

**EVALUATION RATINGS FOR INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS**  
Please check the following workshop sessions that you attended and, on a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the usefulness of each.

**Summary of Scores**

Presentation	Average Score
<b>Overall Comments</b>	
<i>How well were retreat objectives met?</i>	<b>4.4 (out of 31 responses)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	
<i>Overview on Global Trends, Growth Determinants and Aid Effectiveness</i>	<b>4.6 (out of 68 responses)</b>
<i>USAID's White Paper, Dealing with Fragile State, and the USAID Anti-Corruption Strategy</i>	<b>3.8 (out of 65 responses)</b>
<i>Breakout Session - ASIA</i>	<b>4.1 (out of 9 responses)</b>
<i>Breakout Session - AFRICA</i>	<b>3.6 (out of 6 responses)</b>
<i>Breakout Session – EUROPE &amp; EURASIA</i>	<b>3.5 (out of 11 responses)</b>
<i>Breakout Session – NEAR EAST</i>	<b>3.75 (out of 1 response)</b>
<i>Breakout Session – LAC</i>	<b>3.6 (out of 5 responses)</b>
<i>USAID Priorities, Including for Economic Growth</i>	<b>3.78 (out of 67 responses)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<i>Challenge of HIV/AIDS</i>	<b>4.12 (out of 35 responses)</b>
<i>Microeconomic Constraints on Business</i>	<b>4.43 (out of 41 responses)</b>
<i>New Directions in USAID and EGAT</i>	<b>4.33 (out of 43 responses)</b>
<i>Breakouts by backstops</i>	<b>4.28 (out of 15 responses)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<i>Millennium Challenge Account</i>	<b>4.12 (out of 41 responses)</b>
<i>Assessing and Controlling Corruption</i>	<b>3.87 (out of 43 responses)</b>
<i>Success Stories in Tax Reform</i>	<b>4.5 (out of 9 responses)</b>
<i>Making Policy Reform Happen</i>	<b>3.27 (out of 9 responses)</b>
<i>Trade Capacity Interventions</i>	<b>4.21 (out of 19 responses)</b>
<i>Approaches to Fiscal Decentralization</i>	<b>4.66 (out of 6 responses)</b>
<i>Property Rights, Finance and Collateral Reform</i>	<b>4.04 (out of 12 responses)</b>
<i>Economic Governance in Post-Conflict States</i>	<b>4.15 (out of 16 responses)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	
<i>Pro Poor Economic Growth and Key Interventions</i>	<b>3.87 (out of 42 responses)</b>
<i>Role of Agriculture in Poverty Reduction</i>	<b>4.4 (out of 41 responses)</b>
<i>Break out session – Natural Resource</i>	<b>4.75 (out of 8 responses)</b>

<i>Revenue Management</i>	
<i>Break out session – Applying New Institutional Analysis</i>	<b>4.33 (out of 15 responses)</b>
<i>Break out session – Financial Deepening and Access to Credit</i>	<b>4.25 (out of 16 responses)</b>
<i>Break out session – Developing Value Chains for Microenterprise</i>	<b>4.4 (out of 15 responses)</b>
<i>Break out session – USAID, the IMF, and Fiscal Crises for the Poor</i>	<b>3.6 (out of 10 responses)</b>
<i>Break out session – Public Private Partnerships, Infrastructure, GDA</i>	<b>3.5 (out of 11 responses)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	
<i>Free Trade Agreements &amp; Lessons from NAFTA</i>	<b>4.26 (out of 39 responses)</b>
<i>Gains, Pains, and Risks of Globalized Trade and Investment</i>	<b>4.21 (out of 40 responses)</b>
<i>Review and Wrap-Up</i>	<b>4.27 (out of 26 responses)</b>

Monday's Theme: A New Era

*Overview on Global Trends, Growth Determinants and Aid Effectiveness* (Steve Radelet, Joy Ryan)

**Average Score: 4.6 (out of 68 responses)**

**Comments**

- Good Choice of Speaker
- Good overview, but how do we get it done?
- New info, useful outside perspective
- Good presentations, could have been better in setting the tone for the conference
- Could have spent more time. Prof. Radelet's presentation is too short and we could have benefited more if given more time.
- Not sure Joe added anything useful. Radelet was excellent.
- Radelet was superb.
- Excellent start with speaker like Radelet.
- Great presentation by Radelet, good discussion
- Who will get Congress to change the Foreign Assistance Act to map to USAID objectives?
- Very interesting econometric work on aid effectiveness and problems of having multiple goals and mandates

