

## INTERNATIONAL ERRA CONFERENCE: April , 19 – 21, 2010

### “CONVERTING ADVERSITY INTO OPPORTUNITY: LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCES IN RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION FOR REBUILDING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES AFTER DISASTERS”

#### Indicative Themes for Sessions on:

#### “M&E in the Context of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation - Approaches, Tools, Mechanisms and Lessons Learnt”

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**Probable Speakers** – (subject to availability):

- Mr Tariq Shafeeq Khan – Federal Secretary Statistical Division – Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs
- Mr Abdul Hakeem Makhdoom – Director General Federal Bureau of Statistics - Pakistan
- Mr Andrew Pinney, Ph.D – Cardno Agri Systems – Oxford - UK
- Mr Carlos Barahona, Ph.D - University of Reading – UK
- Ms. Joanna Kerr - Former Executive Director, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) - Toronto, Canada
- Mr Fahim ul Islam, Ph.D – Lahore University of Management and Science
- Mr Farzad Rafi Khan, Ph.D - Lahore University of Management and Science
- Mr Howard White – Member 3 I – Evaluation Impact – Cairo

Thematic Areas	Notes To Speakers	Session Guiding Questions	Outputs from the Conference
<p>Session: 1hour and 30 minutes - Presentation of papers by 4 resource persons and overview by DG (M&amp;E).</p> <p><b><u>Theme:</u></b>  <b>Performance Measurement and Quality Control of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation through Holistic Regular Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E) – Lessons Learnt and Applicable Practices</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M&amp;E systems form the basis for organizational learning, creation of new knowledge and its application for effective operations.</li> <li>• The themes are selected to highlight why a comprehensive M&amp;E System is critical to measure adherence of activities with work plan and to gauge the extent to which objectives are achieved. This is also to describe how the simultaneous application of the two (M&amp;E)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What were the overall organizational challenges and capacity gaps vis-à-vis a joint and harmonized M&amp;E Framework?</li> <li>• How to develop organizational consensus on the importance of M&amp;E systems, especially around the social aspects and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although achievements of ERRA and M&amp;E are exceptional, yet there is a need to share/learn from experiences locally as well as internationally to ensure further refinement and improvement.</li> <li>• Juxtaposed to international</li> </ul>

<p><b><u>Sub Themes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monitoring and Evaluation Approaches to Effective Implementation, Mid Course Correction and Compliance.</b></li> <li>• <b>Programme Logic Model and Monitoring across Implementation and Results Chain</b></li> <li>• <b>Monitoring for Inclusive Development Results Mainstreaming the Gender Perspective</b></li> <li>• <b>PMRS and Quality Control through Regular Monitoring and</b></li> </ul>	<p>facilitate timely changes and maintenance of quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the international context of reconstruction and rehabilitation, the speakers are expected to highlight the need to measure the effectiveness and achievements against planned and executed activities.</li> <li>• Understanding of Programme Logic and result chain remains lacking for most projects. This leads to undue emphasis on one or a few aspects of results chain and, therefore, does not present a holistic picture. The theme is to highlight and present how monitoring throughout the results chain influences other results and shape outcomes and impact.</li> <li>• In the context of inclusive monitoring of results, the emphasis will be on the challenge that gender related issues are often not paid adequate attention while designing the M&amp;E data collection schemes. Speakers will be sharing importance of including the gender dimension</li> </ul>	<p>qualitative research?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical reporting provides just one and very immediate facet of intervention, how survey and analysis are critical to gauge the strategic objectives, beneficiary and household, and to validate whether people's lives are positively changing or otherwise?</li> <li>• How capacity gap assessment and procurement of appropriate human, knowledge and technical resources are essential to develop a long term all encompassing, integrated M&amp;E programme?</li> <li>• What are some of the key strategic documents that are to be developed, advisory bodies to be commissioned, approaches, tools, and mechanisms to</li> </ul>	<p>applicable practice, the session is to highlight M&amp;E as tools for presenting development results and validating changes in people's lives – the papers and the subsequent presentations/ discussions are expected to substantiate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ ERRA's initiatives and Mechanism for Institutional Transparency and Enhanced Accountability.</li> <li>➤ Performance Measurement and Reporting System for Institutional Effectiveness.</li> <li>➤ Application of Multi-tiered Inclusive M&amp;E System and Programme Logic Model for a Joint and Harmonized M&amp;E Framework</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Evaluation - Lessons Learnt and Way Forward</b></p>	<p>and having systems to incorporate sex disaggregated data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is to present the development of M&amp;E Framework and capacity building of organizational management in the backdrop of ERRA and strengthening of the M&amp;E Wing to become a value added organ for ERRA.</li> </ul>	<p>be developed and adopted, and resources allocated to roll down an effective M&amp;E programme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the significance of the link between the planning and M&amp;E and formulation of mechanisms that are responsive to organizational values and mandate, and that the mechanism has to be gender and programme logic specific tools?</li> <li>• To what extent is it critical to highlight the correlation between process documentation, organizational learning and knowledge management as a logical result of any good M&amp;E system – the key to institutional strengthening?</li> </ul>	<p>that is being applied successfully by ERRA.</p>

<b>The session will be followed by 15 minute Q&amp;A session.</b>	<b>For all the sessions speakers are to correlate ERRA approaches with that of their work or their development experiences. This is expected to form the basis of shared international practices to generate knowledge and lessons for replication and institutionalization</b>
<b>Key Recommendations/best practices, for the session, will be captured and shared at the end of the conference with the participants.</b>	