

We have the pleasure to report/inform on the key highlights re: latest progress by EvalPartners:

- The **EvalPartners Advocacy strategy** discussed by the Strategic Planning meeting on Enabling Environment is now finalized (please find it attached). Key actions to be implemented are:
 - Continue creating a global movement to **declare 2015 as International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear)**. In this regard, we have the pleasure to inform you that EvalYear will be discussed by UNEG, OECD/DA, IOCE, ALNAP and ECG at next week UNEG General Assembly in New York, and at the June OECD/DAC EvalNet NECD TF meeting in Helsinki. Consultations are on-going to have EvalYear launched in Sao Paulo (Brazil) at the International Conference on National Evaluation Capacities in October 2013. Attached the latest version of the draft EvalYear's concept note
 - To develop the toolkit for VOPE to create their own Advocacy strategy, in cooperation with OECD/DAC EvalNET NECD TF
 - To start liaising on the African initiative with the African Union, the Arab league and all the various sub-regional or continental bodies in Africa: AAPSCOMS , APRM , Public Service Commission (PSC) in order to achieve a comprehensive Regional Advocacy Strategy in Africa.
- The second EvalPartners book on "**Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs): Learning from Africa, Americas, Asia, Australasia, Europe and Middle East**" is now published and available for free download at <http://www.mymande.org/selected-books>
- **EvalPartners e-learning programme reached a total of 10,000 registered participants from 172 countries**
- EvalPartners will be presenting/contributing to the forthcoming **IDEAS Conference**

Once again, thanks a lot to all of you for your continuous support.

Best regards

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