



SESSION NUMBER & TITLE
Plenary 1: Accountability Talks
SESSION TAKE AWAY
Participants will learn about accountability from the perspective of the government, an international financial institution (IFI) and through the eyes of a journalist. Speakers will speak as key players of the accountability mechanisms to ensure that governments, IFIs are answerable to their authorizing environments.
SUBTHEME
Inclusive partnership
ORGANIZATION/S
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PANELIST/DISCUSSANT #1: Mark Sundberg, Chief Economist and Deputy Vice-President, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
2 KEY MESSAGES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mark refers to a classic Japanese film to illustrate the importance of considering different perspectives in discussions about government accountability. (Accountability to tax payer, to the political environment, to the mission of the agency and in public evaluation. 2. Mark identifies short-term thinking as a significant challenge in government accountability. He points out how this short-term focus affects various aspects of society, including politics, economics, and decision-making processes.
PANELIST/DISCUSSANT #2: Ravish Kumar, Journalist
2 KEY MESSAGES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accountability is not just about external obligations but also being accountable to oneself and one's profession. This ensures that one maintains a high standard of ethics and integrity. 2. Emphasizes the importance of accountability in personal life, professional endeavors, and public service, emphasizing honesty, integrity, and vigilance as key principles to uphold.
PANELIST/DISCUSSANT #3: Megan Grace Kennedy-Chouane, Head of Evaluation Unit, Development Cooperation Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
2 KEY MESSAGES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accountability should not be overshadowed by a focus on learning alone, and evaluators should push back against the negative connotation that accountability has acquired in recent years. 2. The speaker shares a story about the importance of accountability for real impact on people's lives, stressing that it's not just about financial accounting but about ensuring that policies and programs genuinely benefit those they are intended to serve.
MODERATOR: Emmanuel Jimenez, DG, IED

3 KEY MESSAGES

1. Accountability is highlighted as a significant concern for evaluators, particularly in the context of managing resources and ensuring they are used effectively for development, inclusive growth, poverty reduction, and environmental sustainability. The choice to invite three speakers from different perspectives is intended to provide diverse insights.

Q&A SUMMARY

NO Q&A

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