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UNODC EVALUATION NEWS

IEU Meta-Analysis - Update

With the first Meta-Analysis of evaluation results, IEU has started in tracking the changes within UNODC as regards evaluation – contributing thereby to UNODC’s accountability framework. The data for this analysis stems from more than 90 evaluations, 1000 recommendations and nearly 500 lessons learned from January 2011 to December 2014. The draft findings were presented to the Executive Director as well as Member States through FINGOV on 20 November 2014. The two graphics below, illustrate the main recurring topics in all evaluations recommendations.

After the current review of this major undertaking, IEU will publish the final document on its website and present the findings to the Executive Director, Member States as well as Senior Management and publish the findings in the next Evaluation Newsletter.

Link (please click): [IEU Website](#)



YEAR OF EVALUATION IN VIENNA

On December 19, 2014 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a stand alone resolution titled “[Capacity Building for the Evaluation of Development Activities at the Country Level](#)” (A/RES/69/237). The resolution acknowledges the importance of evaluation and identifies 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation.

As part of the 2015 International Year of Evaluation a **High Level Panel Discussion on the use of Evaluation in Evidence-Based Policy Making** will take place on **21 April 2015 at the Hofburg in Vienna**, organised by the evaluation offices of Vienna based International Organizations in collaboration with the Austrian Foreign Ministry and the Austrian Development Agency. The agenda will be available on the [IEU Website](#) (please click).



INDEPENDENT EVALUATION UNIT

JULY 2014 – MARCH 2015

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IN-DEPTH EVALUATIONS PUBLISHED SINCE 06/2014

Afghan Opiate Trade Project (mid-term evaluation)
[Evaluation Report](#), [Evaluation Brief](#)

Support to the work of the Conference of the Parties to the UNTOC Convention (GLO/T60)
[Evaluation Report](#), [Evaluation Brief](#)

Country Programme Iran (mid-term evaluation)
[Evaluation Report](#)

INDEPENDENT PROJECT EVALUATIONS PUBLISHED

Countering Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Drug Trafficking
XSP/T78 ([Evaluation Report](#))
XAP/U59 ([Evaluation Report](#))
BRAX/K63 ([Evaluation Report](#))
XME/X19 ([Evaluation Report](#))

Countering Corruption
IDN/T81 ([Evaluation Report](#))
Cluster GLO/X30, GLOX/31, GLO/X32 ([Evaluation Report](#))

Prevention, Treatment and Reintegration and Alternative Development
LAO/K18 ([Evaluation Report](#))
LAO/K46 ([Evaluation Report](#))
XAF/K45 ([Evaluation Report](#))

Justice
LBN/T94 ([Evaluation Report](#))
JOR/T36 ([Evaluation Report](#))

Terrorism Prevention
XAC/X50 ([Evaluation Report](#))

Policy Support
GLO/X42 ([Evaluation Report](#))

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Support to the work of the Conference of the Parties to the UNTOC Convention (GLO/T60)

IEU recently presented the main findings of the In-Depth evaluation on the UNODC Global Programme GLOT60 on the Support to the Work of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC).

The evaluation shows that GLOT60 has supported the COP and States Parties with legislative and technical assistance to implement the UNTOC, including the provision of tools and databases, resulting in strengthened international cooperation and enhanced political commitment. There is however a lack of a clear vision of the programme and it is recommended to ensure a more focused and transparent design, increase accountability on the dissemination of results and develop a monitoring system. UNODC's proactive engagement is further recommended to support the political process of a possible review mechanism of the UNTOC.

Links (please click): [Evaluation Report](#); [Brief](#)



CND SIDE EVENT ON EVALUATION

IEU is organising a first time side-event at the coming CND session – **“The role of evaluation vis-à-vis the UNODC Narcotic Drugs Portfolio”** – on **Tuesday, 17 March 2015 from 9.00-9.50 a.m. in MoE100**. ([Please click here for the CND Programme of Side Events](#))

IEU will present the role of evaluation in UNODC with specific focus on the implications of the evaluation of the UNODC HIV/AIDS Programme. We are taking this opportunity to invite you to this event.

2015: International Year of Evaluation

The demand for evidence-based decision-making continues to grow rapidly, in particular at the grass root level. Evaluation, if following norms and standards, is a key instrument for inclusion, empowerment, transparency and accountability. The International Year of Evaluation will bring these movements further to the forefront through high-level events.

UNEG PEER REVIEW OF UNODC/IEU

UNODC volunteered to undergo a UNEG peer review in 2015, which means that UNODC's maturity in terms of evaluation will be assessed through a panel of four reviewers, two coming from different UN evaluation functions and two coming from

outside the UN. These peer reviews are presented to the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC).

UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION UNIT

Knowledge Management and Portfolio Management

Over the past year, IEU has, next to a large number of evaluations, further improved its results-based management as well as monitoring of evaluation plans and results (e.g. through the Meta-Analysis; Portfolio Management of all UNODC projects/programmes; etc.). Over the course of this development, IEU produced two key pilot databases that are currently used for internal purposes:

1. **Portfolio Management database** of all conducted, ongoing and planned evaluations of every single project and programme in UNODC;
2. **Knowledge Management database** of recommendations, lessons learned and findings of all evaluations since January 2011.

Based on those databases, IEU can provide a tailored analysis on specific topics (e.g. countering corruption), regions or years. *If you are interested to learn more, please contact us.*

Ongoing major, programmatic evaluations

IEU is currently engaged in evaluating Regional and Country as well as Global Programmes, facilitating a view on achievements and shortcomings of this first generation of integrated programming. Furthermore, IEU is currently engaged in various major In-Depth Evaluations: RP Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries; RP Central America; Global Programme on Terrorism; RP South Eastern Europe; RP Arab States; CP Paraguay; RP West Africa; RP East Africa; the Maritime Crime Programme, etc.

Evaluation Policy

IEU is currently finalizing its revised, draft Evaluation Policy and will present its content at FINGOV.

Please stay connected, as we will present major findings in upcoming meetings, the CND side event and through this Newsletter.

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