



Biographies

Chairs

Nick York joined DFID and EVD as a senior economist in 2004 and became Head of Evaluation in August 2005. His team is responsible for independent evaluation of DFID's major policies and programmes and developing the evaluation function in DFID including support on capacity and quality. In 2006/7 Nick chaired the steering group for the multi-donor evaluation of budget support. He currently chairs the DAC evaluation network and helped to set up and lead the network of networks on impact evaluation (NONIE) and to set up 3ie. Nick has a special interest in impact evaluation of international development and 3ie is part of how DFID funds more and better studies of this type.

Caroline Heider is Director of the Office of Evaluation at World Food Programme and Vice-Chair of UNEG. Caroline has more than 20 years of experience, the majority of which in evaluation and in capacity development. She has worked with five multinational organizations, including two international finance institutions, a technical agency and two Funds and Programmes of the UN System.

Ivan Scott is Oxfam GB's Head of Programme Performance and Accountability, managing a team of specialist M&E, accountability and systems advisors that support humanitarian, development and campaigning programmes across the world. Previous to this he has worked as an Advisory Team Leader in Oxfam GB's Humanitarian Department, as Director of International Health Exchange, and in various country and regional positions in West Africa with British NGOs. Ivan is currently chair of the ALNAP Steering Committee.

Speakers and discussants- Day One

Ross Mountain took up the post of Director General of DARA in January 2010. Previously he served the United Nations for over 36 years in various senior capacities managing and coordinating humanitarian, development, peacekeeping and peace building programmes. His final assignment was Deputy Representative of the Secretary General/ Resident coordinator/ Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Prior to this assignment, Ross carried out similar functions in Iraq and held senior positions based in Lebanon and Haiti.



Tatiana Wah directs the Haiti Policy Program at the Earth Institute, Columbia University and is the Development Advisor to the Government of Haiti. She is a professor of urban policy and development at Milano Graduate School, the New School for Management and Urban Policy. She specializes in regional and local development planning and developing nations, with a focus on small developing nations' development policy. She has worked in Haiti with the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation as the Privatization Program Administrator for the Government of Haiti. Tatiana has published two books focusing on Haitian development issues and she currently lives in Haiti.

Scott Green is Chief, Evaluation and Studies Section in the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and Chair of the Management Group for the Inter-agency Real Time Evaluation in Haiti. Scott spent fifteen years with the World Food Programme, including roles in Ethiopia, Sudan and Malawi, before becoming an Evaluation Advisor to the UN Population Fund. Scott took up his post with UN OCHA in 2008.

François Grünewald has been chairman of a French research, evaluation and training institute, Groupe URD (Urgence-Rehabilitation-Developpement) since 1997. François become involved in RTE processes in 1999 after Hurricane Mitch and carried out several evaluations in Haiti in 2004, 2006, 2009 plus two real time evaluations after the 2010 earthquake. Before this, he spent 30 years in development, emergency and post disaster rehabilitation projects in Africa, Asia (Cambodia, Laos, Thailand), Central Europe, and Central/South America, and wrote several books and articles on complex emergencies and the management of socio-natural disasters.

Steve Groff is the Deputy Director of the Development Co-operation Directorate - the principal forum through which the OECD and donors deal with issues related to the volume and effectiveness of development assistance and co-operation. As Deputy Director, he is responsible for strategic policy analysis on a wide range of development-related economic and political issues. He also plays a central role in the monitoring and evaluation of aid efforts of all major bilateral donors. Prior to OECD, Mr. Groff was Deputy Vice President for Operations at the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and has served as a senior advisor at the Asian Development Bank and Program Director for the U.S. Refugee Program, and a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer.



Nigel Timmins has worked within NGOs contributing to the humanitarian sector for the last 15 years in a variety of roles, starting out as a water and sanitation engineer and then moving into management over time. Areas of interest include capacity development of local civil society, organisational learning and the linkages between disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and humanitarian assistance. Nigel currently serves as the DRR focal point for the current revision of the SPHERE handbook and is a member of the ALNAP steering committee.

