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Draft Annotated Agenda for the 17th Meeting of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation

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The meeting will be held in Room CC4 of the OECD Conference Centre at 2 rue André Pascal, Paris 75016 on Wednesday 19 November 2014 from 9:00 to 17:30, with lunch at 12:30 and breaks mid-morning and mid-afternoon. The meeting will continue on Thursday 20 November from 9:30 to 13:00 with a refreshment break mid-morning. An informal session in the afternoon of the second day will allow time for continued discussion and sharing.

Registration: Participants should confirm their participation via e-mail to the Secretariat: angele.nzinga@oecd.org

Documents: All documents and presentations will be placed on the members’ website as soon as they are available: www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/members (Login: dacevaluation, Password: evaluation). To avoid waste, only a limited number of hard copies will be provided in the room.

Languages: Simultaneous English-French / French-English interpretation will be provided during all plenary sessions (except the informal session). Members are encouraged to use whichever language they prefer.

More information: Information on the venue, transport connections and accommodation is available online at www.oecd.org/site/conferencecentre
DRAFT AGENDA OUTLINE

Wednesday 19 November 2014

Agenda Item

I. Opening session (9:00 – 9:30)

II. Focused presentations on key work areas (9:30 – 10:30)
Three to five minute speeches highlighting key information to update members and stimulate further engagement and action

- Trust funds and global partnerships (World Bank Independent Evaluation Group (IEG))
- Findings on budget support – Key messages and next steps (European Commission)
- Task Team on Peer Reviews of the Evaluation Functions of United Nations’ Organisations (Belgium)
- Collaborative evaluation initiatives (France)
- Capacity development (United Kingdom)
- Evaluating results-based funding and development impact bonds (Secretariat)
- Analysis of evaluation plans (Secretariat)

10:30 – 11:00 Refreshments break

III. Networking beehive (11:00 – 12:30)
Sharing of information and discussion of what challenges members face, as well as what they can offer to others, with a focus on peer learning and exchange

12:30 – 14:00 Break for lunch

IV. Climate change and development: Recent evaluation work and future priorities (14:00 – 16:45)
Sharing of recent evaluations and discussion of possible future work in the field of climate change and development

15:30 – 16:00 Refreshments break

V. Complexity and development evaluation (16:45 – 17:30)
Discussion on applying complexity and systems thinking in development evaluation
Thursday 20 November 2014

**VI. Working with consultants for successful evaluations** (9:30 – 10:30)
A sharing of perspectives on the evaluation ‘market’ and how evaluation consultants and commissioners can best work together to manage the evaluation process to get the best outcome

**VII. Evaluation: 2015 and beyond** (10:30 – 12:30)
A foreword looking discussion on the role of evaluation in the post-2015 development agenda, and discussion on the International Year of Evaluation
- Key note address from Deborah Rugg (Chair United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG))
- Discussion of Evaluation Year 2015
- Sharing of experience with evaluations that made a difference

*11:15 – 11:45 Refreshments break*

**VIII. Election of vice-chair**

**IX. Any other business**

**X. Closing session**

*13:00 – 14:00 Break for lunch*

**Informal session** (14:00 – 16:00)
- Impact Evaluation to Development Impact (i2i) facility (Department for International Development (DFID), UK)
- Korea’s experience with testing the criteria of significance in its evaluations
- Updates from members (tour de table)
  - United States Department of State: Update on new policy
I. OPENING SESSION (9:00 – 9:30)

The Chair will open the meeting and ask the members to approve the draft agenda for the 17th meeting [DCD/DAC/EV/A(2014)2] and the summary record of the network’s 16th meeting [English DCD/DAC/EV/M(2014)1 / French DCD/DAC/EV/M(2014)1 FR].

New members will be invited to briefly introduce themselves.

II. FOCUSED PRESENTATIONS ON KEY WORK AREAS (9:30 – 10:30)

In this session presenters will update the network on the status of key ongoing work and outline next steps and opportunities for member engagement. Further information will be provided in written updates.

Presentations will cover:

- **Evaluating trust funds and global partnerships** – Building on the proposal from the Netherlands, discussed at the last network meeting, the World Bank Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) will give an update on work looking at evaluation of multi-donor funds and global partnerships.

- **Findings on budget support** – The European Commission (EC) will share the outcomes of the recently completed synthesis of seven budget support evaluations and suggest a way forward to disseminate key messages to policy communities.

- **United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) / Development Assistance Committee (DAC) joint Task Team on Peer Reviews of the Evaluation Functions of United Nations’ Organisations** – The task team co-chair for the DAC Evaluation Network – Belgium – will give an update on this collaborative mechanism for reviewing the evaluation systems of United Nations organisations.

- **Collaborative evaluation initiatives** – France (Ministry of Economy and Finance) will give an update on this multi-country initiative to support collaborative evaluations with developing country partners, and invite members to support further work.

- **Capacity development task team** – The network’s task team focuses on supporting partner country capacities for evaluation. An update on the task team and suggested ways forward will be presented.

