<u>Group 1.</u>

Why do we want to evaluate?

- (a) Demand
 - a. Justify resources
 - b. Meeting specific needs (global, national, staff level)
 - c. Encouraging excellence
 - d. Don't forget to "train" the users/ clients of our statistics [respondents]
- B. Generic framework of evaluation
 - (a) Institutes and programmes could have their own versions.
 - (b) CBA is good in theory but maybe impractical to implement so some qualitative assessment is indispensable.
 - C. Implementation
 - i. Sometimes then is a long time lag between training and application
 - ii. Sometimes truthful answers may not be given on all occasions (vague, incomplete, non-response).
 - iii. Resources demanding some agencies may not have times to implement
 - iv. All concerned parties must have consensus on the evaluation framework and agree to participate.

Remarks

We agree with the rest of the paper.

Group 2.

- Training of Respondents and users should be included (e.g. Korean example) (and should be evaluated)
- Clients (e,g, ministries) should be involved in evaluation (especially in a decentralized statistical system)
- The technology used should be evaluated (as part of detailed activity)
- Examinations/assessment of learning should be included
- Independent assessment (Indonesia: Central office assessed regional office benefit)
- Need to assess training impact separately from other factors (hard to do)

Group 3.

Evaluation of Training Courses

1st level – participants : Right after training After training 3 months in the office of participants

 2^{nd} level – immed. Supervisor: evaluation of application of knowledge gained by the staff trough their performance

3rd level- higher officials in terms of quality of output through; timeliness, time lag accuracy, quality

Evaluation of training Institute

Participants : delivery of training program Lecturers Training materials Facilities Other arrangements Other training needs Client institutions/ offices/ departments

CBA – inputs can be quantified but outputs can not be.