



News· Development Evaluation

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Photo: Corruption Free Zone Nairobi University Campus, Kenya February 2010. © Max Everest-Phillips / DFID in [The Politics of Poverty: Elites, Citizens and States](#) (DFID 2010)

NEW PAPER ON GOVERNANCE

As part of a week of meetings for the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, a seminar, “From More Effective Aid to More Effective Institutions” was held at the OECD on 5 October. EVALNET contributed with the presentation of an analysis of evaluations in the areas of governance and aid effectiveness. Participants welcomed the contribution of solid evidence to inform the discussions, which brought together perspectives from policy groups working on country systems, governance and capacity development. Meeting wrap-up coming soon...

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RECENT EVALUATIONS



[Facilitating resourcefulness: Capacity Development Support](#)

IOB, the Netherlands

Of the 26 cases evaluated in this synthesis, 20 Southern organizations strengthened their capacity with at least one of their five core capabilities, most commonly their capability to act and commit and their capability to relate to external stakeholders. Positive changes in the other capabilities – the capability to deliver on development objectives, the capability to adapt and self-renew and the capability to achieve coherence—were less frequent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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A governance and anti-corruption seminar took place 18 October in Oslo. The seminar aimed to review the current-evidence base for assisting policy decisions directed towards improving governance and fighting corruption in developing countries. [Learn more](#)

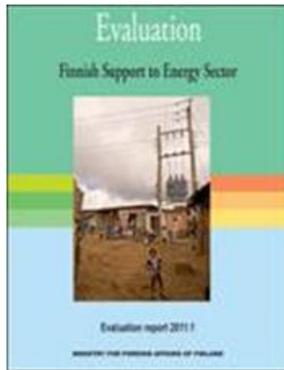
The World Bank's **Independent Evaluation Group (IEG)** is hosting its **5th Evaluation Week**, 24-27 October 2011. Many events will be broadcast online. [Learn more](#)



[Joint Evaluation of Support to Anti-corruption Efforts](#)

Norad, DFID, SADEV, ADB, Sida, Danida

This joint evaluation looks at donor support to anti-corruption efforts. The report examines whether or not strategies were sufficiently adapted to country contexts and assesses the results of assistance for combating different types of corruption, including forms that affect poor people and women in particular. Includes a synthesis report and case studies from Bangladesh, Nicaragua, Tanzania, Vietnam and Zambia.



[Support to the Energy Sector](#)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

The challenge is in ensuring the actual implementation of this strategic framework. To ensure a catalytic effect on the sector policies for renewable energy or for energy efficiency structured, continuous energy policy dialogue is paramount. Moreover, market incentives and other enabling environment issues around these two sub-sectors shall be tackled with more strength.



[Secteur forestier au bassin du Congo](#)

AFD, France

Sur le plan technique, l'outil d'aménagement forestier développé dans le Bassin du Congo peut contribuer efficacement à une gestion durable. En 20 ans, un progrès important a été réalisé par les grands groupes, qui sont passés d'une exploitation de type minier à une gestion forestière intégrant une dimension durable. Néanmoins, les impacts sur les autres volets sont limités, notamment sur le volet social, qui reste le maillon faible.

Caroline Heider took office as Director-General and Senior Vice-President, **Independent Evaluation Group**, World Bank Group.

Helen Wedgewood has recently been appointed Director of Evaluation at the **World Food Programme**.

Seminar presenting findings on European Commission support to conflict prevention and peacebuilding, 7 November, Brussels. TO RSVP, please contact: martyn.pennington@ec.europa.eu

New online database of systematic reviews in international development launched by 3ie. [Check it out](#)

COMING SOON

The DAC **Guidance on Evaluating Donor Engagement in Situations of Conflict and Fragility** is being revised for finalisation later this year. [Learn more](#)

Evaluation Insights #2: Budget Support and #3: Gender mainstreaming. Key findings and emerging lessons from evaluations from the African Development Bank.

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