

***Independent System-Wide Evaluation:  
What do we expect from the Pilot Evaluations?***

**A round table lunch-time event<sup>1</sup>**

**Monday, February 24, 2014, 1:15 pm – 2:45pm  
S-2727 FC, UN Secretariat Building**

*Moderator:* Susanne Frueh, Interim Coordinating Mechanism (ICM)

*Panelists:* Ms Kanni Wignaraja, Director, UNDOCO, Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Acting Director UN Statistics Division,

Mr Scott Green, UNEG Vice-Chair UN systemic evaluations,

Mr. Vincent Herlihy, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations,

Namita Katri, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations

*Commentators:* Ms Sukai Prom Jackson, Inspector, Joint Inspection Unit,

Colin Kirk, Director, Office of Evaluation, UNICEF,

The new UN policy on independent system wide evaluation (ISWE) calls for implementing two evaluation pilots in 2014-15, subject to available resources. Member States in GA resolution A/RES/68/229 selected two topics:

(1) “Meta-evaluation and synthesis of United Nations Development Assistance Framework evaluations, with a particular focus on poverty eradication”;

(2) “Evaluation of the contribution of the United Nations development system to strengthening national capacities for statistical analysis and data collection to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals”.

This roundtable includes experts on both topics as well as experienced evaluators from the United Nations Evaluation Group. Panelists will provide a brief overview of key issues and explore potential evaluation issues and outline how the results of the evaluations can be used to inform further work in these two areas.

**Discussion questions:**

1. What is the value-added of undertaking a system-wide evaluation on these topics?
2. What are critical issues and what should be addressed?
3. What roles are to be played by the various stakeholders in these efforts to enhance quality and use?

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<sup>1</sup> Refreshments and sandwiches will be served