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**DAC Network on Development Evaluation**

**Draft Annotated Agenda for 12th Meeting of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation**

**23-24 June 2011**

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## **12<sup>th</sup> Network Meeting, 23-24 June 2011**

### **GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION**

**The meeting will be held in Room 9 at the OECD Headquarters Conference Centre  
2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris, France  
Chair: Nick York (United Kingdom)**

The meeting will take place from 9:30-13:00 and 14:30-17:30 on 23 June 2011 (with refreshment breaks mid-morning and mid-afternoon). On Friday 24 June the meeting will take place between 9:30 and 13:00 (with a coffee break). Simultaneous English-French / French-English interpretation will be provided for the meeting during the plenary sessions. An informal session, without interpretation, will begin at 14:00, ending at 15:00 on Friday 24 June.

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

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

### **Overview**

The OECD DAC Network on Development Evaluation helps make development programmes more effective and strengthens accountability by supporting independent evaluation. This unique body brings together evaluation managers and specialists from development agencies of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and multilateral development institutions. The network strengthens the quality and use of evaluation in key development policy areas and serves as a platform for learning.

Network meetings provide an opportunity to discuss current issues, share ongoing work and find solutions to common challenges. Building on last year's strategic reflection, the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will combine plenary sessions on four major areas of ongoing work: budget support, peacebuilding, the Paris Declaration evaluation and joint governance evaluations, with parallel small group sessions on other topics of interest and brief updates on other ongoing work. In collaboration with the DEVCOM Network, this meeting will focus on communicating evaluation findings. Members will explore how to strengthen communication of evaluation results and support uptake in policy discussions and decision making.

## Draft Agenda Outline

**23 June 2011**

**Morning Session 9:30 – 13:00**

### **I. OPENING SESSION**

- a) Welcome from the Chair
- b) Brief introduction of new members
- c) Adoption of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda and summary record of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting
- d) Brief report from the DAC facilitator
- e) Bureau elections

### **II. COMMUNICATING EVALUATION FINDINGS**

In collaboration with the Informal Network of DAC Development Communicators (DevCom), this session will look at how evaluation units can do better on communicating evaluation findings and evidence. Members will share experiences and there will be ample time for discussion. The last session will feature a panel of communication experts.

- a) **Connecting with policy makers**
- b) **Innovative approaches to sharing evaluation results**

*11:00 Refreshments break*

- c) **Panel: A communication perspective for evaluation**

*13:00-14:30 Lunch break*

**Afternoon Session 14:30 – 17:30**

### **III. PARIS DECLARATION EVALUATION PHASE II**

Review of key results and discussion on use to inform preparations for Busan HLF 4 and beyond. Members will be invited to share their experiences and discuss how they have used the evaluation.

### **IV. BUDGET SUPPORT**

Report on findings from three pilot evaluations in Tunisia, Mali and Zambia, methodological lessons and decision on next steps for synthesis and further joint work.

### **V. GOVERNANCE EVALUATIONS**

Based on a proposal by DFID, discuss strengthening the synergies between joint evaluations in the areas of governance and aid effectiveness to inform policy discussions and provide evidence on results. Discuss collaboration with DAC Governance Network.

*Coffee break on the way to small groups*

### **SMALL GROUPS / PARALLEL SESSIONS**

- **Towards good practice in communication:** Building on the morning discussion, brainstorm on next steps and how to better integrate communications in evaluation work
- **Gender equity:** Discuss lessons for strengthening gender perspectives in evaluation, share recent findings and update on ongoing work and future plans.
- **Haiti evaluation work:** Discuss ongoing efforts to support capacity development and evaluations coordination in evaluations of the earthquake response in Haiti.

### **REPORT BACK FROM SMALL GROUPS AND WRAP-UP**

**24 June 2011**

**Morning Session 9:30 – 13:00**

**VI. MULTILATERAL EFFECTIVENESS**

Take stock of ongoing work to get better information on multilateral effectiveness, including task team work on pilot-reviews, peer reviews of evaluation functions and joint evaluations.

**VII. CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACEBUILDING**

Inform on progress with joint work with INCAF to develop evaluation guidance. Discuss results of the application phase and share highlights of lessons and findings from joint evaluations. Prepare for finalisation of guidance.

*11:00 Refreshments break*

**VIII. UPDATES ON ONGOING WORK**

Brief interventions informing members about progress and results.

