

## EVALUATION

### Overall Comments

**USAID Overseas 9**  
**USAID Washington 13**  
**Partners 9**

1. How well were the retreat objectives met? **Average Score 4.4**
2. How did you find the mix of presentations and opportunities for discussion?
  - i. Would have liked more presentations (0)
  - ii. Good mix (26)
  - iii. Would have liked more discussion (6)
3. What did you find most useful about the workshop?
  - Time to network
  - Ag economics and hearing from MCC. Good Financial Deepening panel, which should have been for everyone.
  - Ag access to credit; credit rating agencies, new directions, MCC, contacts
  - To hear practitioners in their fields, e.g. economics, trade, etc.
  - Wide range of topics and speakers, very useful presentations
  - Very good presentations
  - It was a good opportunity to get expert insights into current development issues
  - Networking, take home materials
  - Renewed admiration for the very fine minds involved in development
  - Networking among USAID mission staff; CD and handout materials
  - Good synopsis of latest thinking; quite academic and focusing mostly on economics.
  - Globalization and trade discussions
  - The real issue – trade liberalization – well covered
  - Confrontation between US interest in international development and bureaucratic political dysfunction within USG was engaged.
4. What is 1-2 actions you plan to take when you return home as a result of the workshop?
  - Read presentations available on line
  - Check out the EG website, services offered.
  - Pay more attention to poverty reduction
  - Study Mexico's and other countries' domestic credit/GDP
  - Share the most relevant information with others
  - Going to new post, will use materials when I get there
  - More emphasis on property rights and legal reform activities
  - Will read white papers and strategies now that I know their importance
  - Integrate more economic thinking into my activities
  - Reconnect with participants and presenters

- Offer brown bag sessions for the Embassy and mission.
  - Design of a pro poor activity
  - Make CD available to DG officer
5. Should EGAT Sponsor another EG workshop for USAID staff and partners in the future?
- Yes, Washington 2006. Focus more on political economy; more on institutional change. Add Pension reform and NBFIs.
  - Repeat the best – repeat most topics from 2004 with new developments
  - Not too soon. Must be more practical discussions, less economic analysis in the presentations.
  - Yes, DCA should be discussed
  - Yes, they are necessary every few years as things change
  - Yes, 2-3 years from now. Hold it in the DC area. Remittances and migration should be studied.
  - In 2-3 years, too early to tell topics
  - Every 2 years in Washington. Terrorism as an industry for growth and ethnic integration could be covered.
  - Yes, institutional reform should be covered
  - Sooner than seven years
  - Yes, invite EU or other donor besides World Bank
6. What should organizers keep in mind in planning future workshops?
- Invite Hill Staffers/Members
  - The absence of business interests is disturbing. No matter the policy, businesses must benefit
  - Perhaps have it in Southern Africa where the impacts of HIV/AIDS have to be addressed in their environment
  - Invite a broader array of sectoral specialists
  - More opportunity to Q&A. Perhaps more breakout sessions as opposed to plenary sessions
  - Officers are smart people with on-the-ground experience. Let the officers, PSCs, FSNs make the presentations about real cases
  - Having it in Washington, people from all regions get to network, instead of having it in regional hubs
  - Separate those who really will attend from those who just sign up
  - Minor point – list of participants should identify missions. “USAID” leaves out the most important part.
  - Four and a half days is too long; suggest 3
  - Getting the topics and agenda set early
  - Missions must send staff. At least ½ of speakers should be FSNs or mission staff
  - Key is outside experts like Radelet, Kraay, Perry, Mellor and Newfarmer
  - Regions have specific challenges

7. What additional comments/suggestions do you have for the organizers of the workshop?
- Content and knowledge rank high, but participants may have benefited from learning more about implementing approaches that did and didn't work well.
  - As good as it was, there were too many economists! The HIV/AIDS sessions were good, but there should also have been collaboration with colleagues in education and agriculture to discuss economic growth implications from their perspectives
  - The voices of the NGOs and non-state actors were largely silent. We should have heard from at least a few anti-globalization activists – don't be afraid them!
  - The sessions were generally excellent and highly useful. Congratulations to the organizers of the workshop!
  - Great venue. Food could be improved. Not much done on tools – but I think these were less important in this context
  - Journaling is good for reflection. Suggest adding a piece where folks lay out top 3 issues in their programs; at end reflect on what they will do on these issues.
  - Make certain to have copies of all presentations and white papers/strategies that are discussed with presentations available.
  - Problems of being pulled back to the office; Lack of ability to remotely access AID emails.
  - Excellent job! They should be proud.
  - It was noticeable that session after session, the same people were given the opportunity to ask questions, while others were not recognized. Invest \$100 in a remote control for the laptop so presenters can control their own presentations.
  - Nametags should not hang around necks; too hard to read.
  - Participants should have gotten their PPTs in earlier so they could be in the CD. Let's respect the program.
  - Jurys is a great venue.
  - There was sensitive management of time logistics. Excellent support.
  - In the years between DC conferences, annual regional workshops should be held.
  - Are so many partners needed?
  - More partners would be better.
  - Webpage will be helpful