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### **Draft Agenda: 18th meeting of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation**

**15-16 June 2015  
Paris, France**

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*The meeting will be held in Room CC9 of the OECD Conference Centre at 2 rue André Pascal, Paris 75016 on Monday 15 June 2015 from 9:00-17:30, with lunch at 12:30 and breaks mid-morning and mid-afternoon; and on Tuesday 16 June from 9:30-13:00 with a refreshments break mid-morning. An informal session in the afternoon of the second day will allow time for continued discussion and sharing of evaluation work.*

**MONDAY 15 JUNE 2015**

9:00-9:30

**1. OPENING SESSION**

The Chair will open the meeting and ask the members to approve the draft agenda for the 18th meeting [DCD/DAC/EV/A(2015)1] and the summary record of the Network's 17th meeting [English [DCD/DAC/EV/M\(2014\)2](#) / French [DCD/DAC/EV/M\(2014\)2](#)].

New members will be invited to introduce themselves briefly.

09:30-12:30

**2. NEW APPROACHES TO WORKING JOINTLY – WITH FOCUS PRESENTATIONS ON GOVERNANCE AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT****2.a. Governance**

Governance is a key priority on the international development agenda. The Swiss Agency for Development Co-operation (SDC) and the Policy and Operations Evaluation Department of the Netherland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (IOB) have conducted two evaluations demonstrating how governance interventions can be evaluated. Moreover, SDC and IOB have piloted a "jointness-light" approach in the evaluations. Starting with a brief scene-setting introduction by Anne Bichsel, SDC, the two evaluations will be presented:

- Independent Evaluation of SDC's Governance Programming and Mainstreaming, Edward Jackson, evaluation team leader.
- IOB Policy Review – Good Governance: Democratization, Rule of Law and the Combat of Corruption, Geske Dijkstra, evaluation team leader and IOB evaluation officer.

10:45 – 11:15

**Refreshments break****2.b. Capacity development**

Capacity development is another critical area of development co-operation. Denmark, Norway and Sweden are undertaking a large-scale thematic evaluation of capacity development during a two-year period. They will present how they have worked together in a new innovate approach to develop and implement the evaluation with a series of co-ordinated activities, and opportunities and lessons from the process. Some highlights of the emerging results of the evaluation will also be presented, although the final synthesis is not yet available.

## 2.c. Discussion

Drawing on the presentations, members will be invited to discuss their recent experiences in working together, including using "lighter" approaches or other innovative joint approaches in planning, implementing and communicating the results of evaluations.

While many members are committed to work collaboratively and in a less "solitary" mode, some earlier joint evaluations raised concern about transaction costs and also, in some cases, about individual agency accountability. Are we finding ways of working together and with development partners which are less transaction cost intensive and more appropriate? How can members and the Network further facilitate experimentation and joint approaches?

12:30 –14:00	<b>Break for lunch</b>
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14:00-15:30	<b>3. FUTURE EVALUATION PRIORITIES AND EVIDENCE NEEDS</b>
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This session will discuss the changing development agenda and the implications for future evaluation priorities and evidence needs. Presentations will be in the form of brief speeches to "ignite" the discussion (maximum seven minutes per speaker). Jon Lomoy and Karen Jorgensen, Secretariat, will kick off the discussion with perspectives from current DAC work including on aid, investment and tax and the "Fit for the future" project. Emmanuel Jimenez, 3ie and Caroline Heider, IEG, will follow and provide their perspectives.

Opportunity for questions and comments will be provided after the first two presentations and a full round of discussion after all four brief presentations. Members will be invited to comment on how they see future evaluation needs and priorities, and implications for the EvalNet agenda.

15:30-16:00	<b>Refreshments break</b>
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16:00-17:30	<b>4. EVALUATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT</b>
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The presentations and discussion in this session will focus on supporting evaluation capacity development in partner countries. EvalNet has had a long standing engagement in this area and has set up a task team. Members will be invited to discuss what steps can be taken to move this agenda further, in particular in view of the need for strengthened country capacities in relation to the forthcoming SDGs and the increasing accountability and learning needs for development agencies and partners.

