We have the pleasure to inform you on the progress done in July:

- The EvalPartners Management Group met on July 8/9 in Beirut, hosted by EvalMENA, to finalize the draft agenda for the International Forum to be held in Thailand and the draft 2013 workplan. Representatives from AEA, AfrEA, EES, EvalMENA, AES, CES, CoE, IOCE, UNICEF, UNWomen and AfDB attended and actively contributed to the meeting. As result, the Forum’s draft agenda (attached) is now finalized, and we are proceeding in contacting the keynote speakers and presenters. Attached also a one pager presenting the 2013 priorities.

- 2700 people from 120+ countries all over the world already registered to the e-learning on development evaluation. The training will start on Sept 10th.

- The mapping of evaluation associations is almost finished. Jim Rugh is working on the quantitative analysis. Meanwhile, few highlights are:
  
  o 124 evaluation associations have been identified, distributed as follow:
    - 39 in Africa
    - 29 in Europe
    - 19 in Latin America/Caribbean
    - 11 in East Asia
    - 11 in South Asia
    - 6 in Middle East/North Africa
    - 6 in CIS
    - 3 in North America
  
  o A total of 23030 people have been reported as members of one or more evaluation association, distributed as follow:
    - 9636 members in North America
    - 6420 in Latin America/Caribbean
    - 1921 in Africa
    - 1911 in East Asia
    - 838 in CIS
    - 529 in Middle East/North Africa
    - 321 in South Asia
  
  o 40% of evaluation associations reported to be active in influencing national evaluation policies/systems

- Jim Rugh will develop a qualitative analysis based on the case studies being produced by 39 associations.

Best regards

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