

Workshop on Country Programme Evaluations and Reviews

Jointly conducted by OECD-DAC EvalNet and the German Institute for
Development Evaluation (DEval)

Date: 28.2.2019 – 1.03.2019 (back-to-back with OECD-DAC EvalNet meeting)

Location: OECD Conference Centre, Paris (Room CC 6)

Participants: 60-70 EvalNet Members

Background

In the wake of the international aid effectiveness agenda, many development agencies and ministries introduced some form of country portfolio analysis in their evaluation programmes. These often go under the names of *country programme evaluations (CPE)* or *country programme reviews (CPR)*. The aim of these instruments is to measure relevance, coherence and results of country portfolios and, hence, improve results-oriented planning and management of portfolios in partner countries. Currently many evaluation departments are in the process of revising and adapting their evaluation/review practice, methods and instruments on portfolio level. With regard to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development comprehensive analysis on portfolio level seem of particular importance. However, existing approaches often do not yet fully meet expectations or are considered too complex and resource intensive.

Aim of the Workshop

The aim of the workshop is to share and discuss challenges, experiences, lessons learned and good practices in planning, conducting and using CPE/CPR in development cooperation among OECD-DAC EvalNet members. Thereby, the workshop will centre on forward looking analytical tools assessing relevance and coherence of country programmes. Tools focussing on impact and sustainability of country programmes, such as impact evaluations on sector level, will not be at the centre of discussion.

Questions?

For logistical questions, please contact the OECD-DAC Secretariat (ola.kasneci@oecd.org).

If you have questions or concerns regarding the content of the workshop, please contact DEval directly (Christoph.hartmann@deval.org).

Agenda for the CPE/CPR workshop

Session	Content
Day 1: 28th of Feb	
Session 1: “Basics of CPR and CPE” In this session, we will introduce the topic and define the scope of the workshop to on-board all participants. (14.00 – 15.00)	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome Note <i>by Per Bastoe (OECD-DAC EvalNet) and Joerg Faust (DEval)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation on context, objectives and approaches of CPE/CPR <i>by Christoph Hartmann and Kirsten Vorwerk (both DEval)</i></p>
Coffee Break (15 Minutes)	
Session 2: “Challenges and emerging questions of CPE/CPR” The purpose of this session is to jointly identify and discuss common challenges with regard to objectives, methodology and use of CPR. (15.15 – 18.00)	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel discussion on theoretical aspects of CPE/CPR, e.g. with regard to function, scope and the methodological approach</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Panellists: Berthold Hoffmann (BMZ), Jos Vaessen (WB), Ivory Yong-Prötzel (IADB), Kaichii Muraoka (JPN); chaired by Sophie Zimm (ADA)</i></p>
Coffee Break (20 min)	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel discussion on practical aspects of CPE/CPR, e.g. with regard to the use of CPE/CPR, partner involvement and collaboration with other donors</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Panellists: Nanna Hvidt (DEN), Ingrid van Aalst (NZ), Arild Hauge (UNDP), IFAD (Johanna Pennarz) (IFAD); chaired by Ingrid van Aalst</i></p>
Day 2: 1st of March	
Session 3: “Ways to improve CPE/CPR” In this session, we will jointly identify and elaborate suggestions and ideas to overcome identified key challenges of CPE/CPR. (9.00 -11.00)	<p style="text-align: center;">Beehive breakout session and discussion on suggestions for common challenges with regard to CPE/CPR.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>By all participants, chaired by Stefan Leiderer (DEval)</i></p>
Coffee Break (11.00 – 11.30)	
Session 4: “Future collaboration with regard to CPE/CPR” We elaborate on ideas and next steps to better support each other in developing CPR tools and for better modalities of cooperation between donors. (11.30 -13.00)	<p style="text-align: center;">Beehive breakout session on future collaboration of donors with regard to CPE/CPR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>By all participants, chaired by Wendy Asbeek Brusse (OECD-DAC EvalNet)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outlook: Key takeaways and the way forward <i>By Hans Lundgren (OECD-Secretariat) and Christoph Hartmann (DEval)</i></p>
End of Workshop	