

Session 7 - Round Table on Mobilization Research: Self-evaluation of outputs
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Introduction

I. Subnode Goals:

- a) work together in a participatory, transparent & respectful manner (process)
- b) generate new knowledge through research (outputs)
- c) mobilize the community around issues (food security, natural resource management, inclusion & empowerment) (outcome)
- d) raise awareness of the value of the Social Economy (outcome)
- e) build capacity in the Social Economy (impact)
- f) stimulate positive change in government policy to enable Social Economic activities (impact)

II. Kim's research gives us our *process* evaluation. We also need to evaluate our research *outputs, outcomes and impacts*. Are we meeting our goals?

III. This round table discussion is to help us:

- a) Set priorities for self-evaluation of our research projects.
- b) Discuss ways and means of participatory evaluation.

IV. Discussion

Think about your own projects in terms of...

- a) How do the project's outputs contribute to the social economy?
- b) In what ways does the project "mobilize" the wider community?
- c) How does it raise awareness of the value of the Social Economy?
- d) *How can/do you measure* the ways in which the project builds capacity
 - in the Social Economy partner organization?
 - in the university ?
 - in the wider community?
- e) How do you know whether your project is having/will have a positive impact on government policy?

V. Follow-up questions

- a) How should we, as a network, monitor and measure our outputs, outcomes and impacts
 - at the subnode level ?
 - at the regional level ?
- b) Are these simply the sum of project efforts or does our collective work add up to something more?
- c) How can we monitor, evaluate and report at all levels?