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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the United Nations Evaluation Group, we cordially invite you to participate in this year's Network of Networks on Impact Evaluation (NONIE) meeting. The meeting will be held from 19-20 April 2012 at the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) Headquarters in Rome, Italy. It is open to NONIE members as well as interested evaluators and researchers, contingent upon the availability of space.

Building on experience from past meetings and contributing to further advancing the impact evaluation agenda, the 2012 meeting will provide the forum to share and learn from recent exemplary work and to engage in healthy debates and discussions on further advancing impact evaluation agenda as a critical contributor to development effectiveness.

The themes identified for discussion are:

- Mixed methods/ alternative design approaches/ methods for addressing the challenge of attribution;
- Policy use/ how IE influences policy;
- The role of IE in M&E systems; and
- Guidance on and experiences of IE on normative and institutional support work.

A call for submission of abstracts is attached. We encourage your contribution, which will ensure the success of the meeting.

UNEG will be sponsoring a limited number of presenters from developing countries. Further information is available in the Sponsorship Application form.

Logistical information for the meeting (hotel lists, travel tips) will be available shortly. Participants requiring a visa are encouraged to contact their Italian embassy/ consulate as soon as possible. UNEG can arrange a standard letter of support for visa applications if required.

The NONIE 2012 website will also be launched shortly and you will be notified accordingly. Registration for the meeting will then open via the website. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please email Michelle Weston at contact.nonie2012@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you all in Rome and a successful NONIE meeting 2012.

Yours sincerely

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