Impact, Outcomes and Sustainability

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10 minutes on...

- Framing ‘impact’
- Drivers of the impact agenda
- Impact ‘Methods’
- Challenges and Questions

Framing ‘impact’

• The metaphor and idea of impact
• A wide range of official definitions, underpinned by procedures and structures
Drivers of the impact agenda

• Political justification and accountability
• ‘Value for money’ and resource allocation
• Understanding transformative change
• Institutional learning and reflection
Impacts methods and approaches

*Ex ante* and *ex post*

- Experimental approaches
- Bibliometrics
- Theory of change
- Network mapping
- Participatory methods
Challenges

- Time-frames
- Linguistic/ cultural/ socio-political differences
- Proportionality
- Accountability with learning
Invited contributions

- Leah Temper (ACKnowl-EJ)
- Heila Lotz-Sisitka (T-learning)
- Seema Kulkarni (T2SGS)
- Samuel Codjoe (MISTY)
- Joao Porto de Albuquerque (Waterproofing Data)
- Sarah Moore (International Science Council)
- Erica Key (Belmont Forum)
Questions

- What do we (research funders, managers and teams and individual researchers) aim to achieve and leave behind?
- Why think about this from the start of a project?
- What really matters in short projects on long-term transformation?
- How do we capture that in our monitoring and evaluation frameworks?
- How does it change from beginning to end of the process?
- What responsibilities do we have for the ending or continuity of what we start?