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| Evaluation Cooperation Group Meetings  October 24 -25, 2013  AGENDA |  | Meeting Venues   |  | | --- | | Conference Room B-300 – 1350 New York Avenue, 3rd Floor | | Conference Room Andrés Bello 1 & 2 – 1300 New York Ave, 9th floor | | La Terraza – 1300 New York Ave, 7th floor East Side | | Executive Dining Room – 1300 New York Ave, 7th floor East Side | |

## Wednesday, October 23, 2013

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| 7:00 pm | ECG welcome dinner hosted by OVE (by invitation) |

## Thursday, October 24, 2013

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| 8:30 am | Light breakfast available | Conference Room B-300 |
| 9:00 am – 9:15 am | Chairperson’s welcome, agenda overview | Conference Room B-300 |
| 9:15 am – 10:30 am | Tour de table: update on recent developments in each agency | Conference Room B-300 |
| 10:30 am – 10:45 am | Coffee break | Conference Room B-300 |
| 10:45 am – 11:45 am | Evaluation recommendations and feedback loops | Conference Room B-300 |
| 11:45am – 1:00 pm | ECG business | Conference Room B-300 |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch | Conference Room B-300 |
| 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Evaluation of knowledge services | Conference Room B-300 |
| 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm | Special event: Impact evaluation as a learning tool for development effectiveness – opportunities and constraints | Andres Bello  1 & 2 |
| 5:30 pm | Reception | La Terraza |

**Thursday Session Details**

**Evaluation Recommendations and Feedback Loops: Thursday, October 24, 10.45am-11.45am**

At the last ECG meeting several members indicated an interest in discussing how various members handle the follow-up on evaluation recommendations and several members indicated that they are in the process of revisiting their respective systems. The objective of this session thus is to hear from select members how follow-up to evaluation recommendations is handled in their institutions, what challenges have arisen, what the strong suits of their systems are and what lessons emerge from their experience.

**Chair**: **Hans-Martin Boehmer**, IEG

**Presenters**:

**Rakesh Nangia**, AfDB

**Walter Kolkma**, ADB

**Josef Eichenberger**, EBRD

**ECG Business: Thursday, October 24, 11:45pm-1pm**

* + Report by the membership committee
  + ECG data base
  + ECG secretariat and website
  + Membership fees
  + Adoption of minutes from last meeting
  + Selection of chair and meeting location/dates for 2014
  + Any other business

**Chair:**  **Cheryl Gray**, IDB

**Evaluation of Knowledge Services: Thursday, October 24, 2pm-3pm**

IEG will present the findings of their evaluation of knowledge based Country Programs, followed by a presentation and discussion of the ADB commissioned paper on the evaluation of knowledge services.

**Chair: Rakesh Nangia,** AfDB

**Presenters**:

**Walter Kolkma**, ADB,

**Nick York,** IEG

**Special Event: Impact Evaluation as a Learning Tool for Development Effectiveness** - **Opportunities and Constraints : Thursday, October 24, 3:30 pm - 5:30pm**

Traditional project M&E has been criticized on two fronts: first, that it is typically input and process focused and second, that evaluation has been focused on simple before and after scenarios without adequate attention to counterfactuals. These critiques have led to a sharp rise in rigorous impact evaluations and increased pressure on development financiers to integrate rigorous IEs into project design. Yet, costs, implementation problems, concerns about external validity as well as lack of ownership by implementing agencies can limit the usefulness of IE.

This session aims to discuss the potential and limitations of IE as an evaluation tool for MDB financed operations, what lessons have been learned from a decade of heightened use of IE in the context of development projects and how MDBs can best incorporate these lessons in their work.

The session will be kicked off by a presentation by ***Lant Pritchett*** *(Harvard University)* on the potential and constraints of IE as a learning tool and how elements of it could be made more directly useful to implementing organizations.

Lant’s presentation will be followed by a panel discussion on the experience and lessons emerging from the use IE to help inform development operations, followed by Q&A from the broader audience.

**Chair: Cheryl Gray**, Director, Office of Evaluation and Oversight, IDB

**Introduction: Lant Pritchett,** Professor of the Practice of International Development, Harvard University

**Discussants:**

**Santiago Levy**, Vice-President for Sectors and Knowledge, IDB

**Emmanuel Jimenez**, Director, Public Sector Evaluation, IEG, The World Bank

**Jack Molyneaux**, Director, Impact Evaluation, Millennium Challenge Corporation

## Friday, October 25, 2013

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| 8:00 am | Light breakfast available | Conference Room  B-300 |
| 8:45 am – 9:00 am | Opening and agenda setting | Conference Room  B-300 |
| 9:00 am – 11:00 am | Public and private sector project evaluations: bringing together valuation criteria | Conference Room  B-300 |
| 11:00am – 11:15 pm | Coffee | Conference Room  B-300 |
| 11:15am – 12:15pm | Review of results of public sector benchmarking | Conference Room B300 |
| 12:20pm | Group Photo | 5th floor |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch | Executive Dining Room |
| 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm | Innovative approaches/new tools for evaluation | Conference Room  B-300 |
| 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm | Coffee break | Conference Room  B-300 |
| 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Corporate evaluations | Conference Room  B-300 |
| 4:30pm-5pm | Wrap-up, closing | Conference Room  B-300 |

**Friday Session Details:**

**Public and Private Sector Project Evaluations: Friday, October 25, 9:15am - 11.00am**

This session builds on the session focusing on differences and similarities of public and private sector project evaluations at the April 2013 ECG meetings and aims to explore options to bring evaluation criteria for public and private sector projects closer together.

* EIB will present their approach to using a single approach to evaluate public and private sector projects
* ECG consultants Kris Hallberg and Nick Burk will present their paper outlining options to harmonize project evaluation methodologies for public and private sector operations.

**Chair**: **Joseph Eichenberger**, (EBRD)

**Presenters**:

**Ivory Yong-Proetzel**, (EIB)

**Kris Hallberg and Nick Burke** (consultants)

**Benchmarking Application of Public Sector GPS:** **Friday, October 25, 11:15am -12.15pm**

Manny Jimenez and Ken Chomitz (IEG) will lead a discussion of the results of the self- benchmarking of the application of public sector GPS

**Chair: Mohameden Sidiya (**Islamic Development Bank)

**Presenters: Emmanuel Jimenez and Ken Chomitz** (IEG)

**Innovative Approaches and New Tools for Evaluation: Friday, October 25, 1:45am-3:15pm**

During this session several ECG members will share their experience with the use of new/innovative evaluation tools. Specifically:

* IEG will present its experience with use of social media and text messaging to get feedback from project beneficiaries, as well as new approaches to textual analysis
* GEF will present its experience with using Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Geo-referencing and mapping
* IDB will present its experience with using of a large team of local consultants to analyze a broad portfolio of projects in 26 countries

**Chair:** **Rachel Meghir** (CEB)

**Presenters:**

**Rob van den Berg,** GEF

**Hans-Martin Boehmer,** IEG

**Alejandro Soriano,** IDB

**Corporate Evaluations: Friday, October 25, 3.30pm-4.30pm**

This session will feature two presentations: Black Sea Development Bank will share with ECG how they have gone about institutionalizing corporate evaluations and IFAD will present the findings of their evaluation on institutional efficiency.

**Chair:** **Jan Willem van der Kaaij**(EIB)

**Presenters:**

**Todor Dimitrov** (Black Sea Development Bank)

**Catrina Perch** (IFAD)