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THE 2nd ANNUAL EVALUATION LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

Creating a Culture of Learning

To promote learning and sharing among the evaluation community, USAID/Vietnam, in partnership with Vietnam Institute of Economics (VIE-VASS), the Canadian Embassy, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will host The 2nd Annual Evaluation Learning Symposium.

Purpose

- To promote learning through sharing evaluation findings and recommendations
- To strengthen the network of evaluation and development practitioners in Vietnam
- To further build the capacity of M&E practitioners in Vietnam

Key Speakers

- Representatives from Vietnamese Ministries, Academic Research Institutes
- Bilateral donors
- International and Local Non-Governmental Organizations

Targeted Audiences

- M&E practitioners and development managers
- Government managers and officials working with donors funded projects
- Researchers and staff from academic institutions
- International and local NGOs/CSOs
- Representatives from multilateral institutions



Melia Hotel Hanoi,
44B Ly Thuong Kiet,
Hanoi, Vietnam

22nd Aug. 2017

Time: 8.00 – 17.00

Register [here](#) no later than August 20, 2017. Contact Ms. Hanh Dang (hdang@msi-vietnam.com) for further information/assistance.

Annex: Proposed Agenda

Time	Session	Room
8:00 – 8:30	Registration	
8:30 – 8:40	Welcome Remarks	
8:40 – 8:50	<p>Opening Speech</p> <p><i>Mr. Craig Hart, Acting Mission Director, USAID/Vietnam</i></p> <p><i>Tran Dinh Thien, Assoc. Prof., PhD., Director General, Vietnam Institute of Economics, Vietnam Academy of Social Science</i></p>	
8:50 – 9:00	<p>Recap from the first Evaluation Learning Symposium (2016)</p> <p><i>Emily Rupp, Deputy Director, USAID/Vietnam Program Development Office</i></p>	
9:00 – 9:15	<p>Presentation from VIE/VASS: Donor Evaluations, Why They Matter, and How They Can Be More Impactful</p> <p><i>Tran Dinh Thien, Assoc. Prof., PhD., Director General, Vietnam Institute of Economics, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences</i></p>	
9:15 – 9:30	Discussion	
9:30 – 10:15	Poster Section (Tea-break)	
10:15 – 12:15	<p>Sector Evaluation Findings and Discussion (<i>Participants choose <u>one</u> of four parallel sectors to attend</i>).</p> <p>Sector I: Climate Change/Clean Energy/Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>10:15 – 10:45</u>: Evaluation Results on Developing the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Capacity of a Range of Partners and Communities through Inclusive Community-based Disaster Risk Management. – (Nguyen Hien Thi - CRS) <i>Questions & Answers</i> <u>10:45 – 11:15</u>: “Hai Phong City Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster Risk Project” – Key findings – (Nguyen Phi Lan, Independent Consultant) <i>Questions & Answers</i> <u>11:15 – 11:45</u>: Monitoring and evaluation for Ecosystem-based Adaptation measures - Forest Protection and Enrichment as a buffer during extreme droughts in 2017 - case study in Vu Quang district, Ha Tinh province – (Tran Thi Kim Lien – GIZ Vietnam) <i>Questions & Answers</i> <u>11:45 – 12:15</u>: General discussion on applying evaluation findings in the sector 	Breakout Room I

