



## ROOM DOCUMENT

### Agenda Item V

#### **Supporting evaluation capacity development in partner countries**

This room document was prepared by the U.K. and the Secretariat for discussion and review at the 10<sup>th</sup> Network meeting.

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**10th meeting**  
**10 – 11 February 2010**

## Background

The OECD DAC Network on Development Evaluation has the mandate to “promote and support evaluation capacity development (ECD) in partner countries.” The Network and its members work towards this goal by developing international evaluation standards and guidance, by sharing experiences, by supporting capacity building interventions, and through the involvement of partner country stakeholder in member evaluation work.

Building on the background paper “A strategic approach to Evaluation Capacity Development: What is known and suggestions for moving forward,” presented by the Secretariat at the 9<sup>th</sup> Network meeting, members agreed to develop a tip-sheet on how their own evaluation work can best support capacity development in partner countries. A first draft was developed by the Secretariat and DFID and is presented for discussion at the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Member input on the tip-sheet is welcomed. Specifically, examples from operational experience would be most useful to make the document practical and easy to use.

## Proposal for next steps

Interested members are invited to join with DFID and the Secretariat in a small working group to take this agenda forward. Involvement of partner countries in this group would be an advantage, and opportunities for collaboration beyond the Network should be explored. The group would help finalise the tip-sheet and work together to develop joint strategic guidance on supporting capacity development (for those that have the mandate/money/time to do so). Such an approach would move towards the Network goal of a more joint strategic approach to supporting capacity development.

## Discussion points

- Do you support further developing the tip-sheet? Do you have concrete tips or examples to share, based on your own experience?
- What would be most useful to you in your own work as a next step for the Network on ECD?
- How can we engage partner countries and others outside the Network?

## Action points

- Those interested in working in a small ECD task team with DFID and the Secretariat are invited to identify themselves during the meeting.
- Members are invited to provide written comments on the draft tip sheet, including concrete example or further tips, based on their own experiences, to the Secretariat by **12 March 2010** ([megan.kennedy@oecd.org](mailto:megan.kennedy@oecd.org)).