The Unfinished Agenda

SINS OF OMISSION AND COMMISSION BY THE RESEARCH FRATERNITY

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Presentation frame

Potentials offered by the MDGs to governments, implementing agencies and researchers

The average research response

Design and Expression

- *Opportunity for creative schematization*

- *Flexible Governance*

- *Accurate and timely Information*

- **Analysis of Design weak**

- **Reports on implementation ignore critical governance areas**

- **Feedback on progress inaccurate and unreliable**

Monitoring

- *Locating and detailing MDGs in more specific local contexts*

- *Inclusion of user voice*

- **Monitoring information has been unimaginative**

- **Often fails to incorporate local impediments**

- **Inadequate representation of user views**

Evaluation

- *Develop and evolve knowledge base on development process*

- *Knowledge created can provide basis for synergy across stakeholders*

- **Prefab frameworks stifle inclusion of new knowledge**

- **Focus on target attainment in preference to process elements**

- **Insular designs preclude other stakeholder inputs**

Other agenda

- *Time bound and mission oriented*

- *Promoting development goals as citizen rights*

- *Addressing disparities across populations through better stakeholder involvement*

- **Research on economics vs research on management**

- **Growing gap between research and activism**

- **Communities as researchers and reporters**