

News in Pictures

The 3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the African Parliamentarians' Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE), held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan from July 15th to 17th, attracted 47 participants from 17 countries. Among these were three Speakers of Parliament (from Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda), emphasizing the support that the network enjoys at the highest levels. Development partners including UN Women, the Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Anglophone Africa (CLEAR-AA), and IDEV (which hosts the APNODE Secretariat) also participated.

The agenda of the APNODE AGM included presentations of activities undertaken by members of the network during the year to promote the use of evaluation in

overseeing development spending and results in their countries and regions. New national chapters of APNODE were formed in Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Tanzania during the past year, bringing the number of national chapters to 10. The third AGM also discussed and approved the **Strategic Plan** for the network for 2017–2020, as well as some **amendments to the APNODE Constitution** which clarify issues on the role of parliamentarians, as individual members, as opposed to that of parliaments, as institutions, in the network.

Finally, the AGM elected a new **Executive Committee** for 2017–2019. Six members of the previous EC were re-elected, and there are four new members.

<http://idev.afdb.org/en/page/african-parliamentarians%E2%80%99-network-development-evaluation-apnode>





Workshop on the Comprehensive Evaluation of Development Results.

IDEV evaluators reflect on lessons learned from the Comprehensive Evaluation of Development Results (CEDR) at a learning workshop held in Abidjan on 14th July 2017.

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Twende Mbele mission to Niger

The Twende Mbele partnership (see News, Evaluation Matters Q1 2017) is exploring possibilities to collaborate with other African countries beyond the three current partners (Benin, South Africa and Uganda) to strengthen M&E for improved government performance. IDEV participated in a mission to Niger from 24–27 July 2017 (similar missions were also undertaken to Ghana and Kenya). The mission met with the Minister of Planning, various government departments, the National Assembly, the Court of Auditors and the national evaluation association, among others, to gain insight into the current state of the M&E system in

Niger, its strengths and weaknesses. Stakeholders also identified areas where Niger would like support from Twende Mbele, including in developing the institutional framework for M&E (national evaluation policy, strategy,

guidelines, etc.) and capacity building. The Twende Mbele Management Committee will consider the mission's report and recommendations at its meeting in October.

<http://www.twendembele.org/>





IDEV part of the OECD-DAC EvalNet Task Team for Evaluation Capacity Development

“How can evaluation units of organizations for development cooperation help strengthen national evaluation capacities?” IDEV Division Manager Karen Rot-Munstermann discussed this issue with colleagues from government organizations from Sweden, Belgium, Germany, the United Kingdom, Finland, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Japan. The OECD-DAC Task Team for Evaluation Capacity Development (ECD) met at DEval in Bonn, Germany on the 12th and 13th of September. They drafted a common vision outlining the significance of

evaluation in partner countries by 2022, and a mission statement for the task team. They agreed to strengthen the coordination of their efforts to improve evaluation capacities and to advocate for a stronger international recognition of evaluation as a pillar of good governance and the need to engage in ECD. The next steps will be for the task team to define the key partners to work with to achieve its mission, and to draw up a concrete action plan. The work of the task team will be presented at the next full meeting of the OECD-DAC EvalNet in November in Paris.

<https://www.deval.org/en/105/deval-hosts-the-meeting-of-oecd-dac-evalnet-eed-task-team.html>