The session will be introduced by Stephen Porter, chair of the DAC EvalNet ECD task team. The UNEG chair, Marco Segone, will provide a status report on the situation "mid-term" through the International Year of Evaluation, and on work linked to the M&E framework of the SDGs. A stocktake of the collaborative evaluation exercise will also be provided. Members will then split into small groups for a "bee-hive" discussion to generate ideas and suggestions.

## TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015

09:30-11:00	<b>5. MULTILATERAL EVALUATION ISSUES</b>
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According to the latest available data, multilateral funding by DAC members rose again in 2013 to an all-time high of USD 59 billion which is 41 per cent of ODA (see 2015 DAC Multilateral Aid Report). The Network has engaged in multilateral evaluation issues in various ways over the years.

In this session, Australia will present an evaluation of multilateral trust funds seen from a bilateral perspective. IEG will highlight main findings and lessons in setting up and working in partnership programmes and challenges related to evaluating global and regional partnership programmes and multi-donor trust funds. Members will be invited to consider how to take forward work in this area.

Moreover, a status report will be provided on the ongoing collaboration between UNEG-DAC on peer reviews of evaluation functions by the new co-chair Riitta Oksanen and Indran Naidoo, UNEG. Finally, the MOPAN Secretariat will provide an update including progress with the new assessment approach.

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11:00-11:30     **Refreshments break**

11:30- 12:00     **6. UPDATES**

- Evaluation systems review – The Secretariat will inform members on the latest developments.
- Budget support – The European Commission will update members on recent and forthcoming planned evaluations of budget support as well as ongoing work on further development of the methodology.
- DEReC and evaluation plans inventory – The Network's joint database of evaluation reports has undergone a major re-vamp. The site is consistently among the top sites on development evaluation, and provides an opportunity for members to further share and spread their evaluation reports. The Secretariat will present a brief overview of the evaluation plans inventory integrating the latest information provided by members on what are in the evaluation pipelines.
- Forthcoming evaluation events – As 2015 is the International Year of Evaluation, a number of events have already taken place and many more important conferences and workshops are also scheduled for the next six months. This session is intended to provide members with brief information on some of the major upcoming events:
  - Maximising the value of evaluations – using evidence to learn and adapt, DFID workshop, 18 June.
  - Making effective use of evaluations in an increasingly complex world, Unesco/OECD/SFE/EES joint conference, 30 September at Unesco HQ, Paris. Brief presentation by Kevin Williams, OECD.
  - National evaluation capacities (NEC) conference, by Indran Naidoo, UNDP, 26-30 October Bangkok co-organised with the IDEAS conference on Evaluating Sustainable Development.
  - DAC – China study group evaluation seminar, 28 October (tbc), Beijing.
  - Evidence on a silver platter: evaluation results for policy making in development co-operation, 5-6 November, Berlin. Conference jointly organised by Belgium, the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval), and the Netherlands
  - Global EvalYear Event including 2nd Global Forum, 30 November – 1 December, Nepal.

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12:00-12:30     **7. EVALUATING PUBLIC GOODS**

The Netherlands and Norway will present a concept paper for a discussion on global public goods and consequences for evaluation.

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**12:30-13:00 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING**

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

The Chair will conclude and sum up the meeting.

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

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**14:00-16:00 9. INFORMAL SESSION**

- Recent developments among members – Under this item, members are invited to share brief updates (maximum five minutes) of recent important changes or issues related to evaluation in member capitals.
- Presentation on the EBRD’s new evaluation performance rating system, by Keith Leonard, EBRD. This new system contains a number of new features including a unified system for public and private support and enhanced transparency of the evaluator’s assessment.

16:00 – 17:00 Steering group meeting on the “Review of Evaluation Systems” (Chair and co-financing countries/agencies: Australia, Denmark, EBRD, Luxembourg, Norway, and ICAI, UK).

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