



New York, 1 November 2012

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to present to you the printed product the National Evaluation Capacity Development Task Force: "Practical tips on how to strengthen National Evaluation Systems, which was produced as a 2012 deliverable of the UNEG Task Force on National Evaluation Capacity Development then co-chaired by Guy Thijs, ILO and Marco Segone, UNICEF in 2011. Other members of the Task Force included Francisco Guzman, ILO; Inga Sniukaite, UN-Women; Laura Gonzalez, UN-Women; Eva Kiwango, UNAIDS; Ana Rosa Soares, UNDP and Dieudonne Mouafo, UNV.

The suggestions in the document aim to provide both technical and non-technical staff in the UN system with ideas on how to link to national evaluation capacity systems and on the role that UN Agencies could play to support their strengthening. It is not meant to be prescriptive but is intended to highlight key elements to consider when working on national evaluation capacity development (NECD). It draws from the NECD experiences of the last twenty-plus years, many, though not all of which, have been appropriately documented.

The frame of reference for NECD is the new paradigm that underlines support to evaluation capacity building within the context of developing a country-owned and national system. In other words, the driver for NECD is the broad goal of good governance, as opposed to narrower objectives such as satisfying donor evaluation and reporting requirements.

We encourage you to disseminate the electronic version of the report within your respective agencies and Country Team members. The entire document is posted on the UNEG Web Page at http://www.unevaluation.org/necd_practicaltips.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Belen Sanz", is positioned above the printed name.

Belen Sanz
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