# ICAI Year 4 Workplan Consultation opens today

## Description

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â??ICAI is opening a public consultation to help shape our Year 4 Workplan today. We welcome any input that you may have and please feel free to pass on to colleagues. **The closing date for responses is Friday 6th September**.

The consultation document is available here: http://icai.independent.gov.uk/?p=1637&preview=true and the text is copied below for your convenience.

**ICAI Year 4 Workplan Consultation**
The Independent Commission for Aid Impact is the independent body responsible for the scrutiny of UK aid expenditure (Official Development Assistance). We focus on maximising the effectiveness of the UK aid budget for intended beneficiaries and on delivering value for money for UK taxpayers.

We are holding a public consultation to inform the development of our workplan for our fourth year of operation (i.e. reports to be published between 12 May 2014 and 11 May 2015). We encourage anyone with an interest in the UKâ??s aid budget to take this opportunity to have their say and help to shape our plans.

As set out in our 2012-13 Annual Report, we will continue to be guided by our selection criteria of materiality, coverage, interest and risk, while also planning to diversify the types of work that we carry out to make the best use of our increasing body of evidence from our first three years of reports. We will consider different types of reports such as:

- **Programme reviews:** this is likely to include scrutinising areas that we believe to be particularly important, given our findings and experience to date, and areas of particular interest to stakeholders;
- **Synthesis reports:** this could include drawing together our increasing evidence base from the 35 reports we will have produced by the end of Year 3. This is likely to include some more thematic reviews, for example, synthesising and building upon our findings to date in a particular sector; and
- **More detailed follow-up:** by Year 4, changes to impact for intended beneficiaries as a result of our first reports should be more visible. We will develop our approach to follow-up to understand these changes and to encourage further improvement and lesson-learning.

We would welcome your proposals for review topics. Please present these as concisely as possible, giving a summary of what you think ICAI should be reviewing and your reasons for suggesting the topic. Submissions should be no longer than 2,000 words.
It may help to look at our 2012-13 Annual Report (including our Year 3 Workplan in Chapter 5) and our report on ICAIâ??s Approach to Effectiveness and Value for Money when preparing your submission.

If you would like to submit views to ICAI, please send them to enquires@icai.independent.gov.uk.
The deadline for submissions is Friday 6th September 2013.

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