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*USAID's White Paper* (Mike Crosswell), *Dealing with Fragile States* (Melissa Brown), and *the USAID Anti-Corruption Strategy* (Neil Levine)

**Average Score: 3.8 (out of 65 responses)**

**Comments**

- Somewhat dry; the political science context needed clarifying
- Good to get updates on strategies. Nice to have Q&A.
- Presentation on Fragile States Strategy and the analysis was good.
- Nothing practical here. Too high level.
- Good. Raised some interesting issues.
- The one on the White Paper was good, the other was not very helpful.
- The White Paper addressed a number of major issues in foreign aid.
- White Paper important. It would have been nice to have the strategy papers available. The Fragile States & Anti-Corruption talks were long.
- How will AID continue to assist the 16 MCA eligible countries to push econ. reform/private sector development?

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*Breakout Session – ASIA* (Black, Parker, Wuertz, Aten)

**Average Score: 4.1 (out of 9 responses)**

**Comments**

- Informative of successful USAID programs in Asia

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*Breakout Session – AFRICA* (Bolnick, Aggarwal)

**Average Score: 3.6 (out of 6 responses)**

**Comments**

- This was not really a breakout session as commonly understood, but just another presentation. Group work at the tables would have been helpful.
- Need to take the time to evaluate old projects and monitor current ones to improve ideas for future projects
- Good presentation and discussion
- Very well presented case study of how privatization clashed with econ. efficiency objectives.

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*Breakout Session – EUROPE & EURASIA* (Jessee)

**Average Score: 3.5 (out of 11 responses)**

**Comments**

- Poorly Facilitated

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*Breakout Session – NEAR EAST* (Barnhart, Ryan, Walker)

**Average Score: 3.75 (out of 1 response)**

**Comments**

- Good presentations, but not much time to discuss
- Too much about specific missions. Was like a success story instead of discussion about trend and what we could improve on.
- Useful discussion of two successful country programs and applicability to Iraq

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*Breakout Session – LAC* (Mohan)

**Average Score: 3.6 (out of 5 responses)**

**No Comments**

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*USAID Priorities, Including for Economic Growth* (Carol Peasley)

**Average Score: 3.78 (out of 67 responses)**

**Comments**

- She did not seem to be well-informed despite her career status
- Too bad Natsios couldn't join us.
- Very useful!
- Not much new in this.
- No new interpretation
- Very general
- Missed Andrew!
- Carol was great, but am left feeling top management is not engaged on economic growth issues.
- Presentation was so-so, discussion was good
- Frank, helpful insights from Carol Peasley.
- Peasley quite clear in her thinking.
- Good to hear where USAID leadership is on the key issues and objectives
- Who will link development accounts to AID objectives; then evaluate AID on few narrow goals?

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Tuesday's Theme: Challenges

*Challenge of HIV/AIDS* (Ambassador Tobias, Malcolm McPherson, Bruce Bolnick, Richard Cornelius)

**Average Score: 4.12 (out of 35 responses)**

## Comments

- In general, great presentations, slightly marred by avoidance of prevention vs. Mitigation, and in McPherson's case, complete reliance on worst-case scenarios.
- Very good combination of speakers, though a more in-depth analysis of the impacts of HIV/AIDS on education seemed missing.
- Tobias and McPherson were great, but why have Cornelius and Bolnick? Too many speakers, doesn't leave enough time for questions and dialogue. Plus these last two didn't have enough time to say anything substantial!
- Too many speakers saying the same thing. Should have done concrete case study on 1-2 countries, USAID's missions doing well at addressing AIDS across sectors/SO's.
- All talk about problem (everybody knows it), nothing about how, why FG often should or can do anything different because of HIV/AIDS. Too little time for discussion.
- Better understanding of U.S. HIV/AIDS programs and USAID's roles.
- I developed a little appreciation of the impact of HIV/AIDS on our efforts. Ambassador Tobias was impressive.
- Long-winded, unfocused. "The President's program" vs. rule of law.
- We do not need to hear from Bruce and Malcolm. Bruce basically repeated Malcolm's presentation. We had too many speakers.

