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DRAFT AGENDA

11th Meeting, 16-17 November 2010

Chair: Nick York (United Kingdom) **Location:** OECD Conference Centre Room 10

16 November	17 November
Morning Session	Morning Session
Afternoon Session	Afternoon – Informal Session
<p>(9.30-9.45)</p> <p>I. Adoption of agenda and welcome to new members</p> <p>(9.45- 10.45)</p> <p>II. Review of the strategy discussion</p> <p>(10.45-11.15)</p> <p>III. Current Work: Brief updates (PWB 2009/2010) Written updates with very short oral summaries.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>11:15 Coffee break</i></p> <p>(11.45 - 13. 00)</p> <p>IV. Items for discussion and decision In-depth discussion in three areas of ongoing work requiring further attention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assessing multilateral effectiveness b. Evaluation capacity development c. Budget support evaluation methodology </p> <p>13.00-13.30 Lunch break: Sandwiches provided</p>	<p>(9.30-10.30)</p> <p>VII. Panel debate on joint evaluations Ole Winckler, Dominique de Crombrugge and Gerhard Siegfried</p> <p>(10.30-11.00)</p> <p>VIII. What are members evaluating? Overview of trends prepared by the Secretariat followed by discussion, and open forum for exchange on collaborative ideas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>11.00 Coffee break</i></p> <p>(11.30-13.00)</p> <p>IX. Strategy and preparations for implementing the Programme of Work and Budget 2011/2012 Discussions in small groups in main meeting room.</p> <p>X. Summing up and Other Business</p>
<p>(13.30 -15.00)</p> <p>V. Current Issues in Evaluation – Small Group Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluability, Dr. Ruerd Ruben, Director of Policy & Operations Evaluation Department, the Netherlands • Beneficiary perspectives in evaluation Mr. Joakim Molander, Director, SIDA • Evaluating civil society support, Mr. William Carlos, Head of Evaluation and Audit, Irish Aid • Developing and updating evaluation policy. Mr. Gerry Britan, USAID <p style="text-align: center;"><i>15.00 coffee break</i></p> <p>(15.30-18.00)</p> <p>VI. Plenary session on:</p> <p>a) Continued discussion on Item IV</p> <p>b) How do we handle the budget pressure on evaluation?</p> <p>c) Skills and competencies for evaluators and training needs</p> </p>	<p>14.00: Informal session (no interpretation) Smaller task team meetings and informal meetings on other business or joint work on demand basis.</p> <p><i>Topic suggested:</i> Recent and forthcoming changes in agency evaluation architectures (Germany, DFID and others sharing experience from structural changes)</p>

TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

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

The meeting will take place from 9.30-13.00 and 13.30-18.00 on 16 November (with refreshment breaks). On 17 November the meeting will take place between 9.30 and 13.00 (with a coffee break in the morning). An informal session (without interpretation) will begin at 14.00, ending at 16.00.

Simultaneous English-French / French-English interpretation will be provided for the meeting during the plenary sessions.

Participants should confirm their participation via e-mail to the Secretariat as soon as possible (by emailing: emmabkbeer@gmail.com) 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

ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

9:30 – 13:00 Morning Session

Location: OECD Conference Centre Room 10

I. OPENING SESSION

Adoption of agenda and welcome: The Chair will open the meeting, followed by adoption of the agenda. New members will then be invited to briefly introduce themselves to the network. Frode Neergaard (DAC Facilitator for the Evaluation Network) will provide a brief overview of the "new DAC" and the main issues on the agenda.

II. REVIEW OF THE STRATEGY DISCUSSION

Vice-chair Dominique de Crombrugge (Belgium) will provide an overview of recent discussions on the network's medium term strategy. Members will then be invited to discuss priorities for the various suggestions and ways forward.

III. CURRENT WORK: BRIEF UPDATES

Written updates will be provided on a number of areas of ongoing work from the current work programme (PWB 2009/2010). In accordance with members wish to spend less time on updates of ongoing work, presentations will be very brief. Interventions should be limited only to factual questions to allow more time for items in need of in-depth discussion and decision later in the meeting. Further information can also be obtained by contacting the lead member on each of the work streams or visiting the network's website page on Current Work:

a. Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: The network, in collaboration with the DAC International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF), has developed methodological guidance for evaluating conflict prevention and peacebuilding interventions. Asbjørn Eidhammar (Norway) will share an update on the status of field tests in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo and invite members to participate in a workshop in Oslo to discuss emerging findings and experiences with the draft guidance.

b. Haiti evaluation task force: Following the devastating earthquake in Haiti earlier this year, the network joined forces with the United Nations Evaluation Group and ALNAP to support effective evaluation and learning on the international response. The chair will provide an update on the work of the task force including a recent mission to Haiti to explore possible creation of an evaluation support function there.

