



First Independent PMR Evaluation

Remarks from the PMR Evaluation Working Group (EWG)

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Outline

1. Role of the Evaluation Working Group during the evaluation and in the future
2. Lessons learned from the evaluation process
3. Conclusions and recommendations from the Evaluation Report

Role of the Evaluation Working Group

- ◆ Membership: Australia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Germany, UK, US
- ◆ Tasks:
 - Review ToRs for first periodic evaluation, including the establishment of an Evaluation Framework
 - Comment on draft Evaluation Framework (logical framework and evaluation questions) and survey questionnaires
 - Review preliminary findings report
 - Review draft Evaluation Report

Role of the Evaluation Working Group - reflections

- ◆ Overall positive experience – high responsibility but reasonable workload and well managed by PMR Secretariat
- ◆ No formal mandate to represent the PA – defining the role as we went along
- ◆ Practical challenges of running a voluntary group of busy people across multiple time zones
- ◆ Possible future role for the EWG:
 - Advise the PMR Secretariat on the elaboration of a work plan for
 - the implementation of evaluation recommendations
 - a mechanism to monitor progress
 - Review and help redefine the objectives of the PMR
 - Oversee the finalization of the Evaluation Framework
 - “Translate” the Evaluation Framework into an annual evaluation process (perhaps working with delivery partners, e.g. an M&E consultant, PMR Delivery Partners, etc.)

Lessons learned from the evaluation process

- ◆ Online survey was ‘confusing’, and yielded indicative results – due diligence fell between the cracks
- ◆ Carry out ‘cognitive testing’ of the survey questionnaires before wide circulation, to enhance clarity and relevance of questions (and, therefore, quality and relevance of answers)
- ◆ More follow up interviews, including with a wider and more diversified set of stakeholders, would have allowed richer interpretation of survey results

Conclusions and recommendations

- ◆ Overall the EWG agrees with the evaluation report's 5 conclusions and recommendations
- ◆ Similar results to the UK's recent Annual Review of the PMR, conducted separately – mutually reinforcing
- ◆ Objectives of this session from the EWG's perspective:
 - Check that PA members broadly agree with the conclusions and recommendations, and whether any are missing
 - Initiate a discussion on possible follow up actions

Conclusions and recommendations

- ◆ Link the conclusions and recommendations from the evaluation report with the discussion on Strategic Direction
- ◆ Conclusions and recommendations from the evaluation report should help the PA review and adjust, as appropriate, the objectives of the PMR
- ◆ Based on this revision, the Evaluation Framework could also be revised accordingly in advance of the next PA

Thank you for your attention

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