

FORUM ORGANISERS



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Calling for Presenters, Workshop Facilitators, & Poster & Post-it Session Presenters

- **Speakers wanted** - share your practical knowledge and experiences about RBM&E and measurement issues at the upcoming Forum. Send your proposed title, abstract, and CV to info@learnmande.com
- **Workshop Facilitators** wanted have you experience facilitating workshops about RBM&E systems, measurement issues, and related capacity development? Like to facilitate a workshop about this? See here for more - <http://learnmandeforum.com/program/program/technical-workshops/>
- **Present a Poster about RBM&E** in your organization/project share with others what you have learned about introducing and strengthening RBM&E, gathering evidence, and dealing with measurement issues. See <http://learnmandeforum.com/program/program/poster-sessions/>
- **Present Your Favourite M&E Method and Tool** – our Post-it Session. Prepare a 1 page Word document and maximum 5 pages PowerPoint Presentation on the topic above, and briefly present or send in a 5 minute accompanying video.

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2013 RBM&E Forum Objectives

Provide delegates with opportunities to:

- Learn about and share their RBM&E experiences, knowledge, and skills
- Learn about practical M&E tools that others working in M&E find useful
- Assess the strengths and effectiveness of M&E in their own organizations so this can be used to develop appropriate RBM&E approaches in their organizations
- Understand the basic approaches to effectiveness and V&M
- Identify if, and what, effectiveness and V&M approaches best suit their own organization
- Explore practical RBM&E software solutions to manage and M&E their programs and projects
- Network and make new professional contacts



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Warm Greetings and Welcome to the July 2013 Forum Newsletter Update

The 2nd Pan Asia-Africa RBM&E Forum preparations are now picking up pace. This year the Forum is being hosted jointly by **Learn MandE (SfED Ltd)**, and **Total Synergy Consulting Pvt. Ltd.**

In this July Newsletter we are also pleased to provide you with other Forum news updates.

First, the main theme for the upcoming Forum is *Measuring Effectiveness and Value for Money (V&M)*. This has been selected because it is currently of particular interest to M&E practitioners in the field, as well as their implementing partners, and associated specialists, advisers and donors.

The Forum also has a strengthened Program that includes more interactive sessions, including *Technical Workshops and Poster Sessions*. It has been designed to provide as many delegates as possible with an opportunity to share and learn from each other.

New Forum supporters, as well as confirmed presenters and technical workshop facilitators are also highlighted in this issue.

We would like to additionally take this opportunity to draw your attention to our new user, Forum website (<http://www.learnmandeforum.com>).

For more information see our web-link above - we hope you can join us and get involved in the Forum this year!

Best regards, Lesley and Sanjay

2013 Pan Asia-Africa RBM&E Forum Organizers

Total Synergy Consulting Private Limited will be organizing this year's forum in collaboration with Learn MandE (SfED Ltd). Total Synergy Consulting Private Limited (TSCPL) is an ISO 9001:2008 certified organization which provides Management consultancy services including M&E E-Governance, Management Information Systems, Public Financial Management, Project Management and Capacity Building. Over the past 20 years TSCPL has worked on over 150 donor funded projects in over 23 countries in Asia and Africa, including for development partners such as the World Bank, DFID, ADB, USAID, UNOPS, JICA and the African Development Bank. TSCPL has also worked extensively with international NGOs such as Care International, OXFAM, and CRY, carrying out many M&E work, including developing M&E and RBM Frameworks, formulating benchmarks and facilitating target setting. **Learn MandE (SfED - Solutions for Effective Development Limited)** and the RBM&E Forum were founded by Lesley Williams (PhD). Lesley is a senior RBM&E and Capacity Development Specialist and Advisor, with additional strengths in strategic planning, gender, and research. She has worked extensively in SE-East Asia, PNG, Africa, the Middle East and Afghanistan for a range of major donors, including for IFAD, USAID and OFDA, the IFC, IOM, FAO, AusAID, DfID, and ADB, primarily in the governance, education, women and development, and SME-trade development sectors. Lesley's M&E expertise spans Common and Logical Framework design, Evaluability, Mid-term Review and Final Assessments, as well as capacity-building in RBM&E and PCM.



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Speakers and Workshop Facilitators

Key Note Speaker: Jim Tanburn, Coordinator for the Donor Committee for Enterprise Development *"The DCED Results Measurement Standard: What the PSD Community is doing and what it has learned."* The DCED promotes economic Opportunity and self-reliance through privatesector development (PSD) in developingcountries. It is the forum in which donor and UNagencies share their practical experience ofPSD, and agree guidance on effective practice(<http://www.enterprise-development.org>).



Presentation by UNICEF Speaker, RanginaKargar, MP, Afghan Parliament (MP) and Secretary for National Economic Commission. *"Government Effectiveness: Measuring Development in Fragile States"*. This presentation will examine how the government of Afghanistan is tackling this issue and the particular challenges the environment presents to undertaking this effectively.

