

RDI Network work-plan activities and events

Nov 2018 – Oct 2019

This document provides a brief outline of the RDI Network's primary areas of work for the year. It is framed around the Network's three core outcome areas which are set out in the Network's Program design.

If you would like any more information about any of these initiatives, or to get involved, please send us an e-mail: rdi@acfid.asn.au.

Outcome 1: RDI Network members are actively debating and synthesising current development thinking and ideas

Activity	
A)	Plan and co-host RDI Conference 2019: Leaderships for Inclusive Development. June 12-13, Melbourne.
B)	Support the establishment and identify synergies of work with the Development Studies Association of Australia, including engaging in the planning of future symposia.
C)	Undertake a collaborate policy-practice research piece on a topic identified to align with DFAT priorities.
D)	Identify, plan and collaborate with sector actors to host dialogues and events which advance the sharing of ideas on development futures alternative development methodologies.

Outcome 2: RDI Network members are identifying and addressing opportunities, incentives and barriers to the production and use of policy-practice-relevant research.

Activity	
A)	Design and commence an action research project exploring opportunities and barriers related to institutional structures that affect the production and use of policy-practice-relevant research. Facilitate workshops with identified organisational/institutional champions.
B)	Deliver face-to-face workshops based on the ethical practice in research and evaluation module.
C)	Adapt the ethical practice module for use by DFAT staff.
D)	Continue promotion of and engagement with cross-sector partnership guidance resources developed in previous Program, including ongoing sourcing of case studies.

Outcome 3: RDI Network member skills in research communication and uptake are improving

Activity	
A)	Publish, promote and engage with a diverse group of stakeholders on the findings of the Research Communications and Uptake Snapshot report, completed under the previous Program. Develop and action plan for implementation of report recommendations.
B)	Collate a user-friendly database of existing resources supporting research communications, uptake and impact from around Australia and internationally. Share and promote as a resource for those working with research across development.
C)	Develop and pilot a framework to enable tracking of the processes influencing uptake and impact of research in policy and practice.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Activity	
A)	Regularly collate, record and report on activity feedback, results, outputs, outcomes and impact utilising the RDI Network Program MEL Framework and associated tools.
B)	Develop annual snapshot report against Program outcomes.