

Outcome Harvesting for Complex Development Programmes

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Outcome Harvesting is a utilisation-focused, highly participatory evaluation tool that enables evaluators, grant makers, and managers to identify, formulate, verify, and make sense of outcomes they have influenced when at the time of planning the relationships of cause-effect were substantially unknown. As the UNDP says, Outcome Harvesting is “an evaluation approach that, unlike some other methods, does not measure progress towards predetermined outcomes, but rather collects evidence of what has been achieved, and works backward to determine whether and how the project or intervention contributed to the change” (see [UNDP Discussion Paper, “Innovations in Monitoring & Evaluation”, August 2013](#)). For further information, go to www.OutcomeHarvesting.net, a website devoted to the growing number of Outcome Harvesting practitioners around the world.

Expected Result > Participants will have sufficient knowledge and skill to be able to continue learning how to adapt the Outcome Harvesting approach to monitoring and evaluation to their specific needs following the workshop.

This course is for > Evaluators and commissioners of evaluations of development and social change with no previous experience with Outcome Harvesting. Participants should have knowledge and experience of evaluation.

Methodology > The workshop embodies the hands-on, participatory values that are at the core of this utilization-focused evaluation approach, combining theory and examples with group discussion, individual reflection and small group practical exercises all revolving around a case study especially written for this CID workshop. Special attention is given to dealing with the uncertainty about the causal relationships linking inputs, activities and outputs with the outcomes of development interventions. The participants will apply all concepts embodied in the six steps in working groups. The ten underlying principles will be explained throughout the workshop with examples from one or more of the 50+ evaluative experiences for which the facilitator has been responsible. Thus, participants will build their practical capacities and leave the course with skills in adapting this tool to evaluate interventions for the purposes of both accountability and improving performance.

[More information on the content and the course curriculum at this link](#)

Programme Dates: June 18 – June 20 (3 full days)
Location: Bologna, Italy
Staff and Instructor: Pier Giorgio Ardeni, Letizia Parolini, Andrea Wolfe
Ricardo Wilson-Grau

Application Deadlines:

Early Review Deadline: April 15, 2018

General Application Deadline: May 15, 2018

How to apply:

Download the application form at [this link](#)
and return by email to: summer-school@cid-bo.org

Enrolment Fees: 650 Euros (early review)
750 Euros (general application)

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