Presentation by Jeffrey Swedberg, Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Associate, The QED Group, Washington, DC *"Measuring the Effectiveness of Peace and Security Interventions and the Search for Common Indicators."* The QED Group has helped USAID conduct Evaluations of its programs in the field of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) in Africa, mostly in states with varying degrees of fragility and insecurity (www.qedgroupllc.com).



Presentation by Adam Bricker, President, NewdeaInc, *"The Journey, Critical Success Factors and Lessons about developing the world's largest M&E System."* Adam spent 20 years in the commercial sector before working at World Vision. In 2006 as its CIO he led the design and implementation of a global DM&E solution for 40,000 staff across 100 countries. He will speak at the Forum about his experiences in developing organization-wide RBM&E systems for an international non-profit organization and about developing World Vision's DM&E methodology:



Presentation by Sanjay Saxena, Managing Director, Total Synergy Consulting Private Limited, India *"Value for Money (VfM) for Whom"* Sanjay has over 23 year's international experience of working on development sector projects. He has extensively worked in the areas of E-Governance, M&E, Capacity Building, Institutional Development, Urban Reforms etc. He has been advising and assisting National, Provincial and Local Governments on Governance initiatives with a view to reduce cost of services; improve systems efficiency and staff productivity; and provide better level of services and access to information to the public(www.tsopl.com).



Presentation by Steve Gossage, Senior Independent M&E Specialist and Consultant from the UK, *"The Expert Panel: Methodology for Constructing and Assessing Results Indicators for Complex Multi-faceted and Intangible Outcomes."* This presentation examines a methodology for constructing and assessing indicators for complex multi-faceted and intangible outcomes. It shows how experts can be used to construct and assess a compound indicator in a way that also generates learning and understanding. This approach is contrasted with a more conventional single fact quantitative indicator.

Presentation by David Hearle, Director, the Effective Development Group, *"Value for Money: A Framework for Measurement."* This presentation will EDG specialises in planning, monitoring and evaluation, working with governments, donors, foundations and private companies to make sure that their contribution creates real and sustainable change. EDG's Conference that was to be held in coordination with the RBM&E Forum has now however be postponed until 2014.



Technical Workshop: Developing Effective Integrated M&E Solutions: a Case-based Approach, facilitated by Dr Bernard Vicary and Adam C. Bricker of Newdea Inc.

EDG's Conference that was to be held immediately after the Forum has just been postponed until next year. The 2013 RBM&E Forum will continue as planned and EDG is still expected to be involved in the Forum program.

Technical Workshop: Introducing the DCED Standard Using a Case Study Approach, facilitated by Jim Tanburn, Coordinator for the Donor Committee for Enterprise Development.



Members of the development community are all concerned with results, effectiveness and VfM. Despite this there is relatively little information about what is actually being achieved. Furthermore what information there is can often lack credibility plus have significant gaps in information. The DCED Standard is a practical eight point framework for results measurement. It enables projects to monitor their progress towards their objectives and better measure, manage, and demonstrate results. To date DFID, AusAID, SDC, Netherlands and others donor governments and others are using it. This workshop will use a case study approach to introduce the standard.

The DCED Standard at a Glance

- Articulate the Results Chain
- Define indicators of change
- Measure changes in indicators
- Estimate attributable changes
- Capture wider changes in the system or market
- Track programme costs
- Report results

Technical Workshop: Measuring VfM: Practical Considerations," Facilitated by David Hearle, Director of the Effective Development Group (GRM International).

Forum Registration Fee Schedule

The Forum Registration fee covers all three days at the Forum. A Special Early Bird Individual Registration Fee is open until August 16, 2013. Other specials apply for groups that register, as well as students, & Thai nationals.

- Forum Individual Registration Payments - the Early Bird registration fee for an individual for the 3 days of the Forum is US\$500 (approx. THB 15,500). This applies until August 16, 2013. After this date a late fee of US\$600 (THB 18,664) applies.
- Forum Group Registration Discounts – a special rate of US\$400 per person (approx. THB 12,425) applies to groups of 3 or more persons attending the Forum. To avail yourself of this special rate please coordinate and book as a group.
- Thai Nationals and Students - a special rate of US\$350 (approx. THB 10,885) applies to Thai nationals, Thai work permit holders, and students with a current university ID.
- Individual Daily Rate - a daily rate of US\$235 (approx. THB 7,299) applies for delegates that can only attend 1 or two days at the Forum. (For Thai nationals and students with ID the daily rate is 3,630 THB).



Latest RBM&E Resources

Utilization-focused Evaluation Primer -

<http://dme4peace.org/learn/utilization-focused-evaluation-primer-evaluators>

Impact Assessment -

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/tiap20/current#.UcOp4js3CuL>

RBM&E and Climate Change issues -

<http://www.seachangecop.org/latest-additions>

3EI Bursaries for Low Income Countries -

<http://www.3eiimpact.org/en/funding/bursary-programme/>

Assessing aid effectiveness -

<http://www.odi.org/publications/3714-aid-donor-effectiveness-options>