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Some Thoughts on Capacity Building

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Main Points

- Our Goal
- Capacity
- Our Reach/Target Population
- Our Diversity
- Our Challenges
- Your contribution



Our Goal

- Environmental Evaluators (E/E) Network mission: To enable the conduct of more effective environmental program evaluations and analyses that inform management decisions to foster positive environmental results
- Logic model -- one possible structure



Capacity

- “the ability of individuals, institutions and societies to perform functions, solve problems, and set and achieve objectives in a sustainable manner”. Source: UN Development Programme

Programme

- Knowledge, abilities, skills, aspirations, commitments



Our Reach/Target Population

- Learning environment
 - Academics/ Universities
 - Instructors teaching academic programs incorporate environmental evaluation
- Application of evaluation to environment
 - All parties with interests in environmental evaluation (Targeted populations include: Federal, State and Local evaluators, academic evaluators, NGO evaluators and environmental evaluation consultants, etc.)
 - Practicing environmental evaluators
 - Producers of evaluations
 - All parties producing environmental evaluations
- Decision making
 - Program Managers (government and NGO)
 - Selected targeted audiences



Our Diversity

- Cross-disciplinary (science, social science, public administration, etc.)
- Full spectrum – learning, application, decision-making
- Inclusive of specialists (niche environments)
- Multi-dimensional to address environmental complexity
- Models – systems, non linear
- Beyond program evaluation
- Commonality: environment outcome focus



Our Challenges

- Maintaining momentum
 - Creating and sustaining a beneficial setting -- the linkages to benefit all E/E participants
- Selecting strategic projects
 - short term successes
- Addressing intermediate outcomes
 - Increased application of new techniques across the environmental evaluation community
 - Program managers adopt evaluations as requirements of program operations
 - Better appreciation of benefits and application of environmental evaluation



Your contribution

- Reviewing / modifying the logic model
- Ensuring you have a place in E/E
- Addressing capacity building by target populations
 - Learning
 - Application
 - Decision-making



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