INTRODUCTION TO APNODE
African Parliamentarians’ Network on Development Evaluation

APNODE Secretariat
5th Annual General Meeting (AGM), Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
28-30 August, 2019
Background

- Network of MPs promoting use of evaluation in national decision making to advance development effectiveness and inclusive growth
- Launched in March 2014, at 7th AfrEA Conference in Yaoundé, Cameroon
- Initiated by African parliamentarians based on:
  - recognition of the vital role of evaluation in national decision-making
  - crucial role of MPs in ensuring that evidence is used to strengthen oversight
- **Governance:** Executive Committee (EC) comprised of 10 Network Members and 3 development partners. The EC is elected by the Annual General Meeting and serves a term of 2 years renewable once
Objectives

- **Sensitize** national parliaments & MPs about the essence of evaluation for oversight, policy and decision making
- **Enhance capacity of MPs** to demand and utilize evaluation evidence in duties
- Encourage MPs to **institutionalize evaluation** evidence in decision and policy making
- **Share experiences** across Africa and beyond
- Support MPs to ensure that country-level evaluations acknowledge **gender, vulnerability & equitable devt. results**
- Assist MPs to **embrace a culture of evaluation** & evidence-based decision-making;
- **Bridge gap** between MPs & evaluators.
Membership

- Members from **20 African countries** and reach spanning **26 African countries**

- **Five categories** of membership
  - **Founding** – 25 MPs – signatories to Yaoundé Declaration
  - **Full** – Sitting MPs/Senators
  - **Associate** – former MPs, individuals, institutions & organizations
  - **Affiliate** – Sitting non-African MPs
  - **Partners** – organization, institution, company, individual & NGO of exceptional value or keen interest to APNODE, and willing to assist Network financially, technically or in-kind
Theory of Change

APNODE Theory of Change

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CSOs

Constituent's Citizen's

Advocacy Knowledge Sharing Capacity Building (HEIs & TPOs)

THROUGH APNODE - supporting and empowering Parliamentarians

Lawmakers

Representatives (and advocates)

Parliaments making greater use of evaluations for oversight

Strengthened national evaluation systems

Executive using evidence in national policy and decision making

Stronger and more accountable democratic systems

Greater African Development Effectiveness and Inclusive Growth

VOPEs

Evaluators

PARLIAMENTS Conducting Oversight
Enhance Learning
Connecting decision-makers and stakeholders to sources of evaluative knowledge

Promoting the use of evaluative knowledge in Africa

Knowledge Events
- IDEV Evaluation Week, Workshops, APNODE AGM, UNDP NEC, AfrEA, etc.

Trainings/Dialogue Forums
- IPDET, DEPTA, etc.

Capacity Development/Partnerships
- CLEAR-AA, UN-Women, Twende Mbele, AfrEA, RFE, etc.

Knowledge Dissemination
- APNODE Quarterly Newsletter, Weekly What’s New Brief, APNODE LinkedIn Group, IDEV eVALUation Matters, etc.

APNODE Online Presence
- APNODE Webpage, LinkedIn Group

APDEV
Independent Development Evaluation
African Development Bank
Timeline and Key Milestones

- **2014**
  - Launched: March 2014 at 7th AfrEA Conference in Yaoundé, Cameroon

- **2015**
  - 1st AGM: AfDB HQ, Abidjan, July 2015
  - Host: IDEV, AfDB
  - APNODE Constitution adopted
  - 1st Executive Committee elected
  - Global EvalYear 2015 Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal
  - Contribute to ‘birth’ of GPFE

- **2016**
  - Host: Parliament of Zimbabwe
  - EvalPartners Global Forum in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
  - 8th AfrEA Conference – Kampala
  - HLM on Evaluation – NY, USA
  - What Works Global Summit – UK
  - Evidence Works 2016: Global forum - UK

- **2017**
  - 3rd AGM: Khartoum, Sudan, July 2017
  - Host: Parliament of Sudan
  - 2nd Executive Committee elected
  - 2018-2020 APNODE Strategic Plan
  - MENA Regional Consultation – Jordan
  - 6th SAMEA Conference – Joburg, SA
  - 6th Kenyan M&E Week – Mombasa
  - Official launch of APNODE-CI

- **2018**
  - 3rd Executive Committee elected
  - 2018-2020 APNODE Strategic Plan
  - MENA Regional Consultation – Jordan
  - 6th SAMEA Conference – Joburg, SA
  - 6th Kenyan M&E Week – Mombasa
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- **2019**
  - 4th AGM: Libreville, Gabon, Aug. 2018
  - Host: Parliament of Gabon
  - AfDB’s Development Evaluation Week
  - EvalColombo2018 – Colombo, Sri Lanka
  - 5th AGM: Abidjan, CIV, Aug. 2019
  - Host: IDEV, AfDB
  - 3rd Executive Committee elected
  - 9th AfrEA Conference – Abidjan
  - The CLEAR Initiative’s gLOCAL Evaluation Week
Results Stories I

- Enhanced visibility & footprint of Network
- Country ownership & buy-in – 07 National Chapters
- Facilitated capacity development of over 500 African MPs over 4 year period
- Championed 4 countries to explicitly embed evaluation in their constitutions
- Trusted broker of evaluative knowledge across Africa & beyond
  - Hon. Evelyn Kaabule (EvalColombo2018), Hon. Abass Imbassou Ouattara (‘Evaluation d’Or’ 2017)
## Results Stories II

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African Partnership for Independent Development Evaluation
Conclusion

- Recognize achievements made, and need to be sustain. Also note major trials facing APNODE in light of revised financial landscape
- No one-size fits all strategy, hence solution exist in a menu of policy and process changes
  - enhancing existing partnerships and create new ones
  - identifying opportunities to network to scale
- Going forward, we need to rethink how to operate in an environment of low resource predictability, and select from a variety of approaches for handling challenges
- Calls for an all “hands on deck” attitude
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