

Mapping the Measures for Success – An Expert Round Table on  
Impact Evaluation for Strengthening Governance for WASH Services

## **Online Discussion: General Information, Instructions & Agenda**

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### ***Why an Expert Round Table on Impact Evaluation for Strengthening Governance for WASH services?***

Water, sanitation and hygiene services (WASH) sector actors at all levels are grappling with how best to define and measure impacts of interventions with theories of change related to governance, institutional capacity development, sector policy reform and similar process-oriented objectives.

The purpose of the Round Table and this online discussion, is to map the existing knowledge, practices, experiences and challenges related to evaluating the impact of development interventions in the context of governance of WASH services.

The results of the round table and the online discussion will be used as inputs into the development of a Thematic Overview Paper, a standard publication format of the IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre which is made freely available electronically via IRC's website.

### ***Online discussion objective***

To facilitate the participation of interested parties who are not physically present in the Round Table and/or are interested in this topic.

Through the WASH IMPACT TABLE web-blog, it will be possible to comment on the ongoing discussion and access to the materials and proceedings related to this event.




It will be held at: [www.washimpacttable.wordpress.com](http://www.washimpacttable.wordpress.com)

## What is the structure of the online discussion?

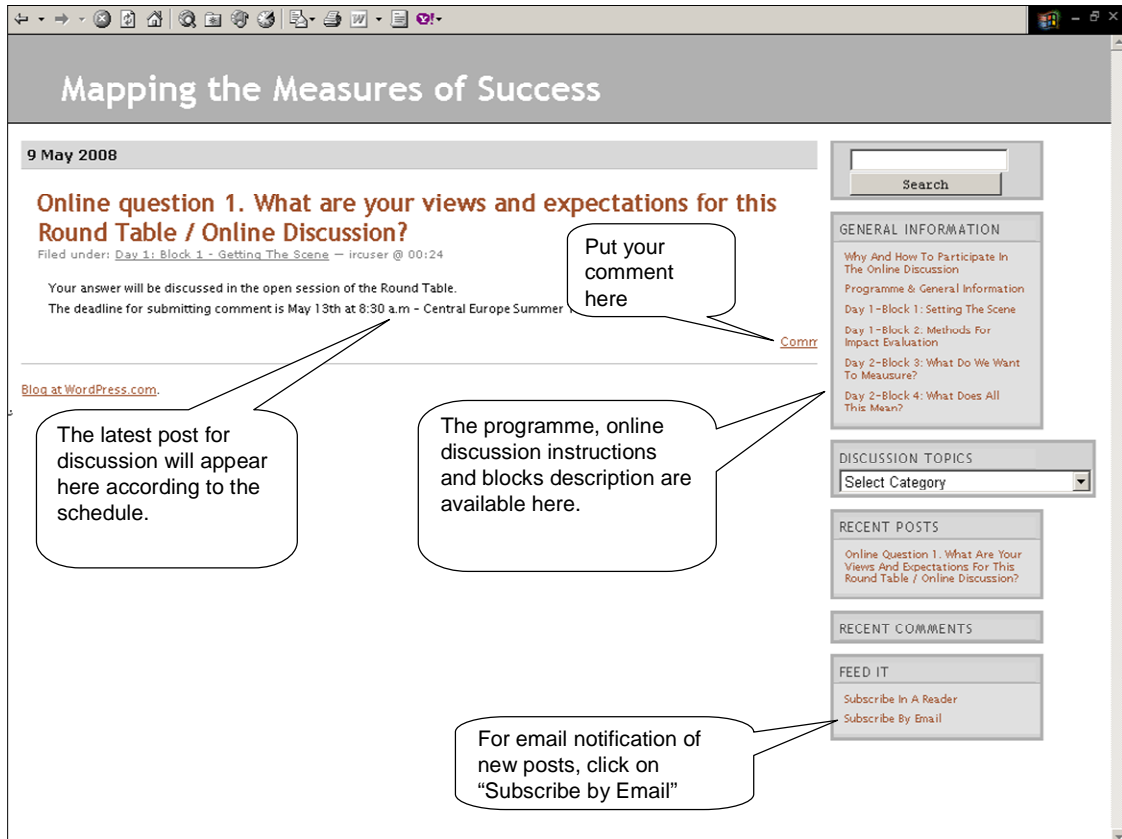
The online discussion is divided in three main phases

