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

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