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Microeconomic Constraints on Business – (i) *Investor Roadmaps (Cindy Clement)*; (ii) *Doing Business 2004 (Simeon Djankov)*; (iii) *Mozambique Reform Program (Minister Morgado)*

**Average Score: 4.43 (out of 41 responses)**

## Comments

- Djankov was great (as usual), Minister Morgado gave nice application to "real world" political economy.
- Djankov very good.
- Far too little time was allocated to Djankov's presentation; either one or both of the others should have been eliminated.
- Cindy and Simeon great – useful topics, well presented. Morgado, not good.
- Implementation was not discussed, but that is the heart of the matter.
- Minister Morgado was not the best speaker.
- Need to define well where USAID goes in terms of policy reforms.
- This topic was very relevant to my experience.
- Some presenters could have been clearer that their findings are quite old. Needed to address why some questions keep coming back.
- Most useful.

- Simeon's presentation was too the point, Cindy's was fair. The Minister's presentation was not appropriate for this venue. Those of us in the field could have told you that inviting a host country Minister would be a colossal

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*New Directions in USAID and EGAT, including relations with State (Joint Strategy and Committees), assisting mechanisms, and HR issues (Jon Breslar, Emmy Simmons, Steve Hadley, David Eckerson)*

**Average Score: 4.33 (out of 43 responses)**

### **Comments**

- Eckerson was wonderful; Breslar could have been a bit more specific.
- What's the strategy to convince the Hill that USAID is doing good work and should be given more resources?
- A little too inside oriented.
- Local hire staff issues should also be addressed with State (FSN).
- There was nothing in the HR presentations for FSNs.
- Clear if depressing.
- Real world.
- As usual, these jumps are excellent.

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*Breakouts by backstops to discuss professional concerns*

**Average Score: 4.28 (out of 15 responses)**

### **Comments**

- Nice to have Eckerson there.
  - Reviews by contractors will assist development community to develop higher level of professionalism.
  - More FS and FSN BSU's from field missions should have attended this conference.
  - It was helpful for me to see how contractors see the relationship with USAID offices.
  - Need more time.
  - Networking.
  - It was good to meet some to the folks, but Brad Wallach's absence hurt the discussion, as Dan Rathburn had to improvise at very short notice.
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Wednesday's Theme: Governance

*Millennium Challenge Account – Basis, Operations, and Implications* (Clay Lowery and Andrew Warner)

**Average Score: 4.12 (out of 41 responses)**

### **Comments**

- Interesting topic, economist's presentation not compelling although the information was helpful to have had handouts to see categories with numbers, wonderful that MCC has the luxury to figure things as they go along, kind of like the Iraq occupation.
- If Tobias could come, why couldn't he be the head of MCC? He might have been more credible, which MCC really needs.
- Articulate presentation of the nascent effort.
- Open discussion and responses very useful.
- Poor guys would have been more useful if they had more of an idea of what they're doing.
- Scary how vague the process remains after 2 years, glad for the presentation.
- Glib, left me more questions than I had before.
- Useful information about the progress of the MCA, though Andrew Warner's presentation seemed to indicate that they are not as far along as we thought.
- The presentation was very useful from the standpoint that so little specific information for MCC is out there, and this provided an opportunity to learn more. Disappointing, almost alarming is the impression that indeed there may well be little specific information out there.
- Very telling as to the level of knowledge of the leadership – low (MCC aid related).
- MCA impact implementation should take into account lessons learned, not only on the approach level.
- Naïve approach to spending big bucks.
- The level of confusion remains.
- Would have been better to hear more of the details than more of the same.
- Still many unanswered questions, e.g. USAID's role.
- Useful in demonstration that MCA folks have no idea of what they are going to do.

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*Assessing and Controlling Corruption* – (Tony Lanyi, Jamie Boex, Sergio Chitara)

**Average Score: 3.87 (out of 43 responses)**

### **Comments**

- Weak and disjointed, a lot of USAID "inside talk".
- Hard to apply quantitative dose.
- Tanzania presentation not respectful of our time. Too much presentation by the moderator. Mozambique's presentation very good. The rest somewhat academic.

