



Ministry for Foreign
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INVITATION TO

Development Evaluation Day 2021

Date: Thursday 09 December 2021

Time: 12:30-16:00 (UTC+2)

Venue: *Teams*

Language: English

We would like to warmly welcome you to the annual Development Evaluation Day organized by the Development Evaluation Unit of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland!

Every year we gather together to hear about the latest developments in the MFA Development Evaluation Unit, learn from various national and international experts and practitioners, and discuss topics of current relevance and interest.

This year's topic is '**ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT – What does the approach mean for evaluations and evaluability?**' Come and meet the world-renowned experts!

The traditional glögi will again be served virtually. After the official programme, we hope that you stay for an informal mix-and-mingle session and tune into the festive season with a warm cup in your hand!

Due to Covid-19 -related restrictions, the event will now be organized online only.

Kindly register **by Tuesday 07 December 12:00 hours (noon)** at:
https://www.lyyti.in/Development_Evaluation_Day_2021_8193

All who have registered will receive further instructions and a personal link to Teams as well as a link to Howspace closer to the event.

Warmest regards,
Development Evaluation Unit EVA-11
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Theme: ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT – What does the approach mean for evaluations and evaluability?

'Adaptive management' as a management approach seeks to respond to the challenges of complexity, uncertainty and changing operational environments that very much underpin the development, humanitarian and peace building efforts. How are evaluations conducted when the intervention uses the adaptive management approach? What does adaptive rigour mean and how can it be practiced? When do evaluations adapt? The 2021 Development Evaluation Day seeks to shed light on these questions as well as to facilitate discussion and exchange of experiences by different evaluation practitioners, experts, officials, academia and other actors.

PROGRAMME (tentative)

12:30 Coffee

13:00 Opening Words and what's new EVA-11? – **Anu Saxén**, Director; Development Evaluation Unit EVA-11

13:15 Session 1: What is the adaptive management approach and what does it mean for evaluations and evaluability in practice? Presenter: **Ben Ramalingam**, Executive Director; U.K. Humanitarian Innovation Hub.

14:00 Discussion, questions and comments from audience on Session 1

14:30 Health break: 15 min

14:45 Session 2: Examples of evaluations in an adaptive context.

- Presenter 1, (15 min): **Jörn Dosch**, Senior Evaluator, Particip GmbH; Professor, University of Rostock. A case of MFA Myanmar country programme evaluation.
- Presenter 2, (15 min): **Sven Harten**, Deputy Director; DEval German Institute for Development Evaluation. A case of climate change evaluation.

15:15 Discussion, questions and comments from audience on Session 2

15:45 Closing words - **Anu Saxén**, Director of Development Evaluation Unit, EVA-11

16:00 Evaluation Day 2021 ends

16:00-16:45 *Join us for the traditional Christmas Glögi, mix and mingle! (Virtual)*