

Fourth Global Evaluation Forum (GEF 2024) Leading Progressive and Contemporary Evaluation Practice Programme Details

Pre-Forum Workshop Day: Monday 26 Feb 2024 at CAC					
Timing	Workshop	Scope/ details	LEAD/ Facilitators	ROOM	Notes
9:00-12:30	Country led evaluation: maximizing utility, use and quality	The workshop will explore critical factors for a successful country-led evaluation (CLE), by highlighting some live examples from Tunisia, Morocco and Djibouti, and identifying the key milestones in a CLE process.	Mariia Matsepa and Rachid Amri (UNICEF)	Room 1	French/ English
	What are the answers to the methodological challenges of public policy evaluation?	Nombreux sont les défis posés à l'évaluation des politiques publiques en contexte de développement, particulièrement : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L'existence ou non de politiques publiques explicites à évaluer • La formulation ou non des éléments constitutifs des politiques publiques (énoncés, lois et réglementations, programmes, etc.), et • Les difficultés d'évaluer même les résultats de ces politiques. Considérant ces défis, le présent atelier propose un cadre de référence méthodologique de l'évaluation de politiques publiques de développement prenant en compte l'énoncé de politique, les programmes et lois au titre d'une politique publique, le contexte institutionnel de sa mise en oeuvre, etc	Ahmed Bencheikh (AME, Morocco)	Room 2	In Arabic/ Arabic

	VOPEs role in pushing the UN Res forward	<p>Calling all VOPE leaders, EP networks, evaluation community members, and UN agencies! The workshop is designed to drive awareness and action around the 2023 UNGA resolution and the role of VOPES in supporting implementation of the resolution. In this interactive session, participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain insights into the key components of the 2023 UNGA resolution, including the integration of Country-led Evaluation in VNRs and the utilization of evaluation evidence for informed decision-making. Hear from EvalPartners Networks on their experiences and resources dedicated to supporting SDG evaluation and promoting inclusivity in evaluations and reporting. Collaborate to identify practical pathways for VOPEs and other stakeholders to actively support the implementation of the resolution, fostering meaningful partnerships with governments and UN agencies. 	Sarah Farina (CES/EvalPartners)	Room 3	English
	Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Mini modules introducing participants to methods for integrating generative AI in their evaluation practice. Modules include a primer on generative AI and its use in evaluation; ethical and responsible principles for GenAI-enabled evaluation practice.	Zach Tilton (EvalYouth)	Room 4	English
9:00-12:30	Consultation on the EvalAgenda 2030	Full day consultation with different groups (networks, VOPEs, Partners and individuals) in different formats	Hubert Paulmer (IOCE)	Amphitheater	English
12:30-13:30 Lunch					
13:30-17:00	Transformative, progressive, innovative Evaluation Practices	<p>At the end of the workshop, participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a deeper understanding of transformation and its principles, and gender transformative perspectives in the context of development. Enhance 'how to' Gender Transformative Evaluation Knowledge and Skills Learn about gender analysis and advanced feminist concepts, and frameworks. Learn from real-time examples of Transformative Evaluations 	Sonal Zaveri (EvalGender+/ IEAc) and Weronika Felcis (IEAc)	Room 3	English
	Evaluation to connect national priorities with the SDGs	By the end of the workshop participants will be able to identify the key steps for planning, implementing and reporting a national SDG evaluation.	ADA Ocampo (IDEAS) Dirk Hoffmann (DEval) and Thomas Rossmueller (UNICEF)	Room 2	English

	<p>Contribution analysis: framing the evaluation and avoiding pitfalls</p>	<p>Contribution analysis is a widely known approach, but it is still operationalized in many ways, along with attracting pitfalls due mainly to misconceptions. This interactive seminar is designed for professionals and organizations keen to deepen their understanding and application of contribution analysis in evaluation and impact assessment. Through a blend of expert-led discussions, shared experiences, and hands-on exercises, participants will learn how to effectively navigate the complexities of contribution analysis to make more informed decisions on when and how to use this approach and will further explore ways of operationalizing this approach.</p>	<p>Denis Jobin (UNICEF/ EvalSDGs)</p>	<p>Room 1</p>	<p>English/ French</p>
	<p>How to avoid the pitfalls of standardization? Methodological fundamentals for better diversity in evaluation</p>	<p>Based on the content of the TAQYEEM Program, this workshop aims to revisit the processes for carrying out an evaluation by highlighting the areas of adaptation of the evaluator's work to the object evaluated and its context.</p>	<p>Aref Ben Abdallah (ENAP/TAQYEEM)</p>	<p>Room 4</p>	<p>Arabic</p>
<p>13:30-17:00</p>	<p>Consultation on the EvalAgenda 2030</p>	<p>Full day consultation with different groups (networks, VOPEs, Partners and individuals) in different formats</p>	<p>Hubert Paulmer (IOCE)</p>	<p>Amphitheater</p>	<p>English</p>
<p>18:00-20:00</p>	<p>EvalYouth-AME Side Event</p>				

