International Conference on 'Development Evaluation'

Date: 12-13 October 2009 Venue: Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi

The conference is planned as an event to cultivate knowledge regarding evaluation structures and methods that would draw in-sights from donors, country experiences and will provide a platform for interaction and information-sharing in strengthening government-wide monitoring & evaluation systems in India. The conference will comprise of a broad audience including policy makers, technical advisers, civil servants representing national and sub-national governments, donors, academicians, practitioners, civil society, NGO sector, etc. International speakers from Latin America, South Africa and China are expected to participate.

The conference hosts a distinguished faculty of speakers, including:

- Dr. Vinod Thomas, Director General and Senior Vice-President, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank.
- Ms. Saraswathi Menon, Director, UNDP Evaluation Office.
- Mr. H. S. Rao, Director General, Independent Evaluation Department, Asian Development Bank.
- Mr. Michael Anderson, Minister (Development) and Head DFID, India.
- Ms. Bertha Briceño, Sr. Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist for the Water and Sanitation Programme ,World Bank, Colombia.
- Ms.Howard White, Director 3IE International Initiative for Impact Evaluation.
- Dr. Gonzalo Hernández Licona, Secretario Ejecutivo del Consejo Nacional de Evaluación (Coneval), Mexico.
- Ms. Wang Ping Ping, Head, Rural Poverty Surveillance Division, National Bureau of Statistics of China.
- Ms. Arianna Legovini, Head, Development Impact Evaluation Initiative (DIME), World Bank.

At the event, key stakeholders will engage in topical panel discussions of key trends and practices shaping M&E in India.