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## Call for Papers

### Evidence-based Policy Panel

Governments have invested heavily in improving the information-base for decision-making and evaluation studies to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of programs. It is commonly assumed that evidence-driven policy development is superior to policy made ‘on the run’ or as a result of short term political pressure.

However, the chequered history of programs addressing critical public policy issues (e.g. law and order, environment, health care, poverty reduction), despite large investment in programs and data-bases, has called into question the way policy is developed and implemented.

Do policy-makers have sufficient capacity and opportunity to make good uses of the knowledge base? What sources of knowledge/evidence are necessary? How are the insights of research best ‘translated’ into the spheres of policy and practice? What are the appropriate roles for stakeholders in the policy and evaluation processes? How do political realities impinge on the production of good policy and at what cost?

Papers are invited on these and other relevant questions concerning ‘evidence-based policy’.

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