Day (1): Tuesday 27 Feb 2024 at CAC					
Timing	Session	Scope/ details		ROOM	Notes
9:00-10:30	Opening plenary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Masahiro Igarashi (WHO, EP Co-Chairs) - Opening Remarks 2- Jamal Ramadan (AME Chair) – Welcome Note 3- Younès Benakki (Secrétaire Général du Conseil Economique, Social et Environnemental) 4- Omar Hassouni (Directeur général de la convergence et de l'évaluation des politiques publiques, MICEPP) 5- Dorothy Lucks (SDF Global) - Keynote Speaker 	Kassem El Saddik (GEF 2024 Coordinator)	The Maâroufi Hall	<p>(two-way Arabic/ French/ English simultaneous interpretation available)</p> <p>Check remote connection and projection.</p>
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break					
	Plenary discussion: Transforming Evaluation to attend to the Global and National Realities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HPC (Morocco) - Ahmed Bencheikh (AME) - Sven Harten (DEval) - Nea-Mari Heinonen (MFA-Finland) - Zenda Ofir (IEO High-Level Evaluation Advisory Committee, BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)) 	Ziad Moussa (EvalMENA)	The Maâroufi Hall	(two-way Arabic/ French/ English simultaneous interpretation available)
12:30-13:30 Lunch					
13:30-15:00	Evaluating the SDGs and Strengthening Government Evaluation Capabilities	<p>The panel "Strengthening Government Evaluation Capabilities" is designed to significantly contribute to identify pathways to strengthen Country-Led Evaluation Systems (CLES), addressing key aspects of strengthening government evaluation capabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Omar Hassouni (Directeur général de la convergence et de l'évaluation des politiques publiques, MICEPP) - Marco Segone (UNFPA) - Hon Moutari Ousmane (Nigerien Parliamentary Network) - Zenda Ofir (IEO High-Level Evaluation Advisory Committee, BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)) 	Denis Jobin (UNICEF/ EvalSDGs)	Room 1	

	Decolonizing Evaluation Practice	<p>In line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) regarding the strong commitment of “Leaving no one behind” and “reaching the furthest behind first”, selected panelists share their experiences of integrating the principles of ownership, control, access, and possession to ensure that Indigenous values, culture, and contexts are reflected in evaluation principles and practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rania Fazah (EvalMENA) - Mark Abrahams (Editor, African Evaluation Journal) - Fatimata Kane (SebEval) - Sonal Zaveri (IEAc) - Ana Erika Lareza (APEA) - Jeremie Adomahou (APNODE/ Benin) 	Serge Eric YAKEU DJIAM (EvalIndigenous)	Room 2	
	How would Parliamentarians push for the institutionalization of policy evaluation	<p>Six years after Colombo Declaration, the session will discuss the steps that Parliaments across the world are taking to implement the Colombo Declaration and to institutionalize evaluation, the results of this, the challenges faced, and the lessons learned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hon Chingiz Aidarbekov (Member of the Kyrgyz Parliament) - Hon Abdelilah Hifdi (Member of the Moroccan Parliament) - Dr Romulo Miral (Deputy Secretary General, Congress of Philippines) - Sergio Federico Sierra Romero (Parliamentary Research Officer from the Mexican Parliament) - Ada Ocampo (IDEAS) 	Karen Rot-Munstermann (AfDB/ EvalPartners)	Amphitheater	Interpretation
	Voluntary National Reviews and Gender Equality: where is the evidence?	<p>presentation and reflection on the continuous work of EvalGender+ on assessing the extent to which VNRs include gender-responsive evidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Florencia Tateossian (EvalGender+ Co-chair) - Nicole Ng (University of British Columbia, Canada) - Evelyn Naome Mpagi Kaabule (APNODE, Uganda) - Dirk Hoffmann (DeVAL, Germany) 	Sonal Zaveri (EvalGender+/ EAc)	Room 3	
13:30-15:00	Consultation on the EvalAgenda 2030	<p>Full day consultation with different groups (networks, VOPEs, Partners and individuals) in different formats</p>	Hubert Paulmer (IOCE)	TBC	
15:00-15:30 Coffee Break					

