**2015 EEN Workshop: Building an Architecture of Environmental Evaluation (ArchEE)**

**Date/Time:** TBD (17 and 18 June 2015; perhaps half the day on Friday June 19th)

**Place:** Washington, DC

**Purpose:** Initiating the collaborative development of an ArchEE (e.g., a repository of environmental evaluations) as a systemic approach to help meet demands for better evaluation, evidence-based management and improved transfer and use of evaluative knowledge in environmental management.

**Process:** A systems-oriented, facilitated design process that includes presentations, small group discussions, and alternative meeting structures aimed at improving our understanding and collaborative development of ArchEE. This workshop, including planning and implementation, shall:

* Build off of work already initiated;
* Create an atmosphere that enables collaboration;
* Bring together a diverse group from government, non-profit, international institutions, and academia that represents the diversity of the EEN community; and
* Document process, event and outcomes and make them transparent to the EEN community.

**Outcome:** [to be specified]

**Draft Agenda**

**Day One**

**Introduction to ArchEE**

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| 9 – 10.00 am | Workshop Welcome and Introductions a. Purpose of workshop  b. Participants – getting to know each other c. Process and structure |
| 10 – 11 am | Introduction to ArchEE (Matt Keene) a. Cradle to Cradle Evaluation: Should our evaluative knowledge be in a landfill? b. ArchEE Overview i. Background ii. General overview  iii. Reporting on current status and developments iv. Outcome v. Discussion |
| 11 – 11:15 am | Break |
| **The Concept of ArchEE** |
| 11:15 am – 1 pm | ArchEE: The Concept I  a. Purpose and Outcomes of the Initiative – Envisioning Our Future Together b. Stakeholders: Who are they? What are the stakes? What is their role? i. Users ii. Audiences iii. Uses  |
| 1 – 2 pm | Lunch |
| 2 – 3.30 pm(15 min break around 3:30 pm) | ArchEE: The Concept II (Conceptual Discussion) c. Relationships: Collaboration, coordination, partnerships d. Access, Quality and Credibility: What are our options and preferences? e. Outcome |
| **ArchEE: The Content** |
| 3.45 – 5 pm | Evidence Synthesis: What can we learn From Others a. Repositories of evidence in other sectors  b. Repositories in environmental sector (Andrew Pullin) c. Synthesis of input papers from participants (see suggestion in e-mail) d. Outcome |
| Wrap Day One; Looking to Day 2Night Activity: DC downtown stroll around the Mall, reception, and dinner |

**Day Two**

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| 9 – 10 am  | Content: What information are we talking about? i. What kinds of content do we want? ii. Who has it? iii. Where is it? |
| **Design and structure of ArchEE** |
| 10 – 11 am | ArchEE: The Design I a. Alternatives for implementation b. IssueLab Introduction (Gabi Fitz) c. “Smart approach” – for instance, making ArchEE operational based on “network of networks”, utilisation of network synergies, etc. |
| 11 – 11:15 am | Break |
| 11:15 am – 12:45 pm | ArchEE: The Design II d. Database and the data i. Features and function ii. Access and Submissions  iii. Quality control iv. Permissions (copyright) – and all other obstacles (legal, practical, etc.) v. Storage vi. Development, maintenance  vii. Finding and collecting the information  |
| 1 – 2 pm | Lunch |
| 2 – 3:15 pm | ArchEE: The Design III e. Costs f. Sustainability of ArchEE: What do we need to consider? g. Outcome |
| 3:15 – 3:30 pm | Break |
| **Further steps/actions as follow-up to the workshop** |
| 3:30 – 5:30 pm | ArchEE: Taking Our First Steps  a. Drafting a theory of change b. Strategic Planning  i. Resource assessment: What do we have? What do we need?  ii. Actions iii. Timeline iv. Assignments c. Measuring and Evaluating the ArchEE initiative |