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## CLA at USAID/Uganda What does it look like?

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## Incorporating CLA into our DNA

- Building brand awareness
- Naming champions
- Learning how to draw it...and knowing it when you see it
- Creating learning agendas and filling knowledge gaps
- Building upon what exists
- Creating the pause for reflection
- Enabling the adaptation
- Integrating organizational development
- Tailoring to a Mission



## Building Brand Awareness

- Branding the concept helps to market it
- "CLA it"
- Fits every part of speech
- Allows for a modular C, L or A, while reinforcing all 3 components


## Naming Champions



- CLA Advisor puts a name to it
- Top-level support, visibility
- Champions
- Across CLA disciplines
- Across technical and support offices


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## Learning How to Draw It...And Knowing It When You See It



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Or is it this？


## Creating learning agendas and filling knowledge gaps

- Conducting high quality evaluations
- Connecting with local evaluation community
- Imagining learning reviews



## Building upon what exists

- Connect top-down ‘system strengthening’ approach with bottom up 'service delivery' approach
- Shifting the tone of partner meetings
- Lifting portfolio reviews 'up a level'



## Creating the pause for reflection

- Activity-level 'learning moments’
- Ala Community Connector
- Extracting tacit knowledge
- AlaHallway moments
- Connecting lessons across silos
- AlaPMTs


## Embracing adaptive management

- Asking "What will change?"
- Building in the adjustment
- Resetting partner expectations \& building trust from the start


## Integrating organizational development

- Retreats, teambuilding and workshops as opportunities to reinforce trust, value learning, strengthen knowledge flows
- Aligning management approaches, structures and processes with technical objectives


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## Tailoring to a Mission

- Menu of activities
- Evolutionary
- Iterative



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## What will you visualize?

