VOICES FROM EVALUATORS

“The role of evaluation in the African context bears even more weight given the challenges faced. With scarcity of resources, ensuring value for money is key. Just as other evaluation products, the validation notes of the Bank’s self-assessment reports can positively influence results at project, country and regional levels through the learning potential they offer for future Bank interventions.”

Latefa Cone Camara
Evaluation Officer

“Evaluation is fundamental to inform robust project design/development. I believe for us to develop impactful projects or programs on the African continent, it will require us to learn from evaluation findings, to inform new project designs which work.”

Rita Effah
Young Professional

“From evaluation to action, IDEV has successfully influenced the Bank’s instruments. In 2019, the MICTAF evaluation led to an additional funding of UA 5 million but also engagement with Management on a major revision of the Fund’s guidelines with potential effect on the Bank’s pipeline and its impact in MICs.”

Oswald Mirianaud Agbadome
Principal Evaluation Officer

“IDEV’s first evaluation of the Bank’s PPP interventions informed work underway to increase the institution’s effectiveness in delivering PPPs. The Bank plans to set up a specialized unit for PPP transactional advisory services, thus, increasing support for PPP project pipeline development in RMCs.”

Boubacar Ly
Evaluation Officer
The knowledge work of the Bank is as critical as the lending operations. Alongside PBOs, the Bank should offer policy advice based on analytical studies. The policy dialogue must be a team effort – led by a country manager supported by experts drawn from across the Bank. This understanding was echoed at all 3 learning events we held following the Evaluation of the AfDB’s PBOs.

Jacqueline Nyagahima
Principal Knowledge Management Officer

In our efforts to strengthen evaluation capacities through knowledge and learning, IDEV supported CLEAR’s 2019 gLOCAL Evaluation Week – sharing insights and lessons from two evaluations (MSC & PBO). Hence, meeting two of our core objectives, learning and the promotion of an evaluation culture both in the Bank at across RMCs.

Kobena Hanson
Principal Evaluation Capacity Development Officer

In capturing experiences and codifying knowledge, then sharing and applying that knowledge, the evaluation of the Integrated Safeguards System of the AfDB is one of the good examples in 2019. It provided great support to the Safeguards Department in the formulation of their action plan to improve their effectiveness.

Gilbert Adjimoti
Evaluation Consultant

The evaluation of Quality Assurance across the Project Cycle of the African Development Bank Group has reinforced the Bank’s efforts to improve the quality-at-entry and implementation of its operations. The Integrated Quality Assurance Plan prepared in response to the evaluation holds concrete and timebound actions to enhance the Bank’s development impact.

Madhusoodhanan Mampuzhasseril
Division Manager, IDEV
On the MIC-TAF evaluation

The MIC-TAF has been fundamental in terms of providing a means to enhance country dialogue and provide a leveraging effect for the Bank. Beneficiary countries have continued to benefit from the effective results of the projects funded by MIC-TAF. The recent IDEV evaluation highlighted this quite dramatically, including on Project Development, Strategic Dialogue and Institutional Support. This emphasis has indeed enhanced further the allocation of the Fund’s resources towards impactful projects.

Yacine Fal
Deputy Director General - North Africa

On the Eswatini Country Strategy Evaluation

The Bank’s support to Eswatini increased significantly between 2014 and 2019, as demonstrated by the growth in portfolio of about 90 percent. In addition, engagement and dialogue with the country deepened since the launch of the new Development and Business Delivery Model in 2017. IDEV’s evaluation recommendations, which include the need to improve portfolio quality at entry, safeguard development benefits, and enhance policy dialogue and knowledge management, were very useful in informing the design of the new Country Strategy Paper covering the period 2020–2024. Implementation of the recommendations will further contribute towards the development effectiveness of the Bank’s interventions in Eswatini.

Josephine Ngure
Ag. Director General - Southern Africa
On the PPP Evaluation

The evaluation by IDEV on the Bank’s use of the Public Private Partnership mechanism came at an opportune time as the Bank is contemplating scaling up its support for PPPs in its Regional Member Countries due to an increase in demand for the use of PPPs as a good way to crowd in more private sector investments and to close the financing gap in infrastructure.

The outcomes and recommendations from the evaluation have therefore provided us with very good and useful knowledge by pointing to a key policy gap and a lack of a unified Bank wide PPP framework, to guide the Bank’s PPP interventions and supports to RMCs.

As a result, the Bank is currently developing its PPP Operational Framework to enable us to become a lead development institution in this area in Africa therefore it’s right to say that the IDEV evaluation has been influential in triggering an important policy change in the Bank.

Mike Salawou
Division Manager - Infrastructure, Cities And Urban Development Department

On the ISS evaluation

The safeguard system underpinning the AfDB is built on knowledge gained from deep institutional experience synthesized in the ISS evaluation – an indispensable pillar of the Bank.

J. Steven Dowd
Executive Director - Representing the United States of America