



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to our latest edition of the Pamoja newsletter.

We are particularly proud and excited to have extended our partnership with the Hewlett Foundation for another two years. This gesture will deepen the scope of peer learning within the partnership, while allowing partner countries to continue strengthening their national evaluation system.

In March this year the African Evaluation Association's (AfrEA) hosted its biannual conference, which allowed for knowledge sharing, collaboration and networking between a wide range of international organisations-including Twende Mbele and individuals. We were proud to witness the swearing in of the new AfrEA president in Ms Rossetti Nabbumba Nayenga, who with the rest of her team are tasked with



Abdoulaye Gounou, Chair of the Management Committee

growing the AfrEA organisation and keeping to the standard of knowledge sharing that has become synonymous with the organisation.

Work continues defining and designing rapid evaluations tools, with Benin and South Africa embarking on their first pilots in the coming months. Uganda has completed the review of their National Evaluation Policy (NEP) in line with their new National Development Plan. A Parliamentary Oversight app has been pre-tested in Kenya with participants from parliaments across Africa. This exciting development will likely be piloted in three country-level parliaments this year. We look forward to sharing the results of this in the next newsletter.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of Pamoja!



gLOCAL Evaluation Week Webinar

From 3-7 June, The CLEAR Initiative convened a new M&E knowledge-sharing initiative called gLOCAL Evaluation Week which served as a platform to share monitoring and evaluation practices and knowledge across countries and regions.

Twende Mbele hosted a webinar titled, "*Gender Responsiveness in Evaluation Systems*". This webinar brought together practitioners, researchers and experts who have been involved in working on building gender responsiveness into country level M&E systems.

In Benin, Twende also joined forces with 3ie to explore current lessons arising from National Evaluation System development across Francophone Africa, and the work of WACIE.

[Click the following link to watch the webinar...](#)

Strengthening The Participation Of Civil Society Organisations In Evaluation Systems

Insights from Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya and

Ghana

CSOs come with varying human and financial capabilities, and serve on issues ranging from basic social services to the protection of human and environmental rights. As such, CSOs represent a wealth of knowledge and potential influence, and have much to offer in the process of national development.

Within a country's evaluation ecosystem, CSOs play a significant role as a source of evidence generation. They employ monitoring and evaluation (M&E) professionals; commission evaluations in different countries, and in many cases, they have the more advanced M&E systems, generating significant amounts of data and evaluation evidence.

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Evidence Use By Parliamentarians

This symposium at the recent African Evaluation Association conference reflected on a number of key issues affecting evidence use within parliaments. The discussions centred on what participants had learnt during the past 12-months and what should be taken forward to strengthen monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems and capacity for evidence use in parliaments. It was based on discussions from a broader peer learning programme undertaken in the year 2018.

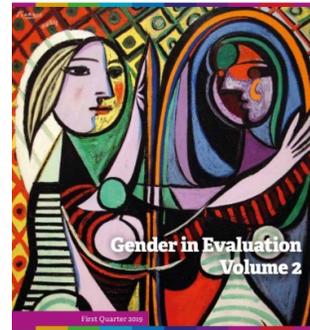
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Une approche Africaine permettant d'évaluer la sensibilité au genre des systèmes nationaux de suivi et d'évaluation

L'importance du renforcement des systèmes nationaux d'évaluation gagne du terrain: de plus en plus d'États investissent dans le renforcement des capacités d'évaluation de leurs institutions et systèmes en vue d'améliorer l'exécution des programmes. L'élaboration d'outils d'évaluation nationaux pour la réalisation d'évaluations pilotées par les pays dans le but d'améliorer l'efficacité et l'efficacités globales des gouvernements est une composante de cette approche.

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Evidence to Action Conference and Exhibition 2019

The theme of the Conference is 'Responsibility and Accountability: Strengthening Evidence Generation, Dissemination and Use to Improve Policy Reforms and Sustainable Development Agenda.' The Conference aims to identify and discuss the accountability and responsibilities of stakeholders in the use of evidence to address developmental needs.

9-12th July, Accra Ghana



Development Evaluation Training Programme in Africa (DETPA) 2019

DETPA is a contextually relevant, practice-based M&E programme that aims to promote evidence-informed decision-making for sustainable socio-economic development. The programme aims to build a community of M&E professionals equipped with skills, knowledge and tools, which are fit-for-purpose to address local and global development challenges.

2-13 September 2019, Johannesburg South Africa



7TH BIENNIAL SAMEA CONFERENCE 2019

The theme for this year's conference is "Shaping M&E for a Sustainable Future".

21 – 25th October 2019, Gauteng, South Africa



IDEAS International Conference 2019

The theme "Evaluation for Transformative Change" addresses the enormous challenge the global community is facing to ensure significant changes for social, economic and environmental sustainability in development, as illustrated in the Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030 of the UN. Envisaging a substantial contribution to the evaluation community and to the development community, IDEAS proposes to bring the voice of the Global South to the Global North.

30 September to 4 October 2019 @Hotel Duo Prague, in the Czech Republic



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