15:30-17:00	The value of evaluation in a transforming world: Implications for achieving the SDGs in country-led development	<p>The panel will focus on four key considerations that evaluation and government leaders may want to keep in mind when supporting systems change in practice towards the transformations achieving the SDGs demand. Among others, we will use the recent global evaluation of Unicef's work on expanding child benefits to illustrate these considerations and highlight the practical implications for the Global Evaluation Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott Chaplowe (International Evaluation Academy - IEAc) - Zenda Ofir (IEO High-Level Evaluation Advisory Committee, BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)) - TBD - TBD 	Denis Jobin (UNICEF/ EvalSDGs)	Room 1	
	Country-led evaluations of the SDGs: an urgent call for action	<p>Generate a dialogue on the relevance of national SDGs evaluations. Real world examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nea-Mari Heinonen (MFA-Finland) - Dr Bala Yusuf Yunusa (Office of the Presidency, Nigeria) - Dirk Hoffmann (DEval) - Discussant: John Grove (The Global Fund) - Morocco (HCP) 	Ada Ocampo (IDEAS)	The Maâroufi Hall	
	South-South Guidelines for Transformative Evaluation	<p>EvalGender+ continuous work to be at the forefront of evaluation guidelines for transformative evaluation. With Jahnvi Andharia – Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST) "Building a Professional Ecosystem at South Asia level through Capacity Development".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evelyne Kaabule (GPFE) - Anis Bin Brik (Professor, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar) - Kathryn Dinh (APEA) - Ram Chandra Khanal - Rania Fazah (EvalMENA) 	Sonal Zaveri/ (EvalGender+/ IEAc)	Room 2	
	Youth leading Evaluation: Fostering and promoting meaningful engagement of youth in evaluation	<p>Agree on the path ahead and plan for the future in light of the next phase of the EvalAgenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marco Segone (UNFPA) - Gabriela Rentería (EvalYouth Global Network) - YEEs from EvalYouth regional chapters - TBD 	Evalyouth TBD	Room 4	
15:30-17:00	Consultation on the EvalAgenda 2030	<p>Full day consultation with different groups (networks, VOPEs, Partners and individuals) in different formats</p>	Hubert Paulmer (IOCE)	TBD	

