Building a stronger and more resilient Africa through evaluation

We are currently accepting submissions for the second edition, 2022 of our knowledge magazine eVALUation Matters. We invite authors to share their experiences, reflections, and observations on the topic of **building a stronger and more resilient Africa through evaluation**. We welcome topical articles, blogs, briefing notes, op-eds, and other forms of original work.

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Please confirm your plan to contribute to [evaluationmatters@afdb.org](mailto:evaluationmatters@afdb.org)

As African countries aim to emerge from the disruption and economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, they face the challenge of steering their development in a new and different reality. Likewise, the community of national, regional, and international development institutions and other stakeholders supporting Africa's emergence from the pandemic must also face new truths and new challenges.

While the continent continues to look forward and shape its future, there are key challenges and trends facing Africa: The economic challenges of public debt and domestic resource mobilization, infrastructure needs for energy, agriculture, and health, as well as social challenges such as jobs for youth, fragility, and a lack of resilience towards regional or global shocks.

In this edition of eVALUation Matters, we are looking for contributions to the magazine on the topic of **building a stronger and more resilient Africa through evaluation**. This edition will inform and contribute to the discussion at the upcoming AfDB Development Evaluation Week 2022, IDEV's biennial event on the same theme, which will take place in September.

Specifically, in this edition of eVALUation Matters, we are asking for contributions that touch on the following issues and questions:

1) **Learning from the past:** What can evaluations tell us about good practices, examples, pitfalls, and insights into projects, strategies, and policies that tackle the following challenges for Africa:
   a. Africa's infrastructure gaps in energy and/or agriculture;
b. Human development needs such as health systems, jobs for youth, human capital development, and countering fragility;

c. Economic challenges such as debt burdens and vulnerability to global economic shocks?

2) Paving the way for the future:

a. What role will or should evaluation play in supporting the building of a stronger, more resilient Africa?

b. How can we ensure that the proper monitoring, reporting and evaluation frameworks are integrated into the design of projects to ensure their evaluability?

c. How can evaluation play a role in ensuring that initiatives, projects, strategies, and policies have the right impact on the people of Africa?

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- Article length: 2500 – 3000 words
- Articles in English and French are accepted.
- Aim for a writing style that is suitable for an informed public with clear and precise language.
- Include one paragraph with (co) author's short bio(s) (current position, previous experience, education)
- Provide the following photos:
  - a separate high-resolution head-shot photo of the author(s)
  - photos/images to illustrate your article, i.e. from data collection as well other related photos/images.
- Include a one-paragraph abstract, with summary statement at the beginning of your article with key messages in 3-5 bullet points
- Include full references (Harvard Style).
- Submit in Word format to make it easier to review and edit
- Send your submission package to evaluationmatters@afdb.org

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