

We have the pleasure to inform you that based on the comments and feedback you sent re: the Outline of the International Forum (to be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, 3-6 December), the EvalPartners Management Group developed a detailed draft agenda (attached). Pls review it and let us have your comments by **next Thursday, 24th May**.

Meanwhile, we have the pleasure to share the latest news re: EvalPartners:

- 25 organizations joined EvalPartners so far. The two latest core partners are the African Development Bank and the United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP). The Swiss Cooperation (SDC) also expressed their intention to support. For additional information, please visit <http://www.mymande.org/evalpartners>
- 63 evaluation associations replied to the mapping so far. Jim Rugh, EvalPartners Coordinator, is now reviewing them. A synthesis will be prepared.
- Soma de Silva, IOCE President and EvalPartners co-chair, presented EvalPartners at the UNEG Annual General Assembly in Rome. Appreciation for the initiative was expressed. The UNEG Task Force on Evaluation Capacity Development re-confirmed its engagement to work with EvalPartners. EvalPartners was also presented at the Conference of the Canadian Evaluation Society.
- EvalPartners will also organize working sessions/panels on Evaluation Capacity Development at the forthcoming Conferences of the Middle East Evaluation Network (EvalMENA), American Evaluation Association (AEA), Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) and European Evaluation Society (EES)
- The EvalPartners Management Group will meet F2F on July 8-9 in Beirut to finalize the agenda and list of participants to the International Forum in Thailand, and start developing a preliminary strategy and work plan for 2013-2015. The EvalPartners meeting is organized back to back to the first EvalMENA conference. EvalPartners colleagues will also contribute to the EvalMENA meeting.

Once again, thank you very much for your valuable feedback and support.

Best regards

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