

Unclassified**English - Or. English****12 June 2024****DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION DIRECTORATE
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE****DAC Network on Development Evaluation****Draft Annotated Agenda for the 31st Meeting of the DAC Network on
Development Evaluation**18-19 June 2024
Paris, France

This draft annotated agenda, circulated on 7 May, has been updated to reflect member feedback, notably adjusting the timing and content Item 3. EvalNet Current Work, and putting the two informal sessions parallel. It is submitted for APPROVAL at the 31st Meeting of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation.

The 31st EvalNet meeting will be held in-person at the OECD Conference Centre in Paris, France on 18-19 June 2024. Sessions are open to all registered staff from participating EvalNet units/departments, observers, and guests by invitation. Room Documents and Background Documents are on the EvalNet [community site](#).

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Draft Agenda Outline

31st EvalNet Meeting | 18-19 June 2024

Tuesday 18 June	Wednesday 19 June
<p><i>*Members only session* Kindly note that the morning session is for OECD DAC member countries; regular observers and invitees/guests are welcome to join us from 12:30.</i></p> <p>9:00 – 9:30 Item 1. Opening session Welcoming new delegates, approval of the summary record and draft annotated agenda.</p> <p>9:30 – 10:30 Item 2. Resourcing Evaluation The Secretariat will share an analysis of evaluation budgets of EvalNet members, including a tool for comparing members based on groupings by total ODA volume and by institutional set up. Members will be invited to discuss and explore the technical and political aspects of evaluation resourcing, including recent experiences and lessons on how to advocate for evaluation in times of fiscal retrenchment, and communicating about value-for-money.</p> <p><i>Result:</i> Developing new ideas and agreeing to an analytical approach</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 – 11:00 Refreshment break</i></p> <p>11:00 – 12:30 Item 3. EvalNet Business (to be continued day two) The Secretariat will share an update on the 2025-26 Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) and ways of working. Participants will present updates on ongoing EvalNet work:</p> <p><i>Result:</i> Sharing knowledge and advancing collective work</p>	<p>9:00 – 10:30 Item 6. System-wide evaluation and collaboration With a panel including guests, participants will explore current practices and potential for further development of collaborative approaches across the global evaluation community, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandates and roles of different partners and coordinating bodies • Using the full spectrum of collaboration: beyond the binary of joint/not joint evaluation • Attribution and capturing overall outcomes and impacts. <p><i>Result:</i> Sharing ideas and inspiring further action</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 – 11:00 Refreshment break</i></p> <p>11:00 – 12:30 Item 7. From Evidence to Action: The role of evaluation repositories in closing the loop on influence and learning The Secretariat will present background and an update on the DAC Evaluation Resource Centre (DEReC). Participants will discuss in small groups.</p> <p><i>Results:</i> Action plan for DEReC 3.0</p> <p>Item 3. EvalNet Business (continued) and Item 8. Closing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EvalNet Business (continuing from Item 3) • Any other business (AOB) • Confirmation of the Network’s Bureau <p><i>Result:</i> Advancing collaborative work</p>
<p><i>12:30 – 14:00 Lunch</i> <i>Several options for hot and cold food available</i></p>	<p><i>12:30 -13:30 Lunch</i></p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30 Item 4. Tour de Table Participants will provide updates and proposals for collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tour de table will have a thematic focus on independence – with participants providing brief updates on recent experiences around institutional set-ups, reporting lines and other elements of independence of evaluation functions. – <i>PowerPoint slides due by 24 May.</i> <p><i>Result:</i> Building relationships and advancing collaboration</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>15:30 – 16:00 Refreshment break</i></p> <p>16:00 – 17:30 Item 5. Locally led development: Evaluation in partnership Building on the panel discussion at the 30th Meeting, which explored the past, present, and future of partner country involvement in evaluation, this session will provide an opportunity for further discussion of entry-points for action, and potential areas for further work on locally led evaluation. Interested members will be invited to join a Reference Group to shape a work programme.</p> <p><i>Result:</i> Brainstorming and agreement on outline of a learning agenda</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Informal session – no interpretation</i></p> <p>13:30 – 15:30 Parallel sessions:</p> <p>Meeting on Ukraine Joint Evaluation</p> <p>Meeting of the Climate Crisis Working Group</p>
<p>19:00 No Host Network Dinner Bistro St. Dominique 131 Rue Saint-Dominique, 75007 Paris – Registration required</p>	

Draft Annotated Agenda: 31st meeting of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation

The meeting will be held in CC6. All times listed are in CEST, Paris time. Interpretation in English and French will be provided throughout the formal parts of the meeting.