- Not clear what we do with uncertainty.
- Too much technical economics and nothing practical from Lanyi and Boex on how to fight corruption. Why should we care about the technical details of how corruption is determined? That is for academics, we are practitioners.
- Great topic.
- Tony introduced the broad topic well. Jamie talked too long and we lost focus along the way. Sergio was the best and full of information. David was one of the best moderators; his organization of each presentation was impressive.
- Not practical focused.
- USAID should better explore what's the economic impact of corruption to form the basis of a strategy or an agenda.
- Corruption like HIV/AIDS is a serious threat to efforts at development.
- New subject, new information.

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Breakout Session– *Success Stories in Tax Reform* (Skogstad, Greaney, Gallagher, Bird, Davis)

**Average Score: 4.5 (out of 9 responses)**

**Comments**

- The speakers were mostly excellent. However, would rather have had just Sam and Fran with Richard finishing. Mark was not value added. Bottom line – less speakers, more discussion.
- Presenters knew what they were doing, but too little time.

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Breakout Session– *Making Policy Reform Happen* (Misheloff, Bendavid-Val, Marcotte Baum)

**Average Score: 3.27 (out of 9 responses)**

**Comments**

- Restriction to environment alone was disappointing, presentations avoided the key issue (“How”) and the discussion only got interesting after question from the audience noted this.
- How did this session get hijacked by an environmental critique of depoliticizing trade? Moderator presented instead of facilitating.
- Very general.

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Breakout Sessions– *Trade Capacity Interventions – Best Practices* (Wuertz, Born, Harrington, Endean)

**Average Score: 4.21 (out of 19 responses)**

**Comments**

- Having Mozambique at the conference to lend more hands-on has been a tremendous approach to the conference.
- A little bit disorganized presentation (Tim), TCB needs “champions”.
- Trade capacity building has to be a part of competitiveness.
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Breakout Session– Roundtable: *Approaches to Fiscal Decentralization* (Bird, Shah, Rafuse, Gadsden, Gallagher)

**Average Score: 4.66 (out of 6 responses)**

**Comments**

- Very recent theory – technical, excellent.
- Bird did an excellent job presenting realistic overview of decentralization.

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Breakout Session– *Property Rights, Finance and Collateral Reform* (Fleisig, McLiesh, Shumann, Sanjak, Dod)

**Average Score: 4.04 (out of 12 responses)**

**Comments**

- Moderator acted as a presenter rather than facilitator.
- Highly informative.
- There might be timing/referencing issues for financial sector reforms and legal regulatory reforms (business laws).

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Breakout Sessions– *Economic Governance in Post-Conflict States* (Lewarne, Greaney, El Zoghbi, Gellerson)

**Average Score: 4.15 (out of 16 responses)**

**Comments**

- Cases were interesting but didn’t take away lessons learned about economic government in post-conflict states.
- Wow! At least for the policy/legal/regulatory side – cost/time for implementation.
- Good field people reporting.
- It would be good to have all presentations in hard copy when presentations are delivered; presentation in Afghanistan lacking.

- Lots of information.
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Thursday's Theme: Pro Poor Growth

*Pro Poor Economic Growth and Key Interventions* (Kraay, Lopez)

**Average Score: 3.87 (out of 42 responses)**

### Comments

- Interesting, challenging, powerful perspective on key issues
- One of the best
- Too much econometric mumbo jumbo with no clear result or conclusion except that growth reduces poverty
- Useful, but far too academic. Way too much econometric jargon and fast talk
- Good on theory, weak on key interventions
- Excellent presentations. Thoughtful and smart speakers, but research isn't applicable. What works and what doesn't?
- Good, but speakers did not really address the implied questions about growth/poverty
- Some interesting slides from Dr. Lopez, but overall a poor presentation
- The first presentation was too theoretical. The second was more useful, but not helpful.
- Way too theoretical to be of any particular use
- Math part threw a lot of people off. Lopez presentation was good.
- Technically wonderful – operationally?
- Lopez especially useful, he broke the info down to a user friendly level
- Interesting, but not that applicable
- Useful to step back and grapple with growth:poverty

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*Role of Agriculture in Poverty Reduction* (Mellor, Tyner)

**Average Score: 4.4 (out of 41 responses)**

### Comments

- Mellor only gets better with age
- Outstanding
- Wow
- More discussion needed on how to convince budget allocators and policy makers to invest in agriculture
- Too fast and no handouts. Tough to follow, but interesting
- Very good
- Outstanding – Dr. Mellor alone was worth the effort to come
- John Mellor's presentation was excellent and very useful
- Excellent views, insights, and material
- Closer to the project level, but still a bit high level

