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Preliminary Announcement

**Evaluation and politics (speaking truth to power):
creating knowledge for justice, development and
accountability**

The 2010 EES conference in the beautiful city of Prague is an invitation to evaluators and stakeholders to consider how evaluation addresses core values of human rights and citizen participation while contributing useful knowledge to public policy and its implementation.

In a world of widening socio-economic inequalities in which individuals and cultures are increasingly confronted by financial, social, environmental and spiritual upheavals, does evaluation have a meaningful role to play in the exercise of power? This conference title is designed to stimulate forward and expansive thinking about the way in which evaluation is embedded in democratic process. This perspective places evaluation within the dynamic of policy making, policy interrogation and legitimation where it mediates between policy makers, those in receipt of policies and those on whose behalf our policy makers are expected to work.

How can evaluation inform and challenge the dynamics of governance and policy implementation, from local through to central and global levels of governments, in the public interest? Evaluators are present in an astonishing array of sectors, policy areas, cross-cutting issues, governments, civil society organisations, research and education institutions, professional milieus and communities

Evaluation encompasses a rich and growing diversity of methodologies, practices, innovations and perspectives. The European mosaic of evaluation reflects well that diversity and vibrancy and the 2010 Conference will provide the setting for exchange, learning and the advancement of our practise.

As evaluators we have grown accustomed to asking what difference an intervention makes; it is now time to ask what difference evaluation makes.