

Working Session on the Forum and Network

Government Conference Centre
2 Rideau Street
Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA

Managing the EEN

- Initial launch of EEN [Canada] with federal assistance and support
- Ad hoc organizing committee from Environment, Parks, Fisheries and Oceans, Stratos, Environmental Management & Consulting
- Funding for this event arranged across 6 federal organizations with environmental interests
- Continue to build using established U.S.-based infrastructure – web site, listserve

Content for EEN [Canada]

- Topics of interest
 - This event focused on decision-making and changing behaviour
 - Other suggestions:
 - Evolution of evaluation
 - Methods for evaluation
 - Bridging gaps between monitoring and evaluation
 - Bringing multiple disciplines together (common vocabulary)
 - Linking evaluation with policy
 - Dealing with attribution

Events for EEN [Canada]

- Type of events of interest:
 - Annual Meetings/ Fora
 - Electronic networking – Listserv
 - Link with US as well as international community
 - Regional professional breakfast sessions
 - Regional professional development
 - Joint sessions with other Canadian organizations (e.g. Canadian Evaluation Society, Performance and Planning Exchange)

Active involvement with EEN[Canada]

- How to best extend the network to others?
 - Follow the U.S. annual forum expansion - regionally
 - Suggestions on the means to better to involve others
 - Which types, groups/ people and organizations should be involved
 - Should our “reach” be emphasized – i.e. fund, practice or receive environmental evaluations

Possible Structures

- To formalize into a “board of directors”
- Retain as an ad hoc event
- Frequency and type of connections
 - Annual, biannual
 - Maintaining connections -- Listserv

Next steps

- Closing survey (e-mailed to you)
 - Canvass opinions of this event
 - Solicit your views on ideas and structure
 - All presentations will be posted on the EEN web site - http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Enviromental_Evaluators_Network
 - Challenge to Canadians to revitalize the Listserv with active dialogue (register yourself on EEN site)
 - Results of survey will be shared with 60 days to determine future

Closure

- Lunch
- Guided field trip of Gatineau Park – applying evaluations in planning

Thank you / Merci