17:30-18:30	Pre-launch of the second edition of the guidebook Evaluation to connect national priorities with the SDGs	Organized by MFA- Finland, DEval, IDEAS and UNICEF	Ada Ocampo (IDEAS)	Reception Area	
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Day (2): Wednesday Feb 28, 2024					
8:30-9:00		Recap of the previous day	Kassem El Saddik (GEF 2024 Coordinator)	The Maâroufi Hall	
9:00-10:30	Plenary discussion on EvalAgenda 2030 – setting the direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online inspirational speech by Andrea Cook (UNSDG System-Wide Evaluation Office) - Ziad Moussa (EvalMENA) - Weronika Felcis (IEAc) - Masahiro Igarashi (EvalPartners) - Denis Jobin (UNICEF) - Kassem El Saddik (GEF 2024 Coordinator) 	Hubert Paulmer (IOCE)	The Maâroufi Hall	Interpretation
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break					
11:00-12:30	What lessons can be drawn from the experiences of institutionalizing the evaluation capacities and function worldwide?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aziz Ajbilou (Professor, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco) - Anis Bin Brik (Professor, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar) - Scott Chaplowe (Specialist in evaluation, strategy and capacity development, Spain) - Abdoul Aziz Kane (Vice-President of the RFE, Senegal) - Marco Segone (UNFPA) - Ahmad Abdelgawad (IsDB) 	Ahmed Bencheikh (AME)	Amphitheatre	Interpretation
	Partnerships to evaluate the 2030 Agenda - what we have learned over the last 8 years since the launch of the SDGs	<p>Thought leaders in the fields of evaluation, policy making, policy implementation, and development with exchanges with participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin Bruder (DEval) - Mohamed Moutassim (IsDB) - Hon Jeremie Adomahou from Benin (APNODE Chair) - Omar Hassouni (MICEPP, Morocco) - Alfredo Dominguez (IOCE/ EvalPartners) - Ada Ocampo (IDEAS) 	Karen Rot-Munstermann (AfDB/ EvalPartners)	The Maâroufi Hall	Interpretation
	Addressing knowledge asymmetries: Cross-regional perspectives in memory of Sulley Gariba	<p>Discuss the Sulley Garbina memorial issue and lecture series, and explore the question to what extent a Made in Africa Evaluation approach is applicable to other regions, how these regions can learn from one another in adopting more culturally and context relevant evaluation approaches, identify similarities and distinctions, and push the global evaluation profession to engage with and integrate such approaches.</p>	Grace Igweta (WFP)	Room 3	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grace Igweta (WFP) - Mark Abrahams (AEJ editor) - Regional perspectives : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Raquel Herrera (ReLAC) o Ziad Moussa (EvalMENA) o Mark Mulobi (AfrEA) o Kathryn Dinh (APEA) o Erika Lareza (APEA) 			
	Consultation on the EvalAgenda 2030	Full day consultation with different groups (networks, VOPEs, Partners and individuals) in different formats	Hubert Paulmer (IOCE)	TBD	
12:30-13:30 Lunch					
13:30 – 15:00	Plenary Discussion on the UN Resolution - Way Forward	<p>How to implement and act on the UN Res. And the role of the different actors to push it forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspirational note by Deborah Rugg (recorded) - Dirk Hoffmann (DEval) - Morocco (HPC) - Ahmed Ben Cheikh (AME) - Bala Yusuf Yunusa (Nigeria) - Hon Romulo Miral (Philippines) - Masahiro Igarashi (EvalPartners) 	Sarah Farina (CES/ EvalPartners)	The Maâroufi Hall	<p>Check Deborah Rugg (recorded) - To be confirmed.</p> <p>interpretation</p>
15:00-15:30 Coffee Break					
15:30-17:00	Contemporary evaluation Issues	<p>The field of evaluation is evolving in response to today's complex global challenges and opportunities. The transformation agenda framed in the SDGs responds to the current global polycrisis, marked by complex and interconnected challenges facing the world today, such as environmental degradation, social injustice, and political and economic instability. What do you identify as critical contemporary issues for evaluation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John T. Grove (Global Fund) - Someone from the Global Environment Facility (TBD) - IEAc (Zenda, Weronika, Sonal or others) - Mariia Matsepa (UNICEF) - VOPE and/or UN (TBD) 	Scott Chaplowe (IEAc) and Zach Tilton (EvalYouth)	Room 1	<p>Participatory Session</p> <p>From complex systems analysis to decolonization and localization, from indigenous and inclusive evaluation to data science and AI integration, and from professionalization to broader societal impact—share your insights. This session will stress horizontal facilitation, encouraging open discussion and input from all participants, with feedback recorded as a GEF 2024 output.</p>
	Evaluation Professionalization: Why and How?	<p>What justifies the professionalization of evaluation (why)? What are the processes, organizational and practical arrangements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandrine Beaujean (SOLEP, RFE), - Serge Eric Yakeu Djiam (VP IDEAS) - Abdou Aziz Kane (RFE) 	Claudine Morier (RFE)	Room 2	Interpretation

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jamal Ramadan (AME) - Janett Salvador (RELAC) - Alfredo Dominguez (IOCE/ EvalPartners) 			
	Collaborative creation: Organizing a growing network	This session is open to YEEs from different regions and members of other networks with the objective of reflecting on how EvalYouth as a Global Network could strengthen its capacities to collaborate with other networks to promote the meaningful participation of young people.	Gabriela Rentería-Flores (EvalYouth)	Room 3	Engage Morocco YEE
17:00-18:00	Closing ceremony: Launch of the EvalAgenda 2030	Parliamentarians, EvalPartners co-chairs Opened to all local participants. Commitment of the participants.	Hubert Paulmer (IOCE)	The Maâroufi Hall / Amphitheater	Final Commitment Statement RABAT Declaration