- Before the Round Table
- During the event
- After the event

The objective, content and discussion of each phase are the following:

<b>Before the Round Table</b> <b>Objective: To publish the programme and content to the event</b>	
<b>Main Documents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion note</li> <li>• Programme</li> <li>• Instructions: How to participate in the online discussion</li> </ul>	<b>Online Discussion question:</b>  <p>What are your views and expectations for this Round Table?</p>
<b>During the Round Table</b> <b>Objective: To enrich the discussion during the event through the interaction between the participants in the Round Table and the participants in the online discussion</b>	
<b>Main Components &amp; Schedule</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Block 1: “Setting the scene” – May 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 (9:00 – 12:30)</li> <li>▪ Block 2: “Methods for Impact Evaluation” – May 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 (13:30-17:30)</li> <li>▪ Block 3: Indicators – May 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 (9:00 – 12:30)</li> <li>▪ Block 4: “What does all this mean?” – May 14<sup>th</sup> (13:30 – 17:30)</li> </ul>	<b>Online Discussion questions:</b>  <p>Block 1: Why the impact of interventions focus on Institutional Change is difficult to measure?            Block 2: Which methods of Impact Evaluation do you know?            Block 3: What kind of indicators do you use for Impact Evaluation in the context of institutional change?            Block 4: What should be the next steps?</p>
<b>After the Round Table</b> <b>Objective: To document the reactions and feedback on the Round Table proceedings</b>	
<b>Main Documents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round Table Proceedings</li> </ul>	<b>Online Discussion:</b>  <p>Please give us your feedback</p>

## How to participate in the Online Discussion?



The screenshot shows a WordPress blog post titled "Mapping the Measures of Success" dated 9 May 2008. The main content is an "Online question 1. What are your views and expectations for this Round Table / Online Discussion?". Below the question, there is a "Comments" link. The right sidebar contains sections for "GENERAL INFORMATION", "DISCUSSION TOPICS", "RECENT POSTS", "RECENT COMMENTS", and "FEED IT".

Callouts on the screenshot provide the following information:

- "Put your comment here" points to the "Comments" link.
- "The latest post for discussion will appear here according to the schedule." points to the "Blog at WordPress.com." link.
- "The programme, online discussion instructions and blocks description are available here." points to the "GENERAL INFORMATION" section in the sidebar.
- "For email notification of new posts, click on 'Subscribe by Email'" points to the "Subscribe By Email" link in the "FEED IT" section.

The online discussion will be addressed by following the Round Table programme. ([see online & round table structure](#)).

The discussion is based on the comments on the online questions and the feedback from the round table discussion.

At the end of each block a summary of the highlighted points during the round table discussion will be published.

The comments on the online questions will be presented to the round table participants at the beginning of each block.

Online discussion agenda:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Block - Subject</b>	<b>Online Question</b>	<b>*Deadline for comments &amp; Feedback from the Round Table</b>
08-05-08	Before the round table – general information, instructions and agenda	What are your expectations?	13-05-08 (8:30 CEST Time)
12-05-08	Block1: Setting the scene	Why is the impact of interventions focused on institutional change difficult to measure?	13-05-08 (8:30 CEST Time)
13-05-08	Block 2: Methods of Impact Evaluation	Which methods of impact evaluation do you know?	13-05-08 (12:30 CEST Time) Feedback block 1.
13-05-08	Block 3: Indicators	What kind of indicators do you use for impact evaluation in the context of institutional change?	14-05-08 (8:30 CEST) Feedback block 2
14-05-08	Block 4: What does all this mean?	What should be the next steps?	14-05-08 (12:30 CEST) Feedback block 3
14-05-08	Closing		14-05-08 (17:30 CEST) Feedback block 4

\* CEST: Central Europe Summer Time

1. Do you have more questions?

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