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General Workshop

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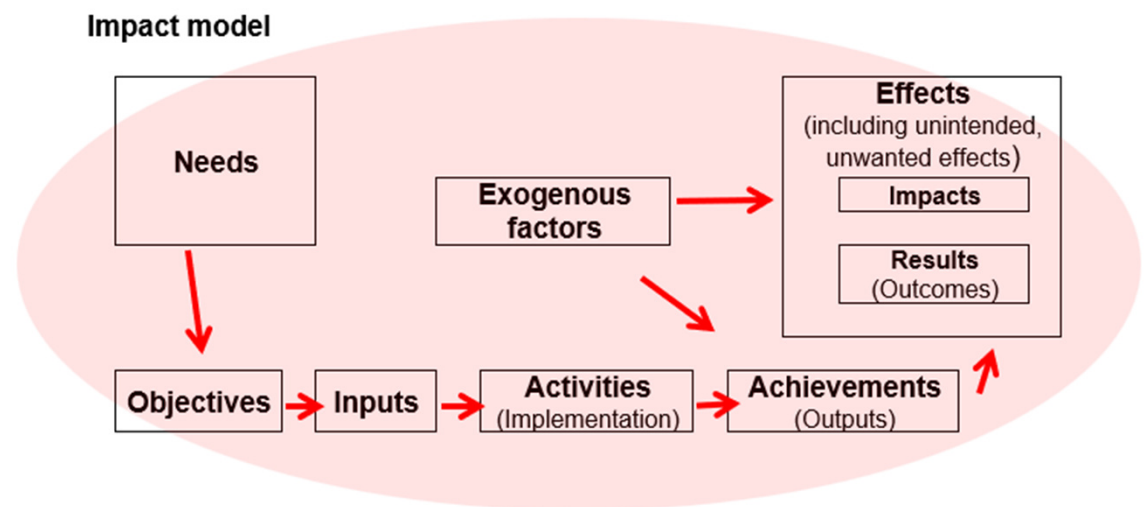
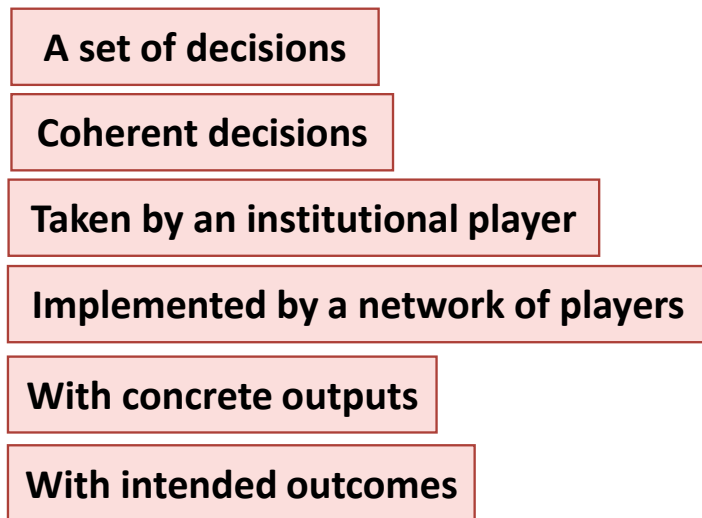


Introduction – Topics and public policies...

1. We SAs are at the same time the mandator and the mandatee...
2. Choosing a topic by evaluations or performance audits measuring impacts: a great privilege, but also a great responsibility.
3. WGEPPP... **P**ublic **P**olicies and **P**rograms – Both: evaluation but also performance audit measuring impacts outside of the administration.
4. The field of possible topics by **public policies and programs** is huge !
5. Public policies involve often many agencies.
6. Our main suspicion is that a policy is not achieving its objectives, i.e.
 - that its effects are not reaching those for whom it is intended or
 - or that it is costing too much in relation to its results.

But what is a public policy?

A set of **coherent decisions** taken by **an institutional player** and implemented by a **network of players** with the aim of **guiding the behaviour of a target population** so that a problem that society is no longer able to manage can be resolved by a collective effort.



Programs concerns measures that are a more concrete than a policy, but it's difficult to distinguish between the two notions!

Introduction - Workshop

1. Distinguishing **identification** and **selection** of a topic
2. We will ask you important questions and we will work together to answer them.
3. There will be no right or wrong answers ! We want to learn together!

Question 1

What are the **two** best sources for identifying topics ?

1. SAI itself (dedicated unit, audit units, other employees)
2. Auditees
3. Stakeholders (non governmental organizations, target group representatives)
4. Independent experts, universities
5. Parliament
6. Citizens

Question 2

How can we make these sources contribute more?

1. SAI itself (dedicated unit, audit units, other employees)
2. Auditees
3. Stakeholders (non governmental organizations, target group representatives)
4. Independent experts, universities
5. Parliament
6. Citizens

Question 3

How would you identify a topic in the field of agriculture?

Question 4

What are the best documents for identifying topics?

1. Previous audit, previous audit fieldwork
2. Government views, budget papers, etc
3. 'Agencies' annual reports and evaluation
4. Media and external reports
5. Data analytics -analysis of performance indicators, international comparisons
6. Priorities of legislature; priorities of government



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