

Co-Chairs' Summary
The 16th ODA Evaluation Workshop in Bangkok,
Kingdom of Thailand on January 29-30, 2019

Session 1: Evaluation of SDGs and the National Development Policy

In this Session, the evaluation of SDGs and the National Development Policy has been discussed.

- Dr. Naidoo from UNDP pointed out the 2030 Agenda states that the follow-up and review processes will be informed by country-led evaluations and data. Yet, many countries lack the appropriate institutional capacity, knowledge and resources to operate evaluation systems. Then he introduced UNDP's functions to strengthen evaluation capacities
- Dr. Sasaki from IDCJ presented the progress and issues of SDGs Monitoring and Evaluation of three countries. He argued that they developed their own monitoring systems with a set of nationally adjusted indicators, however, many of the SDGs indicators require challenging "metadata". He also mentioned the issues related to the viewpoint of the logic of evaluation and called for international efforts to solve the issue.
- Dr. Suwankitti from NESDC reported the relations of SDGs evaluation and the National Development Policy. He also introduced the concept of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy in Thailand to achieve people's sustainable happiness with concrete examples. He mentioned the responsibilities of Thai Ministries and key stakeholders to achieve the SDGs and the importance of local data collection based on people's needs.
- Mr. Muraoka from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) questioned the technical difficulties to synchronize SDGs to the National Development Policies. He has also raised the issue of coordinating international support to develop evaluation capacity.
- Mr. Dhakal from Nepal explained the country's experience of SDGs monitoring & evaluation. He went on to comment the importance of data for evidence-based policy making.
- Ms. Evangelista from UN Women commented on the necessity of engaging people, followed by comments from APEA, Maldives, JICA, Cambodia, Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Session 2: Evaluation Challenges of Each Country

In this Session, the challenges and efforts of the participant countries has been introduced, based on the answers to the questionnaire sent in advance to the Workshop concerning the evaluation of the National Development Policies and the monitoring of the SDGs.

- Ms. Hashimoto from MOFA briefly presented the findings from the questionnaire. Many countries had links with the National Development Policies and the SDGs, thus Mr. Dorji from Bhutan and Mr. Da Costa from Timor-Leste and the participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Philippines, Laos, and Nepal shared their experiences and agreed that every country has similar

issues with one another.

Session 3: Method of Project Evaluation: Case Study of Infrastructure Projects

In this Session, various evaluation methods and evaluation experiences of infrastructure projects were discussed.

- Mr. Eguchi from JICA presented the overall evaluation system of JICA. Ms. Kawagishi from JICA shared the case study of JICA's in-depth analysis of lessons on new seaport projects and highlighted the approach of involving in-house experts to refine lessons to be practical.
- Mr. Viriyavejakul from NEDA presented its role and evaluation framework, as well as stressing the importance of detailed planning for successful infrastructure projects and shared the evaluation case of the Improvement of the National Road No. 67 project in Cambodia.
- Mr. Shin from ADB presented the independent evaluation system and criteria of ADB and the case of Greater Mekong Subregion Highway Expansion Project in Thailand. The challenges in transport project evaluations and suggestions for the important points to make evaluations influential were also included.
- The commentators, Ms. Win from Myanmar and Ms. Ramos-Galacgac from the Philippines, raised the points of cross-sectoral analysis, and shared their countries' evaluation systems and their success and failure.

Session 4: DAC Evaluation Norms and Criteria as Tools for Improving Evaluation Quality and Systems

In this Session, OECD-DAC Evaluation norms and criteria as tools for improving evaluation quality and systems were discussed.

- Following Mr. Muraoka's introduction on the background and purpose of the session, Mr. Lundgren from OECD-DAC introduced the activities of the Committee and presented evaluation norms and guidance developed by the DAC Evaluation Network.
- Following the presentation, Dr. Santos from APEA commented on the topic with the view to keep it simple and make clear definitions.
- Then the floor was open for discussion to share experiences from a national perspective on the use of norms and guidance to strengthen evaluation; how to use and adapt international norms into the local context; and discuss ways for institution/ capacity building.