- a) Developing evaluation briefs: view first brief and discuss strategies for further issues.
- b) Impact evaluation, including NONIE: report on conference and next steps.
- c) Discussion of entry points for engaging other countries and partners

**IX. CURRENT EVALUATION ISSUES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

- Efficiency study (BMZ)
- International Organisation for Co-operation in Evaluation (IOCE)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Afrea Conference
- Any other business

*13:00-14:00 Lunch break*

**Afternoon – Informal Session 14:00 – 15:00**

**X. JOINT EVALUATION MARKETPLACE**

Highlights of possible topics and ideas for joint work, and update on current plans, with an eye to improving coordination and furthering involvement of partner countries.

**TASK TEAM MEETINGS**

Smaller team meetings and informal meetings on other business as needed.

## ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

### Thursday 23 June – Morning session

*Location: OECD Conference Centre Room 9*

#### I. OPENING SESSION (9:30-10:00)

The Chair will welcome members and invite brief introductions of any new delegates. This will be followed by adoption of the agenda and approval of the summary record of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting [DCD-DAC-EV-M(2010)2-ENG]. A brief update on DAC business and report on the Evaluation Network brown bag lunch held with DAC delegates will be provided by the network's DAC facilitator, Mr. Froede Neergard. The Secretariat will announce elections of two vice-chairs for the Bureau.

#### II. COMMUNICATING EVALUATION FINDINGS (10:00-13:00)

Effectively communicating the results of evaluation is a widely shared challenge and many member agencies are now looking at how to better deliver evaluation evidence in ways that encourage uptake and use. As outlined in the 2011/2012 work programme, the Evaluation Network is working in collaboration with the Informal Network of DAC Development Communicators (DevCom) towards developing “good practice tools for communicating evaluation results to facilitate their use for learning and accountability”. The purpose of today's joint discussion is to share experiences and examples in order to begin deepening our understanding on this topic.

A managing aid seminar on, “Using evidence to improve aid policies and demonstrate results” was held back to back with the DAC Senior Level Meeting in April 2011 (see seminar report). At this event, senior policy makers highlighted the importance of evaluation in today's development context. The report underlines that, “the increasing scrutiny of results has created a growing need for better evidence on and better communication about results”. Participants also stressed the need to work for clear and honest communications. This event serves as a backdrop to today's discussion.

Each session will begin with a very brief intervention from members to stimulate thinking, followed by approximately half an hour for group discussion and sharing of other experiences. A short room document provides background notes and key questions for each of the three topics:

- a) **Connecting with policy makers:** Ireland will share highlights from the seminar and briefly describe their experiences engaging with policy makers and dealing with negative evaluation findings, followed by discussion.
- b) **Innovative approaches to sharing evaluation results:** A video clip from phase two of the Paris Declaration evaluation and a presentation by the Asian Development Bank will kick off the discussion of innovative ways to share evaluation results.

*There will be a 30 minute break for refreshments at 11:00*

- c) **Panel: A communication perspective for evaluation:** A panel of communication experts from Norway Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Kingdom DFID will share insights on relevance, timing, storytelling, targeting audiences and other communication tools to inform the work of evaluation departments.

*Break for lunch 13:00-14:30*

**Afternoon session**

*Location: OECD Conference Centre Room 9*

**III. PARIS DECLARATION EVALUATION PHASE II (14:30-15:15)**

Niels Dabelstein (Paris Declaration Evaluation Secretariat) will provide an update to the network on phase two of the Evaluation of the Paris and share key results. Strategies for disseminating this work and lessons from the implementation will be discussed in the context of preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness to be held in Korea 29 November-1 December 2011.

**IV. BUDGET SUPPORT (15:15-15:30)**

The steering group on evaluating budget support will share the results of three pilot studies using a new methodology to evaluate budget support in Mali, Tunisia and Zambia. A proposal for a synthesis of the findings from these evaluations and a suggested way forward will be shared with the network for endorsement.

**V. GOVERNANCE EVALUATIONS (15:30-15:45)**

On the basis of a concept paper presented by DFID, participants will be invited to discuss how we can maximize synergies between ongoing joint evaluations in the areas of: public sector reform, anti-corruption, budget support, public financial management, aid effectiveness and governance. The aim is to encourage cross learning and highlight important lessons to feed into policy debates and the preparations for the Busan high level forum.

