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# Annual Evaluation Learning Symposium: Discussion of Evaluation Practices and Findings



## Purpose

In order to promote transparency and learning in Vietnam, USAID/Vietnam in partnership with the Australian Embassy, Asian Development Bank (ADB), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – Vietnam will host its first *Annual Evaluation Learning Symposium* in Hanoi to share key findings with the development community and contribute to Vietnam's evaluation community of practice. The symposium will focus on evaluation findings in three sectors: climate change, economic governance and disability. This event is also a platform for other stakeholders (Government of Vietnam, research institutes, and NGOs) to share and discuss their program evaluation findings and experiences.

## When

Date: August 26, 2016

Time: 8:00–14:00

Location: Intercontinental Hanoi Westlake, No. 1, Nghi Tam, Yen Phu, Hanoi

Audience: Government of Vietnam (GVN)'s representative ministry; bilateral donors (USAID, Australian Embassy, and KOICA); multilateral agencies (ADB, World Bank, UNDP), CSOs, and academy institutes

## Key Speakers

- A GVN's representative ministry: Ministry of Planning and Investment or Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (tbc)
- Bilateral donors: USAID/Vietnam, Australian Embassy
- Multilateral agencies: ADB, UNDP
- Civil society organization: CRS

## Annex: Proposed Agenda

Time	Session
8:00 – 8:30	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 – 8:40	<b>Welcome remark</b> (Mr. Craig Hart, Deputy Mission Director, USAID/Vietnam )
8:40 – 9:20	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Development Agencies’ Evaluation Policy</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Yumiko Tamura, Principal Country Specialist, ADB Vietnam</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Nguyen Thi Ha, M&amp;E Specialist and Gender Advisor, Program Development Office, USAID/Vietnam</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Tran My Hanh, M&amp;E Team Leader, UNDP Vietnam</i></p>
9:20 – 9:35	<p><b>Government of Vietnam’s Policy and Regulation on M&amp;E of Investments and Good Practice in a Joint Evaluation between GVN and Japan</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Cao Manh Cuong, Deputy Director, Foreign Economic Relations Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment</i></p>
9:35 – 10:35	<p><b>Findings and Recommendations from Country Strategy Reviews</b></p> <p>ADB’s Country Partnership Strategy 2012–2015 Final Review and Its Validation</p> <p><i>Ms. Yumiko Tamura, Principal Country Specialist, ADB Vietnam</i></p> <p>Assessment of Development Results – an Evaluation of UNDP Contribution in Vietnam</p> <p><i>Ms. Tran My Hanh, M&amp;E Team Leader, UNDP Vietnam</i></p>
10:35 – 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 – 11:30	<p><b>Sector Evaluation Findings and Discussion</b> (<i>Participants choose one of three parallel sessions to attend</i>).</p> <p><b>Sector 1: Climate Change/Clean Energy/Environment</b> (Breakout room 1)</p> <p>USAID’s Vietnam Forest and Deltas (VFD) Program Performance Evaluation</p> <p><i>Ms. Nguyen Thi Ha, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist and Gender Advisor, USAID/Vietnam</i></p> <p>DANIDA-supported National Target Program to Respond to Climate Change: Review of Climate Change Adaptations in Quang Nam and Ben Tre Provinces</p> <p><i>Mr. Pham Quang Trung, Senior Consultant, VietSurvey</i></p>

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	<p>OR</p> <p><b>Sector 2: Economic Governance/ Private Sector Development/Public Sector Management/Administrative Reform</b> ( Breakout room 2 )</p> <p>USAID’s Provincial Competitiveness Index (PCI) Program Performance Evaluation  <i>Mr. Nguyen Duc Nhat, Team Leader of the PCI Evaluation</i></p> <p>Evaluation on Effectiveness of the Social Policy Bank’s Loan in the Rural Water and Sanitation Program  <i>Ms. Trinh Phong Lan, Deputy Director, Department of Finance Banking and Financial Institutions, Ministry of Finance</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Sector 3: Persons with Disabilities</b> ( Breakout room 3 )</p> <p>USAID’s Disabilities Program Performance Evaluation  <i>Mr. Tran Vu Hoang, Chief of Party of USAID’s Vietnam Evaluation, Monitoring and Survey Services (VEMSS) Project</i></p> <p>Final Evaluation of the Inclusion of Vietnamese with Disabilities Project implemented by Catholic Relief Services  <i>Ms. Dinh Thi Nguyet, Sub- Regional Inclusive Education Program Manager, Catholic Relief Services</i></p>
11:30 – 12:20	<p><b>Utilization of Evaluation Findings and Promoting Vietnam’s Evaluation Community of Practice</b>  <i>Ms. Emily Rupp, Deputy Director, Program Development Office, USAID/Vietnam</i>  <i>Ms. Nguyen Lan Phuong, Senior Safeguards Manager, Economic and Development Cooperation Section, Australian Embassy</i></p>
12:20 – 12:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>