

Co-Chairs' Summary

The 14th ODA Evaluation Workshop in Vietnam on November 23rd, 2016

The 14th ODA Evaluation Workshop was held in Vietnam on November 23rd, 2016. This year, the workshop took place in the "APEA Evaluation Conference 2016" held in Hanoi, 21-25 November, 2016, which was co-hosted by APEA, the Government of Vietnam, UN agencies, multiple international evaluation organizations and the Government of Japan.

1. Opening

Mr. Keiichi Muraoka, Director, ODA Evaluation Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan gave a welcome speech to express his gratitude to all the representatives attending the Workshop.

2. Agenda-1: Evaluation for Joint Learning and Mutual Accountability

In Agenda-1, three presentations were made on evaluation for joint learning and mutual accountability: first by Mr. Keiichi Muraoka, and second, by Dr. Vu Song Ha, Vice-Director, Center for Creative Initiatives in Health and Population (CCIHP), third by Ms. Nikki Ann Bermudez, Senior Economic Development Specialist, Monitoring and Evaluation Staff, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the Republic of the Philippines. Ms. Renuka Devi Logarajan, Principal Assistant Director, Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia, gave comments.

3. Agenda-2: Evaluation System and Evaluation Capacity Development

In-Agenda-2, three presentations were made on Evaluation System and Evaluation Capacity Development: first, by Naonobu Minato, Vice President APEA and Visiting Prof. International University of Japan, second, by Ms. Nguyen Thanh Huong, Deputy Director General, Investment Supervision and Appraisal Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam, and third, by Ms. Tran Mai Anh, Program Officer, JICA Vietnam Office. Ms. Yasuko Nishino, Director General, Evaluation Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency, gave comments.

4. Agenda-3: Impact Evaluation for Evidence-based Policy Making

In Agenda-3, three presentations were made on Impact Evaluation for Evidence-based Policy Making: first by Ms. Tanita Niltai, Program Officer, JICA Thailand Office, second by Dr. Aya Suzuki, Associate Professor at the University of Tokyo, Japan, and third, by Mr. Rak Charoensiri, Director, Service Provider Development Division, Bureau of Industrial Management

Development, Department of Industrial Promotion, Ministry of Industry, the Kingdom of Thailand. Dr. Romeo Santos, Professor at the University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines, and Mr. Emmanuel Jimenez, Executive Director, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation gave comments.

Discussion could be summarized as follows:

- 1) Importance of roles of evaluation was recognized and Evaluation Capacity Development is needed to achieve the SDGs.
- 2) Framework of the evaluation system of Japan and cases of sector level evaluation and project level evaluation were introduced.
- 3) Joint evaluation promotes learning and accountability for partner and donor countries.
- 4) Aspects including the Legal Framework and measures to promote Evaluation Capacity Development were discussed.
- 5) How to collect information in the private sector and the process of measuring the SDGs were discussed.
- 6) Importance of evaluation for evidence-based policy making was discussed.
- 7) JICA's support to SMEs promotion in Thailand was introduced and discussed.
- 8) The attempt of measuring effects on SMEs through the use of Impact Evaluation was introduced and discussed.

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