



International Workshop on Evaluating Climate Change and Development

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The challenges of global warming are at the center of international dialogue. Most aid projects have addressed this issue through efforts to control greenhouse gas emissions, but countries also need to adapt to climatic changes. Evaluation methodology for climate change and development remains underdeveloped.

The GEF Evaluation Office in partnership with the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the French GEF (FFEM), the Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank (IEG), and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina is organizing a two day international workshop to:

- Identify good practices and information gaps in evaluations of climate change and development projects and programs
- Improve and realize the potential of evaluations to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation

Scope and themes. The workshop will explore:

- Climate change mitigation (including policy and market interventions in sectors such as energy and transportation)
- Adaptation to climate change (including land degradation, agricultural development, water management, preparedness for natural disasters, and climate resilience)

Expected Workshop Outputs.

- 1) A repository of knowledge available for evaluators and policy makers
- 2) A network of evaluators and institutions that deal with environmental issues

Contributions. Participants can contribute to the workshop by:

- 1) Responding to the Call for Papers and Presentations by September 15, 2007 (see opposite)
- 2) Providing relevant evaluations to the organizers for the preparation of synthesis papers
- 3) Participating in the workshop discussions as part of the audience

Attendees. Evaluators with interest in environmental issues from bilateral and multilateral donors, academia and research community, NGOs and civil society. Participation will be limited to about 120 persons.

Registration. Registration can be accessed online at www.esdevaluation.org. There are no fees, but participants are expected to cover their own travel and expenses. The organizers will award funding to some participants from developing countries.

The Secretariat of the International Workshop invites interested professionals to contribute papers and presentations on evaluations of mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. Proposals should be submitted by September 15, 2007.

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Who may submit a paper? Anyone with knowledge or expertise in sustainable development issues related to climate change or related to evaluation theory or practice, evaluation methodologies, or the business of running an evaluation firm.

What are the requirements for papers? Papers or presentation proposals should address methodological issues in evaluating one of the following areas:

- **Mitigation of climate change**, including
 - Interventions in the energy sector or markets, energy policy, or reform; renewable energy programs and electrification schemes; climate-friendly investment programs in the energy sector; community development programs with energy components
 - Interventions to ensure greater energy efficiency; energy-efficiency programs; commercial energy-efficiency programs and consumer goods; public energy-efficiency activities; supply and demand schemes
 - Climate-friendly urban transport schemes involving non-motorized transport, public transport, and/or transport management
- **Adaptation to climate change** in the sectors of agriculture security or resources, water resources and quality, public health, disaster risk management, or coastal development
- **Interventions that indirectly involve climate change**—that is, where climate change and its evaluation are not the main purpose, but the initiative evaluated has climate change dimensions (such as country strategy evaluations and thematic evaluations)

Research studies and non-evaluative assessments may also be considered, provided they are relevant to the evaluation of climate change issues. These may include reports on methodologies, measurements, and indicators or studies on the relationship between mitigation and development.

How will the papers be selected? The papers and proposals will be reviewed by a group of peers drawn from among the workshop's organizers and sponsors. The reviewers will consider *technical quality* (potential for publication in a peer-reviewed journal); and *diversity* (contribution to the diversity of presentations with respect to subject matter, location, culture, ethnicity, and presenters). The specific criteria to follow will include (not all will apply to each paper):

- **Relevance to workshop themes:** Addresses central topics of the subject area(s) of sustainable development and climate change (see above requirements for papers)
- **Focus on evaluation results:** Presents results, findings, and circumstances of one or more evaluations or studies, with links to data analysis and methodology
- **Focus on evaluation methods, theories, policies, and practices:** Presents broader issues of evaluation methodologies and tools that illustrate good practices in evaluating relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, influence/effects, or impact of interventions
- **Innovation:** Demonstrates new ideas and methods and/or the potential to promote the development of new skills and knowledge in climate change and development evaluation
- **Partnering:** Presents experiences in the evaluation of joint initiatives; or good and new practices in establishing partnerships in evaluation among international organizations, national governments, the private sector, civil society, and/or local communities

How can a paper be submitted? Submit an outline or abstract (up to 500 words; in English) by September 15, 2007, to the Secretariat at IntWorkshop@theGEF.org. Include author contact information and professional affiliation. The Selection Committee will notify participants by November 5, 2007. Those accepted should submit their full papers by December 7, 2007. The Selection Committee will reply with suggested amendments and next steps by January 11, 2008.