Mike Goodhand joined the British Red Cross in 1989 where he established the International Division Logistics Department. This department now consists of 6 people and has an annual spend of, at times, £10 million. In addition, Mike was instrumental in the development of the Red Cross Movement's first ever Logistics Emergency Response Unit. Mike has worked with the Red Cross Movement in numerous countries undertaking a variety of activities, both after sudden onset disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes, and during slow-onset and complex emergencies.

Rudolf Muller is Chief of Emergency Services Branch at UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Rudolf joined the UN Department for Humanitarian Affairs in 1993, working on various assignments for the Asia & Pacific and Africa desks. He served as Chief of the Secretariat of the Central Emergency Response Fund and Deputy Director of the Coordination and Response Division at UN OCHA before taking up his current role. Rudolf has extensive field experience including Southern Sudan, Rwanda, Iraq and Pakistan/ Afghanistan.

Speakers and discussants- Day Two

Michael Quinn Patton is an independent organisational development and evaluation consultant. He was on the social sciences faculty of the University of Minnesota for 18 years, including five years as Director of the Minnesota Center for Social Research. He is former President of the American Evaluation Association and author of six evaluation books. He has a new book coming out in June, 2010: *Developmental Evaluation: Applying Complexity Concepts to Enhance Innovation and Use*. He is an instructor in The World Bank's International Program in Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) in Ottawa each summer, the American Evaluation Association's professional development courses, and The Evaluators' Institute.



Niels Dabelstein is currently seconded from Danida to coordinate the International Joint Evaluation of the Implementation of the Paris Declaration. Niels was Head of the Evaluation Department of Danida 1988 to 2007 and has served as Chairman of the OECD/DAC Working Party on Aid Evaluation. He has been a pioneer of joint evaluations and evaluation of humanitarian assistance internationally. Niels has managed or co-managed several major evaluations of humanitarian assistance including: The International Response to the Genocide in Rwanda, 1996; Danish Assistance to Kosovo, 2004; Lessons from Rwanda – Lessons for Today, 2004 and Funding the Tsunami Response 2006.

Susanne Frueh is the former Chair of the Tsunami Evaluation Coalition and currently Executive Secretary, UN Joint Inspection Unit. Susanne's experience spans the fields of evaluation, oversight, strategic planning, results-based management and project design & management. She served as the head of evaluation for the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs until 2007. She was one of the originators of the real-time evaluation concept for humanitarian assistance and before taking up her role with the JIU, she served as Chief in the new Peace-building Support Office of the UN (PBSO)

Alison Buttenheim is a public health scholar and social demographer who studies child health in vulnerable households, including post-disaster settings. She recently conducted a case study of post-disaster impact evaluation for the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), focusing on the 2004 Pakistan earthquake. She has also worked on the Study of Tsunami Aftermath and Recovery in Aceh Province, Indonesia. Dr. Buttenheim is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ted Kleist is Acting Deputy Director of the Policy and Operations Evaluation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands. During the past fifteen years he has managed several joint evaluations and has participated in joint evaluations led by other development partners. He currently chairs the Evaluation Management Group of the Multi-donor Evaluation of Support to Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Activities in Southern Sudan and co-chairs the Evaluation Management Group of the Joint Evaluation of the Paris Declaration. Ted is co-chair of the OECD/DAC-UNEG Task Force on Peer Reviews of Evaluation Functions of International Organisations.

John Mitchell has been Director of ALNAP since 2002. He has a background in anthropology and nutrition and began his career with the UK Department for International Development and the WFP in Ethiopia. John went on to establish a group specialising in participatory evaluations before taking up the position of Senior Humanitarian Advisor at the British Red Cross in 1996. John has been involved in many different accountability initiatives including the Tsunami Evaluation Coalition (TEC) where he managed the TEC Secretariat and the TEC Synthesis Report.