ADB’s Evaluation Information System: Management Action Record System and Lessons Database

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- The Independent Evaluation Department (IED) of the Asian Development Bank maintains a web-based Evaluation Information System also known as EVIS. The EVIS consists of (i) the Management Action Record System also known as MARS (accessed thru intranet), and (ii) the Lessons database (accessed thru IED website).

- MARS is a computerized tracking system for actions taken by Management in response to agreed evaluation recommendations. It is an information system which can be accessed by ADB staff and the Board of Directors thru intranet. The public has no access to this system.

- Implementation arrangement for MARS involves both IED and Management where: (i) IED uploads evaluation recommendations as agreed in the Management response, (ii) Management enters proposed action plans and target dates, (iii) Management updates implementation progress of action plan (twice a year), and (iv) IED validates (annually) the actions taken by Management and includes this validation in the annual evaluation review submitted to Management and the Board of Directors.

- The Lessons database provides a list of lesson statements culled from various self and independent evaluation including special and knowledge studies. Lesson statements are tagged and can be classified according to topics, project cycle stage, sector, theme, country and report type. There is public access to this database at www.adb.org/evaluation.

- From both systems, reports can be generated in excel or word format.

- The attached powerpoint presentation provides details on accessing MARS and the lessons database.