*There will be a short break at 15:45 on the way to small group sessions.*

**SMALL GROUP SESSIONS (16:00-17:00)**

To facilitate in-depth discussion on areas of ongoing work, we will break into three smaller groups for parallel sessions on:

- **Haiti Evaluation Support:** Members will discuss ongoing efforts to support a more coherent and co-ordinated evaluation approach to assessing the results of post-earthquake aid in Haiti. Issues to discuss include the creation of an evaluation support function in Haiti on the basis of a proposal developed by *Groupe URD*. Norway and the United States will lead the discussion on a proposed joint impact evaluation. *Location: Mezzanine MO4*
- **Gender Equity and Evaluation:** Sharing findings from recent evaluations of gender mainstreaming and work on taking an equity approach to evaluation. A compilation of recently completed evaluations and highlights of future work produced by the Secretariat will be shared for information. *Location: CC 9*
- **Towards good practice in communication:** This small group session will build on the morning session on communication to further develop ideas and begin to identify good practice. We will also look at areas requiring further joint work and consider how this work may be taken forward. *Location: Mezzanine MO5*

## REPORT BACK FROM SMALL GROUPS AND WRAP-UP (17:00-17:30)

After the parallel sessions, we will come together in plenary (room CC9) for brief reports back from each group. The chair will then wrap up the first day of the meeting.

### Friday 24 June: Morning session

*Location: OECD Conference Centre Room 9*

## VI. MULTILATERAL EFFECTIVENESS (9:30-10:30)

- The secretariat will briefly present highlights of the **DAC 2010 Multilateral Aid Report**
- The network **task team on multilateral effectiveness**, chaired by Canadian CIDA, will present recent pilot reviews of multilateral institutions.
- An update will be provided on the **UNEG-DAC joint task team** on peer reviews of evaluation functions.
- An information note on drawing lessons from comprehensive evaluations by the Global Environment Fund (GEF) will also be shared.

Following the stocktaking, members will be invited to discuss how best take this work forward.

*There will be a 30 minute break for refreshments at 11:00*

## VII. CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACEBUILDING (10:30-11:45)

The draft *Guidance on Evaluation of Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Activities* (OECD DAC, 2008) elaborates on conducting evaluations of conflict prevention and peacebuilding work. It is the result of an ongoing collaborative work of EVALNET and International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF). The working draft guidance was used to carry out a number of evaluations in 2009 – 2010 and a workshop to discuss experiences took place 16 – 17 February 2011 in Oslo, Norway. A chair's summary of the event will be shared and an update provided on the revision and finalisation of the guidance.

## VIII. UPDATES ON ONGOING WORK (11:45- 12:15)

- a) **Developing evaluation briefs:** As part of our efforts to better share findings and highlight policy lessons from evaluation, members agreed to launch a series of evaluation briefs. These short notes should highlight relevant policy messages from an evaluation or synthesise findings in a particular topic. The aim is to create accessible, useable notes that will flag evaluation findings for broader policy discussions or provide insight on evolving evaluation approaches. A brief on evaluation lessons on the Haiti earthquake will be shared, as an example.
- b) **Impact evaluation:** A brief update on ongoing work to promote more and better impact evaluations of development co-operation activities, including a report on the March NONIE meeting and an update on the International Initiative for Impact evaluation (3iE). This year's annual NONIE meeting was hosted by France, who will provide a report on the event and next steps.
- c) **Engagement:** Based on a short background note from the secretariat, the network will discuss entry points and options for expanding collaboration and involvement with other countries and partners. Members will discuss ideas for furthering engagement with emerging donors, partner countries, evaluation organisations and others.

## **IX. CURRENT EVALUATION ISSUES AND OTHER BUSINESS (12:15-13:00)**

- Michaela Zintl (BMZ, Germany) will present the findings of a recent study, “Tools and Methods for **Evaluating the Efficiency** of Development Interventions” (BMZ, 2011).
- The International Organisation for Co-operation in Evaluation (IOCE) will present their work.
- A proposal for the **6<sup>th</sup> Afrea Conference** will be shared for information.
- **Any other business:** The floor is open for discussion on any other business or announcements.

### **Informal Afternoon Session**

## **X. JOINT EVALUATION MARKET PLACE (14:00-15:00)**

Members are invited to flag possible topics, propose ideas for joint work or update the network on ongoing joint evaluations. The secretariat will provide an overview of what members are currently evaluating and future plans, based on the updated evaluation plans inventory. This overview will identify areas for possible collaboration on countries, topics, modalities or sectors where several members are planning evaluations.

### **TASK TEAM MEETINGS**

Small group meetings will be held as needed following the informal session.