18 June 2024 (9:00-17:30 CEST) [Zoom Registration](#)

9:00 – 10:30

Members-only session (9:00 – 12:30)

Item 1. Opening Session

1. The Chair will open the meeting and invite members to APPROVE the Summary Record of the 30th Meeting [DCD_DAC_EV_M(2023)2] and the Draft Agenda for the 31st meeting [DCD/DAC/EV/A(2024)1]. New participants will introduce themselves.

Result: Participants are ready to work together

2. Confirmation of the Network’s Bureau: The Secretariat will invite members to select a new vice-chair, following announcement of the departure of Daniel JACOBO OREA (Spain) in September 2024. The Network is guided by a Chair and two vice chairs who help to steer the work programme, and work closely with the Secretariat to advance the network’s mandate, engage members and further work streams. In accordance with the OECD procedure, the designation of a new Bureau (Chair and two Vice-Chairs) shall be the responsibility of the subsidiary body (EvalNet) and not involve a formal vote. Only OECD/DAC members are eligible. A candidate’s nationality should have no bearing on the choice and in making its choice, each network should endeavour to elect the persons who appear best qualified to give effective, helpful and impartial direction to its work.

Item 2. Resourcing Evaluation

3. The Secretariat will share an analysis of evaluation budgets of EvalNet members, including a tool for comparing members based on groupings by total ODA volume and by institutional set up. Members will be invited to discuss and explore the technical and political aspects of evaluation resourcing, including recent experiences and lessons on how to advocate for evaluation in times of fiscal retrenchment, and communicating about value-for-money.

4. Members will provide views on the most useful approach to analysing evaluation resources, as well as any other data points that should be monitored on a regular basis. These could include elements related to policies or ways of working, such as: whether the member conducts country programme evaluations; membership in GEI; reporting lines; or requirement of a management response.

Result: Developing new ideas and agreeing to an analytical approach

Background: [Evaluation Systems Study](#)

Room Document 1: [Navigating Evaluation Resources: New approach to defining and comparing evaluation spending](#)

10:30 – 11:00 Refreshment break

11:00 – 12:30

Item 3. EvalNet Business

5. The Secretariat will share an update on the 2025-26 Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) and a proposal for the Network’s work plans, meeting schedule, and engagement with non-members, for discussion and member input.

6. Members will provide updates and share views on ongoing EvalNet work:

- Climate Change Crisis Working Group – Germany will provide a brief update and invite members to discuss the working group next steps in advance of the more in-depth working group meeting during the informal session.
- Ukraine Working Group – The Secretariat will provide a brief update and give an opportunity for members to share updates and discuss priorities ahead of the informal session meeting 19 June.
- EvalNet members that are part of the SDG Synthesis Coalition will provide a brief update.

Result: Sharing information and advancing collaborative work

Background: *EvalNet Mandate* [DCD/DAC(2022)12/FINAL]

Room Document 2: [EvalNet: Work plans, priorities, and ways of working](#)

Room document 3: [EvalNet Current Work Updates](#)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30

Item 4. Tour de Table

7. During a *tour de table*, participants will have the opportunity to provide updates of general interest and suggest areas of collaboration.

8. The *tour de table* will have a thematic focus on independence – with participants providing brief updates on recent experiences around institutional set-ups, reporting lines and other elements of independence of evaluation functions. Building on recent EvalNet sessions on quality, independence and use, the session will support exchange on how independence is perceived by different stakeholders (inside and outside of evaluation) in today’s political context, and how perceptions about independence affect the enabling environment for evaluation.

Result: Share knowledge and get to know other participants

Background: Compilation of member slides

15:30 – 16:00 Refreshment break

16:00 – 17:30

Item 5. Locally-led development: Evaluation in partnership

9. Building on the panel discussion at the 30th Meeting, which explored the past, present and future of partner country involvement in evaluation, this session will provide an opportunity for further discussion of entry-points for action, and potential areas for further work on locally-led evaluation. The discussion will explore the “localisation agenda” and its implications for evaluators and evaluation commissioners, as well as how current work on localisation links to earlier efforts to support country-led evaluations, ownership, and strengthening of country systems and evaluation capacity. The discussion will explore key questions about *who* is involved in evaluations and *how*, as well as the practical implications of procurement systems and other dimensions.

