Message From The Chair!

Welcome to the latest edition of the Pamoja newsletter.

After almost two years in the making, we are particularly proud and excited to report that both Benin and Uganda have adapted the Management Performance Assessment Tool (MPAT), with Benin being the first to pilot the Tool. Read more about what we are trying to achieve in the blog below.

Kenya completed Diagnostic Study of the Gender Responsiveness of the National Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation System (NIMES). The study was commissioned by the National Treasury and Planning (Ministry) through the Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate with support from Twende Mbele. The results are fairly consistent with other countries who have
completed the tool, and we look forward to working with Kenya as they implement the recommendations.

In January this year, Ghana hosted its inaugural Results Fair, to showcase that countries government project results and impact on its citizens. Twende Mbele sponsored representatives from nine African to this very important date in the Ghanaian calendar. Just before the start of the Fair, Twende hosted a Learning Event to showcase some of the lessons emerging from the countries.

The M&E baseline study for the five countries - Benin, Uganda, Ghana, South Africa and Kenya, is completed and a synthesis report on the findings will follow soon. Red hot discussion on these results during the recent Learning Event demonstrated that there is no 'one way' to build a learning culture, and that the promotion of an integrated M&E system is part of the journey!

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of Pamoja!

Management Performance Assessment Tool (MPAT): Processus de Mise en Œuvre et Resultats (Blog)

Depuis les années 2000, le Bénin a revu son système de gestion de la performance et est passé d'un système de gestion basé sur les ressources à une gestion basée sur les résultats. À cette fin, le pays a revu ses outils et son approche de la gestion de la fonction publique. Cependant, [...] Cliquez pour en savoir plus

Twende Mbele and the Africa Portal have signed a content sharing agreement, where some of our publications can be found for a wider global audience interested in the affairs of the African continent. The Africa Portal is a research repository and
Twende Mbele Learning Event

To encourage learning across the continent, Twende Mbele hosted a one-day lessons learnt event.

The day hosted officials from a range of Francophone and Anglophone countries, who engaged in activities to foster new thinking and problem solving. The workshop focused on what can be learnt about adapting tools into government, how to build a positive M&E culture, and potential ways to use M&E systems to reach equity goals.

Some insights gathered:
* Building in ownership at the start of a reform is a necessary task, and should not be skipped in order to move more quickly.
* In terms of promoting equity: Partnering with other organisations can help improve the conceptual understanding of equity with policy makers. Capacity building should include some information on the economic and social benefits of achieving equity targets so as to assist policy makers to embed equity into different public policies, preferably through a sectoral approach.

Ghana Results Fair 2020
The three-day event themed: “Delivery results for citizens work in progress”. The Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation on 14 January 2020 opened its maiden result fair to enable Ministries, Department and Agencies interact with citizens, civil society and the media to explain progress of implementation and achievements of government’s flagship programmes and other strategic interventions.

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**New Look Twende Website**

In the early part of March, our new look Twende website will go live. This website will have increased useability to improve access to all parts of the website with a click of a button. We’re excited about a new feature allowing the user to read pdf publications without having to download them.

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**The African Voice at the IDEAS 2019 Global Assembly (Blog)**

The IDEAS 2019 Global Assembly and 3rd International Conference on Evaluating Environment and Development took place in Prague from 2nd to 4th October 2019. It brought together M&E Practioners and political officials to deliberate on issues around the themes of: the use of evaluation for transformative change; evaluating environment and development; transition experiences and best [...] Click for more
Experience in Designing and Implementing a Communications Strategy (Blog)

Under the Directorate of M&E and Inspection, the Evaluation Communications Team has been working with Twende Mbele to discern different stakeholder needs, and strategies for engagement so as to best build a results-orientation to our communication efforts. The first result of this work has been the development of a Communication Strategy. Read more about what we learnt here […] Click for more

Things To Look Out For

gLOCAL Evaluation Week 2020

With the ten-year countdown to the Sustainable Development Goals underway, systems to evaluate the impact of policies and monitor their progress are more important than ever. To sustain the momentum of global efforts to promote monitoring and evaluation capacity the CLEAR Initiative will convene the second annual gLOCAL Evaluation Week from June 1nd to 5th of this year. To take part in this year’s gLOCAL Evaluation Week, simply register and submit your proposal. Applications close 6th March 2020.