

Improved Performance in addressing Conflict

Training in Evaluation Applied to Conflict Prevention and Peace-Building Initiatives

Basic-Intermediate Level Course, 23-25 May 2012

This course covers the basics of evaluation, and applies them to peace-building and conflict prevention, with a view to addressing the specific challenges this application poses. It is intended for people who have already engaged in evaluations, or who have carried out work in peace-building and conflict prevention. Specific experience in conflict resolution evaluation is not required.

The aim is to enable professionals who will commission or carry out an evaluation to better understand the fundamental concepts used in this field and to allocate resources in an optimal way, whether this relates to data collection, human resources and time, or use of the final outputs.

The course is designed around the main difficulties experienced by practitioners and drawing on the rich experience from the facilitators Ms. Margie Buchanan-Smith and Mr Emery Brusset, both veterans in the field of evaluating conflict prevention and peace building initiatives.

The training will focus on:

- Purpose, types and scope of peace building evaluation
- Evaluation criteria, Channel Research's conflict mapping method, data collection methods and analysis
- Evaluation management
- Use and dissemination of evaluations
- Ethics in evaluation related to conflict prevention and peace building.

Outline of the Module

Wednesday 23 May: Purpose, Types and Scope of Peace Building Evaluation – Setting the Parameters	
Morning 09:00 – 12:30	Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The challenges of this type of evaluation• Overview of the course and participants' case studies• An introduction to evaluation and impact assessment

	The purpose and types of evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of evaluation - accountability or learning • The types and scope of evaluations • Stakeholder mapping – identifying the users
Afternoon 13:30 – 17:30	Working groups – participant case studies Framing the evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying objectives and spheres of influence • Levels of analysis and defining evaluation questions

Thursday 24 May: Analytical Frameworks, Evaluation Criteria and Data Collection Methods	
Morning 9:00 – 12:30	Analytical frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to mapping methods Working groups- participant case studies
Afternoon 13:30 – 17:30	Evaluation criteria and data collection methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OECD DAC evaluation criteria • Data collection methods Working groups – participant case studies

Friday 25 May: Data analysis, evaluation management, use and dissemination and ethics	
Morning 09:30 – 12:30	Data analysis and report writing Evaluation management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultants' view • The client's view
Afternoon 13:30 – 16:30	Utilisation-focussed evaluation Evaluation ethics Wrapping up

If you are interested in joining this course, **please fill in the application form** and send it back with your **CV** or a **short biographical notice**, preferably **before 1 May 2011** to:

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Ms Bak will be happy to answer your questions and to receive your comments.

The full price of the session is **€ 1380** (Not including 21 % VAT), including local transport from and to Brussels airport or Brussels Midi station and the training venue, training, materials, seminar facilities, accommodation (single-room for 3 nights) and all meals and refreshments at the training location for 3 days. **An early booking reduction of 100 €** will be provided for those participants who pay the training fee before 1 April 2012. (There are 2 places available for independent consultants not sponsored by an organisation at a reduced training fee of € 1180 (not including 21% VAT)).

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The training venue 'Grand-Spinois' is ideal for learning and reflection located a little south of Brussels. The Grand-Spinois is surrounded by beautiful nature, ideal for a walk or a run and has bicycles available. Their staff does their utmost to service us during the training and their French inspired kitchen makes the experience an additional pleasure.

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