Secretariat, a presentation by a partner country representative, and an update on the World Bank's regional centres initiative, followed by a discussion on ways forward.

**V. ASSESSING MULTILATERAL AID EFFECTIVENESS**

This session will explore approaches to assessing multilateral effectiveness. Cida has just completed a multilateral review and will present their approach and ideas for a more joint method. MOPAN (the Multilateral Organisations Performance Assessment Network) will brief members on the current status of their newly developed approach. The ECG will present their plans for an evaluation of the MDBs Common Performance Assessment (COMPAS). The World Bank will provide an update on work with elaborating guidance for evaluating global and regional programmes. The DAC Secretariat has produced a report on multilateral ODA, focusing mainly on flows, which will also be made available.

The second part of the session will focus on professional peer reviews of evaluation systems with updates by the UNEG/DAC Network informal task team and by the ECG on the preparations for its first review of an evaluation function.

**VI. "THE STATE OF EVALUATION"**

In response to requests by members and other partners for up-to-date information on the state of evaluation among Network members, the Bureau has discussed and recommended a review of member evaluation resources and systems. The Secretariat will present a proposal for the study, which would draw on recent DAC peer reviews, existing member information and a light survey of members. A synthesis of the key results of the study is planned to be fed back to the DAC at policy level, possibly at the Senior Level Meeting, depending on the findings.

**VII. DEVELOPING EVALUATION STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE**

***i) DAC Evaluation Quality Standards***

New Zealand and the Secretariat will present a revised version of the DAC Quality Standards for Development Evaluation, based on input from the Auckland workshop and the earlier user survey. Further

specific suggestions may be provided to the Secretariat in writing, preferably ahead of the meeting, with the aim of facilitating prompt approval of the final Standards.

***ii) Impact evaluation***

A brief informational update will be provided on the work of NONIE and from the Afrea/NONIE/3iE conference on impact evaluation held in Cairo in spring 2009. A broader discussion of work to advance the impact evaluation agenda will be undertaken at a later stage.

***iii) Guidance on Evaluating Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding***

Brief reports on the ongoing applications of the draft Guidance (Sri Lanka, Haiti, the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan) will be provided by the respective team leaders.

***iv) Evaluation methodology of budget support***

The European Commission will brief members on the outcome of the recent meetings and planned next steps.

**VIII. PROGRESS ON THE DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION RESOURCE CENTRE (DEReC)**

A brief presentation will be made by the Secretariat highlighting new features and the latest progress on DEReC, followed by a discussion of member contributions and further proposed developments.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

In the context of OECD-wide efforts for expanded engagement and the changing development landscape, members are invited to discuss possible further Network engagement with the broader development evaluation community including partner countries, non-DAC donors, OECD enhanced engagement countries (Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, and South Africa) and OECD accession countries (Chile, Estonia, Israel, the Russian Federation and Slovenia), and civil society.

**INFORMAL SESSION**

The meeting will continue in an informal session over a lunch buffet and will end at 15.00. This session provides an opportunity to share experiences and discuss potential collaborations and joint work. Topics include:

- Assessing policy coherence for development, presentation by the OECD policy coherence advisor
- Presentation of distance learning M&E course, by the US
- Evaluation of public sector governance reform, by DFID
- Effects of debt relief, by the Netherlands
- French Evaluation Society 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by France
- Updates on ongoing joint evaluations of common interest (to be decided)