- **Evaluating results-based funding and development impact bonds** – The Secretariat and the Chair will draw members’ attention to an OECD workshop on results-based funding and the need for further evaluation of “development impact bonds” and other innovative funding approaches.
• **Analysis of evaluation plans** – The Secretariat will share its analysis of the member evaluation plans database: [www.oecd.org/development/evaluation/evaluation-plan-inventory](http://www.oecd.org/development/evaluation/evaluation-plan-inventory). A room document will provide further detail, highlighting opportunities for collaboration.

10:30 – 11:00 *Refreshments break*

III. **NETWORKING BEEHIVE** (11:00 – 12:30)

The recent survey of network members highlighted the high priority members place on sharing information and networking. It also showed that some members feel the need for more capacity development and training.

One of the key functions of the network is to help members strengthen and improve their evaluation systems and to support peer learning and exchange. The network has developed a variety of tools and norms over the years to support members and periodically takes stock of member systems. DAC peer reviews and accession reviews also provide snap shots of progress in member countries. Members are working in different contexts and are at different stages, but all members’ evaluation systems can be improved and all have something to share. There are therefore many opportunities for learning through sharing of experiences among members. This session will allow members to exchange views on what they can contribute to the network and what the network can do for them.

In the main meeting room members will cluster in six small groups and discuss:

1. What is the state of your internal capacities? What are the main challenges you face currently?
2. Which of these issues could the network help you with?
3. How can you contribute to the network and support peer learning?

The small group discussions will be followed by a plenary discussion of ways the network can best serve members’ needs and help support exchange and peer learning.

12:30 – 14:00 *Break for lunch*

IV. **CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT: Recent evaluations and future priorities** (14:00 – 16:45)

Climate change mitigation and adaptation were identified among the top priorities for work in the recent member survey. This session will feature sharing of recent work and experiences with evaluating climate change and development activities. A room document will provide a short introduction to the field, and background documents related to the presentations will also be made available. The discussion will focus on identifying priorities for future work in this field. Members will be invited to signal their interest and consider forming a task team to take forward this work.

- Report on the 2nd International Conference on Evaluating Climate Change and Development
- Portfolio evaluation of the Effectiveness of Swiss International Co-operation in Climate Change 2000 – 2012 (Swiss Development Co-operation, Switzerland)
- Norway’s International Climate and Forest Initiative (Norad, Norway)
- The UK’s International Climate Fund (Independent Commission on Aid Impact (ICAI), UK)
- Independent joint evaluation of the Climate Investment Fund (African Development Bank)
15:30 – 16:00 Refreshments break

V. COMPLEXITY AND DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION (16:45 – 17:30)

Discussion on applying complexity and systems thinking in development evaluation; members will decide if this is a topic of interest for further work.

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VI. WORKING WITH CONSULTANTS FOR SUCCESSFUL EVALUATIONS (9:30 – 10:30)

The Chair will facilitate a sharing of perspectives on the evaluation ‘market’ and how evaluation consultants and commissioners can work together effectively.

VII. EVALUATION: 2015 AND BEYOND (10:30 – 12:30)

The purpose of the session is to inform members about current global initiatives and discuss the role and importance of evaluation in development co-operation. The session will include three key elements: a main speaker, planning for the International Evaluation Year and sharing of experience with using evaluation to influence policy.

1. Deborah Rugg, Chair of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) and Director of Inspection and Evaluation Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), will look at how evaluation fits into the international effort to reach the sustainable development goals, during the International Year of Evaluation and beyond.

2. Discussion of Evaluation Year 2015: The Chair will give a brief overview of the 2015 Year of Evaluation proposals and the floor will be open for a discussion and exchange of views on the proposed Evaluation Year and any related initiatives in their home countries, as well as identifying any potential international events.

3. Sharing of experience with evaluations that made a difference: Members will share stories of successful evaluations that were used to improve programmes or policies or support organisational change. Presenters will share lessons learned about what made the evaluation work well and how buy-in and uptake were supported. The aim of the discussion will be to share experience and inspire members to ensure evaluations are more effective in informing programming and policy decisions. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) Independent Evaluation Department (IED), the United States (to be confirmed), the United Kingdom and the World Bank IEG will share lessons learned from influential evaluations; then the floor will be open for discussion and sharing of other experiences.
11:15 – 11:45 Refreshments break

VIII: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Secretariat will open the floor for nominations to elect one vice-chair of the network.

As per OECD rules the decision is to be made by consensus; the nationality of candidates should not have bearing on the decision, but rather the individual should be selected based on their capacity to contribute usefully to the network.

IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members will have an opportunity to raise other items of business.

X. CLOSING SESSION

The Chair will conclude the meeting by summarising next steps and highlighting key action points.

13:00 – 14:00 Break for lunch

INFORMAL SESSION (14:00 – 16:00)

The informal session provides an opportunity to share recent evaluation work and other information of general interest. The following presentations are planned:

- DFID, United Kingdom will share information about the Impact Evaluation to Development Impact (“i2i”) facility, administered by the World Bank.
- Korea EXIM Bank will share experience with testing the criteria of significance in its evaluations (EDCF Operations Services & Evaluation Department)
- Updates on member systems (tour de table)
  - United States Department of State – Update on evaluation policy