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The Use of Evaluation in Evidence-Based Policy Making
“Accountability and Learning: Getting to Results and Impact”
Tuesday, 21 April 2015, 15:00 to 17:00 hrs (followed by reception)
Neuer Saal, Hofburg, Vienna

In December 2014, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a stand-alone resolution entitled “Capacity Building for the Evaluation of Development Activities at the Country Level”. This resolution acknowledged the importance of evaluation and endorsed 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear). EvalYear has garnered wide support from a variety of stakeholders including the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG), other International Organizations, bilateral donors, national governments, and regional and national evaluation societies. The objective of EvalYear is to advocate and promote evaluation, strengthen partnerships and collaboration for learning through evaluation, and provide tools and practices to support evidence-based programme and policy decision-making at the international, regional, national and local levels.

As part of the 2015 EvalYear, the evaluation offices of the CTBTO, IAEA, OSCE, UNIDO and UNODC, in collaboration with the Austrian Development Cooperation, will host a high-level panel discussion on **21 April 2015** at the Hofburg Conference Centre.

Panel objectives: The high-level panel discussion will provide a forum for key stakeholders to discuss the role of evaluation in supporting effective programme planning and implementation, assessing results and impact, and informing better decision-making and public policy. The aim of the panel is to promote evaluation and deepen the understanding of its important role in evidence-based decision making.

Panel theme: The panel will focus on how to bridge the gap between the policy makers and the evaluation community and ensure the use of the highest quality, equity-focused and gender-responsive evaluations. It will equally focus on how evaluation can be used to support program improvement and learning, assess impact, and demonstrate results.

Key questions to be addressed will include how evaluation can strengthen policy-making and programming decisions, ensure greater accountability and transparency, and help bring together the various stakeholders to deliver results-oriented policy and programming to contribute to the improvements of peoples’ lives.

Event Speakers and Panel Participants

- Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Mr. Li Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- H.E. Mr. Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal, Director General, Department for Development Cooperation, Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs
- H.E. Mr. A. L. A. Azeez, Ambassador of Sri Lanka and Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna
- H.E. Mr. Mark Bailey, Ambassador of Canada to Austria and Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna

- H.E. Mr. Tebogo Seokolo, Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa and Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna
- Professor A. K. Shiva Kumar, Director, International Centre for Human Development, New Delhi, India
- **Moderator:** Paul Williams Manning, OSCE Director of Internal Oversight