10. The Secretariat and USAID will provide an update on ongoing OECD DAC peer learning on locally-led development, and other ongoing work. Participants will share their individual and shared interests and priorities and be invited to join a Reference Group to shape a future work programme.

Result: Brainstorming and agreement on outline of a learning agenda

Background: [Policy brief: the role of partner countries](#) (DEval, 2024); [Three ways global evaluation organisations can help localise M&E](#) (ITAD, 2023); [Evidence-Based Localization: Can Existing Evidence Help Guide USAID’s Localization Agenda?](#) (CGD, 2022)

Room Document 4: *forthcoming*

19:00 *No-host Informal Network dinner*

19 June 2024 (9:00-17:15 CEST) [Zoom Registration](#)

9:00 – 10:30

Item 6. System-wide evaluation and collaboration

11. In the past, EvalNet has frequently discussed the virtues of collaborative or joint evaluations – including joint donor evaluations and evaluations conducted jointly with partner countries. In recent years, there has been ongoing conversation about the evaluation of multilateral effectiveness by bilateral development agencies, and the scope and nature of collaboration with UN evaluation partners. Joint evaluations vary regarding objectives, scope, and evaluation questions – and the degree of “jointness”.

12. In today’s complex development context, there seems to be a resurgence in interest in joint evaluation, particularly as these relate to evaluating overall outcomes (in strategic or system-wide evaluations). At the same time members are managing perennial challenges around attribution and the complexity of parsing out different actors’ contributions.

13. With guests from the UN system, participants will explore current practices and potential for further development of collaborative approaches. This discussion will focus on exploring the boundaries and intersections of different partners’ evaluation mandates and roles – including how multilateral and bilateral evaluation units can work together.

14. Using the COVID-19 Global Evaluation Coalition experience as a starting point, participants will explore the spectrum of collaboration, and feedback on how the network can continue to add value to their own work and bilateral collaborations. The session will also touch on the role of the various co-ordinating bodies: DAC Network on Development Evaluation (EvalNet); United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG); Evaluation Cooperation Group (ECG – multilateral banks).

Result: Share ideas and inspire further action

10:30 – 11:00 *Refreshment break*

11:00 – 11:45

Item 7. From Evidence to Action: The role of evaluation repositories in closing the loop on influence and learning.

15. The Secretariat will present background and an update on the DAC Evaluation Resource Centre (DEReC) website, including a summary of previous input from network participants. In small groups, participants will discuss their ideas for the role of DEReC and preferences for further developments.

Result: Action plan for DEReC

Background: DAC Evaluation Resource Centre (www.oecd.org/derec)

Room Document 5: [DEReC: Reflecting on Discussions and Mapping the Way Forward](#)

11:45 – 12:30

Item 3. EvalNet Business (continued) and Item 8. Closing session

16. Other work streams and ongoing work will be discussed. The floor will be open for any other business. Finally, the Secretariat will guide the selection of the Bureau and the Chair will wrap up the meeting.

- a. EvalNet Business (continuing from Item 3)
 - ALNAP will present work on the ongoing update of their guidance on using the OECD evaluation criteria for humanitarian evaluations, and invite member input on next steps.
 - Proposal for aid effectiveness syntheses in fragile countries
 - Integration and use of artificial intelligence in evaluation (Canada)
- b. Any other business (AOB)

Result: Advance collaborative work

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

Informal session – no interpretation

13:30 – 15:30 Parallel sessions

Room document 3: [EvalNet Current Work Updates](#)

Meeting on Ukraine Evaluation ([Zoom registration](#))

17. This meeting will build on earlier discussions in 2023-24 on participants' evaluation plans following the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine. The session will advance work on:

- Disseminating key evaluation lessons to inform support to Ukraine and post-conflict reconstruction.
- Enhancing collaboration for evaluating the Ukraine response and supporting national evaluation stakeholder capacity development.

Meeting of the Climate Crisis Working Group

18. The Climate Crisis Working Group, led by a core group of DEval Germany, the UK, IOB Netherlands, Norway, EBRD and the Secretariat, will discuss ongoing work streams and advance collaborative work on:

- A common approach for reporting climate outcomes
- Collaboration on evaluating energy sector transitions.
- An evidence pavilion at the COP 30 in Brazil