c. Peer reviews of the evaluation function of multilaterals: Ted Kliest (IOB, Netherlands) will provide an update on the joint UNEG-DAC task team on peer reviews.

d. Managing aid seminar: The Secretariat will share ideas for a seminar on: How Can Evaluation Be Used Better to Respond to Accountability and Policy-Making Needs in Development Agencies?

e. Progress on Paris Declaration Evaluation Phase II: Niels Dabelstein (Secretariat for Paris Declaration Evaluation) will provide an update on the status of the second phase of the evaluation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

f. Aid-for-trade: William Hynes (OECD Secretariat) will update us on joint DAC-WTO work to strengthen approaches to results management, monitoring and evaluation in aid-for-trade, including findings of a recent meta-evaluation.

g. Impact Evaluation: Jocelyn Delarue (AfD, France) will share plans for the next meeting of Network of Networks on Impact Evaluation (NONIE), to be held in Paris next year. Karen Jorgensen will update members on recent developments in 3IE.

Refreshments break

IV. CURRENT WORK: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

In-depth plenary discussions will take place on three areas of ongoing work requiring further discussions and decision by the network.

a. Assessing multilateral effectiveness: Goberdhan Singh (Cida, Canada) will present the results of the pilot phase of the multilateral effectiveness initiative, including links to MOPAN, for discussion and decision on next steps.

b. Evaluation capacity development: DFID and the Secretariat will share a draft network framework for strategic support for evaluation capacity development. Members will discuss, focusing on concrete suggestions to move forward together on capacity development.

c. Budget support evaluation methodology: Jean-Louis Chomel (European Commission) will update members on pilot tests in Tunisia, Zambia and Mali of the methodology for evaluating budget support. A draft proposal for further joint work on improving the methodology and evaluating budget support activities will be shared for discussion and the network will decide how to take this work forward.

Instructions for the afternoon session will be provided before the lunch break.

13:00 – 13:30 Lunch break: Sandwiches provided

13:30 – 18:00 Afternoon Session

Location: Small meeting rooms

V. CURRENT ISSUES IN EVALUATION – SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

The afternoon session will provide an opportunity for members to discuss a number of substantive evaluation topics in small groups, based on suggestions by members. These break-out sessions are designed to stimulate active discussion and the sharing of recent or ongoing experience.

a. Evaluability – Led by Dr. Ruerd Ruben, Director of Policy & Operations Evaluation Department (IOB) the Netherlands. How can we support improved evaluability of development interventions, including setting evaluable objectives and establishing baselines?

b. Beneficiary perspectives in evaluation – Led by Mr. Joakim Molander (Director, SIDA)

c. Evaluating civil society support – Facilitated by William Carlos (Head of Evaluation and Audit, Irish Aid)

d. Developing and updating evaluation policy - Facilitated by Gerry Britan (USAID)

15.00 Break – Free time to get a coffee and make your way back to the main conference room

VI. FURTHER DISCUSSION IN PLENARY SESSION

Location: Conference Centre Room 10

a. Continued discussion on Item IV (as needed)

b. How do we handle the budget pressure on evaluation? Several members have raised the wish to discuss this topic. The session will provide an occasion to share views and recent experiences.

c. Skills and competencies for evaluators and training needs, including competency frameworks and a presentation of a new training course from the US.

WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Morning Session 9.30-13.00

Location: Conference Centre Room 10

VII. PANEL DEBATE ON JOINT EVALUATIONS:

How can a more strategic approach be applied to joint evaluations? How can they be carried out in ways that reduce costs and maximise benefits?

Ole Winckler, Dominique de Crombrugghe and Gerhard Siegfried will kick off the debate.

VIII. WHAT ARE MEMBERS EVALUATING? OVERVIEW OF TRENDS

The Secretariat will present an overview of trends in member evaluation plans, followed by discussion, and an open exchange on collaborative ideas.

Refreshments break

IX. STRATEGY AND PREPARATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING FUTURE WORK (Programme of Work and Budget 2011/2012)

Small group discussion in the main conference room to brainstorm around the planned outputs for 2011/2012. Groups of eight to ten people will discuss and report back ideas on how we can deliver planned outputs and which evaluation issues are considered top priority over the coming years.

X. SUMMING UP AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14:00 – 16:00 Informal Afternoon Session

Location: OECD Conference Centre Room 10

The informal session (without interpretation) allows time for members to have task team meetings or smaller informal meetings on other business or joint work. Topics are decided based on interest from members.

Suggested topic: Recent and forthcoming changes in agency evaluation architectures (Germany, DIFD and others sharing experience from structural changes)