Republic of South Africa  
**Government-Wide Monitoring and Impact Evaluation Seminar for Policymakers**  
With a follow-up training event and impact evaluation clinics for program managers  
**Farm Inn Hotel, Pretoria**  
**June 19-23, 2006**

**Agenda**

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| 9:00-09:10 | **Welcome**  
Rev. Chikane DG Presidency                                                                 |
| 09:10-10:00| **Key Note Address**  
Joel Netshitenzhe (Head of Policy Unit, Presidency)  
"How does M&E support strategic decisions in Government" & the application of M&E Principles (including norms and standards) |
| 10:00-10:15| **Coffee Break**                                                                           |
| 10:15-10:30| **Discussion**                                                                              |
| 10:30-11:15| **Background & Vision**  
"The Government-Wide Monitoring and Evaluation System" & GWM&ES- Transversal Systems (NSS, PMW; OPSC; DPLG; NT; Presidency), Reporting": Prof R Levin (DG DPSA) |
| 11:15-11:35| **Discussion**                                                                              |
| 11:35-12:00| **International experiences in setting up M&E Systems**: Andrew Asibey, World Bank          |
| 12:00-12:30| **Discussion**                                                                              |
| 12:30-1:30 | **Lunch**                                                                                  |
| 1:30-2:15  | **Compendium of Indicators & Baseline data**: Ms K Masiteng                                |
| 2:15-2:45  | **Measurements**: SG Stats SA                                                               |
| 2:45-3:00  | **Discussion**                                                                              |
| 3:00-3:15  | **Coffee Break**                                                                           |
| 3:15-3:45  | **Strategies for Capacity Building**: Prof Hendricks                                        |
| 3:45-4:00  | **Discussion**                                                                              |
| 4:00-4:30  | **Closing Remarks**: Chair                                                                  |

From 17:00 – Cocktail
# Day 2: 20 June 2006

**Chair:** Ms L Msengana-Ndlela

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| 9:10-12:30    | **Morning Panel.** Impact evaluation as a tool to manage public opinion; improve fiscal accountability and manage-by-results: developmental & policy perspectives  
                 Moderator: Goolam Aboobaker, The Presidency |
| 10:10-10:30   | Coffee Break                                                          |
| 10:30-12:30   | “Impact evaluation of social programs in the Mexican context” Miguel Szekely, former Vice Minister of Prospective, Planning and Evaluation, Social Development Ministry, Mexico  
| 12:30-1:30    | Lunch                                                                 |
| 1:30-4:00     | **Afternoon Panel.** International experience in impact evaluation: Examples from developing and OECD countries  
                 Moderator:  
                 Ritva Reinikka “Governance and municipal services evaluations”  
                 Costas Meghir, UCL and IFS “Labor and transfer program evaluations”  
                 Julian May, UKZN “Land reform evaluations”  
                 Stefano Bertozzi, INSP “Evaluations in Health”  
                 Harold Alderman, WB “Evaluations of Nutrition Programs”  
                 Shahid Khandker, WB “Evaluations of Microfinance programs” |
| 4:00-4:15     | Coffee Break                                                          |
| 4:15-4:45     | **Closing Panel.** RSA perspective: institutional and programmatic issues  
                 Joel Netshitenzhe  
                 Paul Gertler  
                 Ritva Reinikka |
**Round table discussion**: Strategy, options and priorities for RSA

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<th>Round table. Discussion will narrow down the key priorities in each sector area to focus the activities for the remainder of the workshop. Participants: 20-25 senior policy makers and experts</th>
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| **External** | Paul Gertler, Chief Economist, Human Development, World Bank  
Ritva Reinikka, Country Director, World Bank  
Arianna Legovini, Impact Evaluation Lead, Africa region, World Bank  
Shahid Khandker, WBI, World Bank  
Harold Alderman, Africa Region, World Bank  
Miguel Szekely, former Vice-Minister of Social Development, Mexico  
Costas Meghir, UCL and IFS  
Stefano Bertozzi, CIDE |
DAY 3 ; 21 June 2006

DAY 2

9:00 Opening and guidance for the day, Arianna Legovini

9:15-5:30  **Parallel session 1: Policy group training**  
**Use and application of impact evaluation**  
(for program managers and policy makers)

*Lecture 1: Measuring Impact, Stefano Bertozzi and Paul Gertler*
- Impact Evaluation
- Efficacy vs. scaling up
- Causality
- Cost benefit analysis
- Cost benefit/cost effectiveness

*Lecture 2: Operational roll out, Arianna Legovini*
- The operational perspective on impact evaluation
- Policy and programmatic objectives for the evaluation
- General principles and how to’s
- Budgeting issues

*Lecture 3: Case studies Stefano Bertozzi, Paul Gertler and Arianna Legovini*

9:15-5:30  **Parallel session 2: Technical group training**  
**Design, quantitative methods and examples**  
(for local academics and quantitative government staff)

*Lecture 1: Causal Inference, Sebastian Martinez*

*Lecture 2: Randomization (unit/group), Harold Alderman*

*Lecture 3: Regression Discontinuity, Sebastian Martinez*

*Lecture 4: Panel data (diff in diff), Harold Alderman*

*Lecture 5: Matching, Costas Meghir*

*Lecture 6: Instrumental Variables, Shahid Khandker*

*Lecture 7: Sampling and data, Harold Alderman*

*Lecture 8: Data availability and requirements, Rose Mungai*

*Lecture 9: Stata Demo, Sebastian Martinez*
DAY 4

9:00 Opening and guidance for the day, Arianna Legovini

9:15-6:00 Program-specific clinics to develop impact evaluation concepts for government initiatives

During day 4, participants will be divided into 7 working groups:

- Agriculture and Land Affairs,
- Housing,
- Health,
- Trade and Industry,
- Education,
- Social Development, and
- Municipal Services

Each group will count with the participation of key policy makers and program managers, local academics and international facilitators.

Each working group will spend day 4 discussing the intervention to be evaluated, the policy questions to be addressed and the strategy for the evaluation. By the end of the day the group will have prepared a 2-4 page concept note to present impact evaluation plans in their sector.

The concept note will consists of:

- Background on initiative selected for evaluation
- Policy questions to be addressed by the evaluation
- Identification strategy for the evaluation
- Data use or collection strategy
- Timeline and estimated costs

DAY 5

9:00-1:30 Working group presentations to plenary. Results will be discussed and suggestions made for their improvement. (15 min presentation and 15 min discussion each)

1:30-2:00 Conclusions. A small working group will be formed to assemble the results and prepare a note for the Presidency and the rest of the government. The note will form the basis for the medium-term impact evaluation plan of the government.
## Composition of working groups

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