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EVALUATION CAPACITY FOR THE SDGs: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA
A Round Table Discussion in Follow-up to the NEC Conference 2017
Theme: How Far Africa?

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Outline

- IDEV’s Strategic Objectives
- Enhance Learning
- Promote Evaluation Culture
  - Strengthening National Evaluation Systems (SNES)
  - African Parliamentarians’ Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE)
  - Evaluation Platform for Regional African Development Institutions (EPRADI)
  - Twende-Mbele (African Peer Learning Partnership)

Conclusion
Three Strategic Objectives

of Independent Evaluation

Accountability

Learning

Evaluation Culture
Enhance Learning
Connecting decision-makers and stakeholders to sources of evaluative knowledge

- **Publications**
  - Evaluation Reports & Briefs, Lessons Learned, Evaluation Matters, etc.

- **SNES, APNODE, EPRADI, Twende Mbele**
  - Capacity building, Peer learning, Knowledge & experience sharing.

- **Partnerships/Training**
  - EvalPartners, UN agencies, CLEAR
  - To strengthen M&E systems, develop capacity & share experiences.

- **IDEV Online Presence**
  - Website/pages for APNODE, SNES & EPRADI
  - Social Media e.g. IDEV Twitter account

- **Knowledge Events**

Promoting the use of evaluative knowledge in RMCs
Promote Evaluation Culture

Strengthening National Evaluation Systems in Africa: Ethiopia & Tanzania

SNES: Two pilot countries

APNODE
African Parliamentarians Network on Development Evaluation

Supply Side

TWENDE MBELE
Cross-cutting Partnership Initiative

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EPRADI
Evaluation Platform for Regional African Development Institutions
• **GOAL:**
  - Strengthen governance in RMCs through improved government accountability & evidence-based decision-making

• **4 PRONGED FOCUS:**
  - Formulate country-owned strategies for national M&E systems;
  - Develop policy and institutional framework for use of M&E;
  - Strengthen skills for planning/managing/implementing complex evaluations; and
  - Advocate broad demand for quality evaluations that shape decision-making & development outcomes of the public investment program
SNES: KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ETHIOPIA
  - Comprehensive diagnostic assessment of National and Regional M&E Systems
  - Development of the Ethiopian National M&E Policy Guideline
    - Approved and adopted by Ethiopia’s Council of Ministers (2017).
  - Capacity development of national staff
    - Training on “the core basics of M&E” and “impact evaluation” for national M&E practitioners
    - Evaluators embedded in two IDEV-led evaluations to gain hands-on experience.
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APNODE: WHAT IS IT?

- Network of African Parliamentarians on Development Evaluation aimed at enhancing & advancing the use of evaluation for oversight and decision-making.
- Launched in March 2014 at the 7th AfrEA Conference in Yaoundé, Cameroon
  - 14 Members, 07 African Countries (2014)

VISION

Promote development effectiveness and inclusive growth Africa-wide via the use of development evaluation by policy/decision-makers
62 Parliamentarians from 18 countries

Inclusiveness written into 3 year strategic plan

03 National Evaluation Policies

1 constitution integrating evaluation
APNODE: KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Network operationalized and growing
- Establishment of national chapters
- Increased footprint and visibility
- Valued input into global dialogue on evaluation
  - HLF on Evaluation; What Works Global Summit; Evidence Works 2016; EvalPartners Global; etc.
- Strategic Plan and three-year work plan
- Collaboration with partners
**EPRADI: WHAT IS IT?**

- Evaluation Platform for Regional African Development Institutions (RECs & DFIs)
- Started in April 2014 at Evaluation Co-op. Group Meeting in Pretoria, SA
- Current membership – 07:
  - BIDC/EBID; BOAD; COMESA; UEMOA; DBSA; EAC; and PTA Bank.

**VISION**

- Harmonize evaluation methods and practices among regional development institutes to enhance the quality of evaluations and evaluation best practices
Launched in Jan. 2016, partnership includes Benin, Uganda, South Africa, CLEAR-AA & IDEV

DFID & Hewlett Foundation

Jointly strengthen M&E systems, develop capacity & share experiences; promote use of M&E to enhance government performance & accountability
Strengthening ECD... going forward

Create an enabling environment for effective and efficient public, private, CSOs & NSAs engagement

Empower policy/decision makers to demand accountability and use of M&E evidence

Enhance the capacity of all (i.e., public, private, CSOs, NSAs) to facilitate, respond to, inform evaluation systems & processes
Concluding remarks

- Capacity development is a long-term process and that national and regional actors need to own and lead the process. Support must be flexible, innovative & holistic, focusing on all three aspects (i.e. individual, institutional, and enabling environment).