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10:15 – 12:15	<p>Sector 2: Economic Governance and Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>10:15 – 10:45</u>: Effective ODA use in Vietnam – (Pham Sy An & Nguyen Vo Khanh Viet – Institute of Economics/VASS) <i>Questions & Answers</i> • <u>10:45 – 11:15</u>: USAID Governance for Inclusive Growth mid-term evaluation – (Le Thi Quynh Nga – USAID/VEMSS) <i>Questions & Answers</i> • <u>11:15 – 11:45</u>: Optimal economic restructuring to minimize carbon emissions intensity in the constraint of targeted economic growth: A projected gradient approach – (Bui Thi Hoang Mai – Academy of Policy and Development) <i>Questions & Answers</i> • <u>11:45 – 12:15</u>: General discussion on applying evaluation findings in the sector 	Breakout Room 2
10:15 – 12:15	<p>Sector 3: Health and Disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>10:15 – 10:45</u>: Mid-term Evaluation of HIV Community Links program – (Tran Vu Hoang – USAID/VEMSS) <i>Questions & Answers</i> • <u>10:45 – 11:15</u>: Improving maternal and newborn health in Vietnam by scaling up the household to hospital continuum of care approach – (A representative from Save the Children) <i>Questions & Answers</i> • <u>11:15 – 11:45</u>: A learning model from Hanoi Independent Living Center to assist people with significant disabilities – (Nguyen Quoc Truc – Hanoi Living Independent Center) <i>Questions & Answers</i> • <u>11:45 – 12:15</u>: General discussion on applying evaluation findings in the sector 	Breakout Room 3
10:15 – 12:15	<p>Sector 4: Gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>10:15 – 10:45</u>: Gender and disabilities assessment – (Tran Thi Linh Giang - CRS) <i>Questions & Answers</i> • <u>10:45 – 11:15</u>: An adapted approach to engage men for gender equality in ethnic minority communities in Dien Bien and Bac Kan provinces – (A representative from CARE International) <i>Questions & Answers</i> • <u>11:15 – 11:45</u>: Linkages between gender and urban climate resilience in Da Nang, Vietnam – (Tran Tuan Anh – Hue University of Sciences) <i>Questions & Answers</i> • <u>11:45 – 12:15</u>: General discussion on applying evaluation findings in the sector 	Breakout Room 4

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12:15 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 13:40	Recap of the Morning Session <i>Lane Pollack, Senior Learning Advisor, USAID, Washington D.C.</i>	
13:40 – 13:45	Introduction of the Afternoon Session <i>Jeremiah Carew, Director, USAID/Vietnam Program Development Office</i>	
	Panel Discussion: Innovative evaluation techniques	
13:45 – 14:00	Using a Soft Systems Approach and Software for Monitoring and Evaluation of Programs and Projects in Vietnam <i>Ha Minh Tuan – Independent Consultant</i>	
14:00 – 14:15	Developmental Evaluation, Most Significant Change and Outcome Harvesting - Evaluation Approaches with Unique Strengths for Answering Difficult Questions <i>Melissa Patsalides, Director, Office of Learning, Evaluation and Research – USAID, Washington D.C.</i>	
14:15 – 14:30	Application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (ICT4MEAL) <i>Nguyen Tuan Phong - CRS</i>	
14:30 – 14:45	JICA's Operations Evaluations: What's involved and how do they help?	
14:45 – 15:00	Discussion	
15:00 – 15:15	Tea-break	
15:15 – 15:30	Creating a Culture of Learning: Why It Matters (USAID) Panel Discussion: From Evaluations to Learning <i>How do you create a culture of learning in your organization?</i> <i>Melissa Patsalides, Director, Office of Learning, Evaluation and Research – USAID, Washington D.C.</i>	
15:30 – 15:45	Lessons Learned from the Mid-term Evaluation of Canada's Ha Tinh Agricultural Development Project and Soc Trang Small and Medium Enterprise Development Project <i>Independent Consultant and Representatives from the Provinces</i>	
15:45 – 16:00	Fostering Collaboration and Learning Within the Program Evaluation Process <i>David Callihan, Technical Director – USAID/IVEMSS</i>	
16:00 – 16:15	Learning Framework and Actions from Evaluation Results of "Hai Phong City Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster Risk Project" <i>Dang Phi Lan – Independent Consultant</i>	
16:15 – 16:50	Discussion <i>Jessica Ziegler, Learning Specialist, USAID/Learn Contract, USAID, Washington D.C.</i>	
16:50 – 17:00	Closing Remarks <i>Jeremiah Carew, Director, USAID/Vietnam Program Development Office</i>	