- Some sense that advocacy impinged on objectivity. Hard to pull out the guidance that makes the cut
- Interested in research for cross-cutting policy priorities in the two areas and trade liberalization
- Mellor is always a great presenter
- Excellent analysis/conclusions

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*Break out session – Natural Resource Revenue Management (Ossowski, Tsalik, Dod)*

**Average Score: 4.75 (out of 8 responses)**

**No Comments**

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*Break out session – Applying New Institutional Analysis (Zinnes, Boettke, Witthans)*

**Average Score: 4.33 (out of 15 responses)**

**Comments**

- Peter Boettke’s presentation was clear and well delivered. The other was difficult to follow – either expand time or cut back on content.
- Peter was very good; Zinnes lost me.
- Good speakers; Zinnes tried to cover too many cases
- This session served as a bit of an eye-opener
- Second speaker severely disorganized (not just today)

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*Break out session – Financial Deepening and Access to Credit (Stein, Barltrop)*

**Average Score: 4.25 (out of 16 responses)**

**Comments**

- Overly descriptive; not much depth except for the stuff about credit unions
- Could have had more breadth, too narrow
- Informative
- Useful

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*Break out session – Developing Value Chains for Microenterprise (Schmitz, Downing)*

**Average Score: 4.4 (out of 15 responses)**

**Comments**

- Needs quantified examples not just generalizations without support. What’s new here?

- Engaging, but substance doled out with an eye dropper
- So how can we best assist microenterprise in the value chains?
- Stimulating
- Not much value added

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*Break out session – USAID, the IMF, and Fiscal Crises for the Poor* (Segura-Ubiergo, Aten, Dod)

**Average Score: 3.6 (out of 10 responses)**

**Comments**

- Too much of a forum for USAID old boys to tell their war stories
- Good balance between IMF research and field experience during a crisis
- Good Q&A.

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*Break out session – Public Private Partnerships, Infrastructure, GDA* (Pellegrini, Eisendrath, Barltrop)

**Average Score: 3.5 (out of 11 responses)**

**Comments**

- Schmitz was very interesting, very dynamic speaker – great session.
  - This session was also a bit of an eye-opener that serves to stimulate new ideas
  - Good look at the way USAID can work with the “outside” world
  - Too many speakers. Should have had 2-3.
  - Insufficient information about businesses’ calculations – profit/market potential for a partnership
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Friday's Theme: Globalization

*Free Trade Agreements & Lessons from NAFTA* (Perry, Urteaga, Fox)

**Average Score: 4.26 (out of 39 responses)**

**Comments**

- Great Review of the Pros and Cons; practical example
- Modestly informative on Mexico
- Not enough time for discussion
- Both speakers were really informative; lots of food for thought
- Very useful particularly in contrast to the heavily subsidized EU sectors and trade
- Direct application of NAFTA experience on my country (DR)
- New information - value of thinking about the less privileged groups when we do FTAs
- Interesting trends; still general, though
- Well presented. Good example of complexity of trade agreements
- All presentations were excellent

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*Gains, Pains, and Risks of Globalized Trade and Investment* (Newfarmer, Rao, Parker)

**Average Score: 4.21 (out of 40 responses)**

**Comments**

- Newfarmer was outstanding
- Come on – how many BS sessions of ant-foreigner bigotry must we sit through
- Pragmatic. Needed break-out groups and sharing of best practices
- Sort of a re-hash of well-known results
- The presentations were excellent. They gave some concrete ideas we in the field should hackle with
- Better interface with real world than previous days
- Appreciate the breadth and depth of critical issues and dev. Approaches
- Newfarmer's very useful/relevant. Parker was good country application
- Goes over useful ground
- General, good discussion
- Unfocused

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Review and Wrap-Up

**Average Score: 4.27 (out of 26 responses)**

**Comments**

- Great to have the data “proving” so many of the things we believed/took for granted during the week
- Totally agree that this is needed for improving networking, updating our EG project knowledge, and have the same basis in the EG sector

- Good introduction by Jay Smith; good focus by Steve Hadley; sensitivity to policy but work with it
- Excellent job overall; short and sweet
- All closing comments were excellent and a propos.