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Dear TCI Friends,

RE: TCI Cluster Evaluation Network

It was a pleasure meeting you all at the TCI Conference in Cape Town.

I thought that the “Evaluation Workshop” turned out very well. It is clear from our work with the “Redbook” that many agencies and organisations involved in cluster work now have begun to evaluate these programmes. The experiences presented at TCI this year hold a lot of promise, and I hope we can keep up the good work.

As promised, I am contacting you regarding the formation of a network for cluster evaluation—the TCI Cluster Evaluation Network.

My ambition with the Network is that we will share evaluation experiences, reports etc., at least until the next TCI conference in Leipzig on 22-26 June 2009. I will also propose to the TCI Board and the organisers that we do at least one break-out session (or a plenary) on evaluation at the next conference. If possible we could try to document all your important work in the field in a shorter report, to be presented in Leipzig. Please let me know your ideas.

I look forward to a fruitful collaboration within this Network, and attach a preliminary list of the members for your information.

Best regards,



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