# **Bi-weekly Newsletter**

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### How To Use the "Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials"

Although the Checklist is created for the implementation of the new Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum (OALCF), it provides a set of standard questions to evaluate learning materials—ensuring greater quality and consistency of programming and a competency- and goal-directed program approach is very useful for similar programs. You can use the checklist to evaluate both print and non-print learning materials, such as books, workbooks, video collections, software, and websites.

## **Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts**

Dashboarding for Continuous Improvement: a Preview of an Upcoming Field Guide

Speaking Truth to Power Through Data Visualization: Strategies for Engaging, Designing, and Sustaining Success

TIG Data Visualization

Conveying Constituent Voice: Two New Data Viz Techniques to Try

Meet Them Where They Are: Adjusting Data Visualization to Resonate with K-12 Evaluation Stakeholders

**Turning Reports into Stories** 

Sharing My Top 10 Evaluation Doubts

Lessons Learned from Evaluating a 5-year Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Program: Integration of Behavioral Health Services in Medical Settings

Maximizing the Value of GPRA Data for Day-to-Day Decision Making



**Upcoming Events** 

# February 12

CECAN Workshop: New
Approaches to the Participatory
Steering and Evaluation of Complex
Adaptive Systems, Surrey, UK

# February 15

2nd Asia-Pacific Evaluation
Association (APEA) Conference,
Manila, Philippines

#### March 27

Center for Culturally Responsive
Evaluation and Assessment (CREA)
5th International Conference,
Chicago, Illinois, USA

**Useful Sites** 

**Medecins Sans Frontieres** 

**ICRC** 

**Examples of Evaluation Projects** 

Civil society: Mutual Accountability Project (CS:MAP) Mid-term Performance Evaluation, USAID, September 2018

Performance (Endline) Evaluation of the Advancing Partners and Communities, USAID, October 2018

#### **Relevant Publications**

# Doing Business 2019: A Year of Record Reforms, Rising Influence by the World Bank

Doing Business advocates for both regulatory quality and efficiency. In the authors' view, it is important to have effective rules in place that are easy to follow and understand; to realize economic gains, reduce corruption and encourage SMEs to flourish, and unnecessary red tape should be eliminated. However, specific safeguards must be put in place to ensure high-quality business regulatory processes; efficiency alone is not enough for regulation to function well. Doing Business exposes cases with evident discrepancies between regulatory quality and efficiency, signaling to regulators what needs to be reformed.

Doing Business 2019 measures the processes for business incorporation, getting a building permit, obtaining an electricity connection, transferring property, getting access to credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, engaging in international trade, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency. Doing Business collects and publishes data on labor market regulation with a focus on the flexibility of employment regulation as well as several aspects of job quality.

The authors emphasize that each of the measured business regulatory areas is important to nascent and existing entrepreneurs. However, they claim that as *Doing Business* data show, SME owners face drastically different realities across economies as they set up and operate their businesses. In order to illustrate this, they use examples from all over the world.

Additionally, the authors note that *Doing Business* does not claim to cover all the areas pertinent to private sector development and growth. The report has a set of clear limitations; *Doing Business* data alone are not sufficient to assess the overall competitiveness or foreign investment prospects of an economy. *Doing Business* does not assess market size, the soundness and depth of financial markets, macroeconomic conditions, foreign investment, security or political stability. However, the *Doing Business* indicators do offer insights for policy makers to identify areas for reform and improve the local business environment. For more information on what is measured and what is not, please see the full document.



# Recommended Reading

# Guide to Addressing Hate Crime at the Regional Level by OSCE

Authors underline that this Guide on Addressing Hate Crime at the Regional Level was developed as part of a project implemented by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) to build a comprehensive criminal justice response to hate crime.

Authors state that the compiles good practices and lessons learned from the project activities on addressing hate crimes at the regional level in Lombardy, Italy. The activities were implemented in co-operation with the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart (UCSC) in Milan as the official project partner, as well as with the support of the Milan Bar Association, the Decentralized Section of the Superior School for Magistrates and the Observatory for Security against Acts of Discrimination.