Terms of References for conducting research on: Evaluation Landscape in LAC: “Can we talk about a Made in Latinamerica and the Caribbean evaluation?

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1. About EvalPartners
EvalPartners is a global movement that shapes the international agenda for evaluation by encouraging the evaluation profession to take a more global approach in addressing world problems and creating a platform for evaluation capacity development.

EvalPartners actively works with various stakeholders to drive forward a Global Evaluation Agenda, aligned with the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, including Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) through the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE), the five EvalPartners networks (EVALSDGs, EvalYouth, the Global Parliamentarian Forum for Evaluation, EvalGender+ and EvalIndigenous) and other strategic partners.

ReLAC is a non-profit Voluntary Organization for Professional Evaluation (VOPE) representing the Latin-American and Caribbean national VOPEs, other institutions and individuals interested in evaluation. Its mission is to strengthen the Evaluation ecosystem in the region. ReLAC has been operating in the region for more than 17 years through an Executive Committee and Working Groups, and developing activities such as ReLAC International Conferences to strengthen the evaluation culture.

2. Inaugural memorial lecture in honour of Dr Sulley Gariba
EvalPartners was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dr Sulley Gariba on 27 April 2021 – a pioneer for global and African evaluation within the EvalPartners family.

During his career, Sulley served as a senior presidential advisor, a diplomat, esteemed lecturer, and Board Member with several international non-profit organizations and foundations. He was a visionary leader in the global evaluation movement: the founding President of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS) from 2002 to 2005, the President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) from 2007-2009, and a firm advocate for Made in Africa evaluation, to name only a few highlights of his inspiring career.

In a moving tribute, Mastercard Foundation President and CEO, Reeta Roy wrote: “Sulley's distinguished career set him apart. But his humility, wit, and love fostered connection, endearing him to many. For a number of us at the Foundation, he was not just a colleague and icon – he was a friend and faithful mentor. Gentle and firm. Gracious and honest. Hopeful and pragmatic. Thoughtful – but ever so humorous.”

Indebted to Sulley for his significant contribution to the field of global evaluation, EvalPartners together with WFP and UNICEF, will set up the Memorial Lecture at the
ReLAC International Conference in November 2022, following the roadmap started in the Inaugural event in the 10th AfrEA International Conference in September 2021.

3. Responsibilities of the consultant

EvalPartners is looking for an Independent Consultant to conduct a research and produce a research paper on: “Can we talk about a ‘Made in Latinamerica and the Caribbean evaluation’: Where are we?” The research paper will be used to prepare the Memorial Lecture to be launched at the ReLAC Conference during a plenary session.

The Consultant’s responsibilities include:

- Review relevant background materials and develop a research outline & methodology
- Assess the evaluation landscape in Latinamerica & the Caribbean and its adequacy for the region’s present development realities and priorities
- Assess the progress made in implementing South Epistemologies in Evaluation
- Discuss how to transform the practice of evaluation in LAC from a South Epistemologies Evaluation perspective
- Describe who are the key players and what role should they play in spearheading a possible Made in LAC Evaluation / Evaluación desde LAC
- Discuss current capacities to meet this transformation
- Identify Dr Sulley Gariba’s perspective to evaluation and highlight its use, articulated with LAC perspectives, for promoting South Epistemologies on the continent and globally
- Make practical recommendations on strengthening “Evaluación desde LAC” in our region
- Synthesise the paper into key points that could be presented in the 30-minute lecture, working closely with the lecture presenter
- Review the lecture presentation prepared for the event
- Review the research paper and work taking into account the Reference Group advises and comments.

4. Deliverables and timeline

An estimated 20 days are allocated for the research paper in line with the following tasks and timeline - a Reference Group will accompany the consultant with reviewing activities -:

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5. Submission instructions

Please send:

- An expression of interest and short CV highlighting similar activities
- Proposed daily rate in US$, including taxes and transaction costs

to the EvalPartners Partnership Manager Lynn Burgess (epsecretariat2022@gmail.com), EvalPartners coordinator Samandar Mahmodi (coordinator@evalpartners.org) and ReLAC coordinator (coordinacion.general@relac.net) before or on 22 July 2022.