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Press Kit

What When & Where

From 5 to 7 September 2018, Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV) of the African Development Bank (AfDB) is hosting the Bank's Development Evaluation Week 2018 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, under the theme **Strengthening Development Impact**. The objectives of the three-day knowledge-sharing forum are:

1. To champion development evaluation as a valuable tool to monitor the progress of the implementation of the African Union Agenda 2063, and to inform future policies and programs for greater impact.

2. To facilitate sharing of knowledge and experiences on the evaluation methods and practices that help foster the achievement of development results.

3. To enable interrogation of approaches to development evaluation that foster innovation, uptake of lessons, and broader learning.

On 5 September, a Knowledge Café for AfDB staff on **Evaluations for greater impact in the Bank's Operations**, a professional development workshop on **Gender and Evaluation** and a **discussion on the OECD/DAC evaluation criteria** (both by invitation only) will kick off the forum. On 6 and 7 September the event will be open to all registered participants, who will engage in interactive discussions, keynote presentations, panel discussions, and question-and-answer sessions addressing the following development topics: **Public-Private Partnerships for Infrastructure Development in Africa; Inclusion through Agriculture;** and **Partnerships for Impact in Africa**.

Why is it important?

AfDB Evaluation Week is a biennial global knowledge event targeted at African Development Bank shareholders, management and staff; government policy- and decision-makers; technical and financial partners; research and academic institutions; evaluation institutions and associations; civil society; the private sector; and the media.

This year, the forum various activities will provide an opportunity for an estimated 300 participants to address fundamental questions such as:

- What is the role of evaluation in facilitating the achievement of Africa's transformation agenda?
- In what ways do evaluations contribute to the achievement of Agenda 2063 across sectors and thematic areas?
- How can evaluations help African States leverage on knowledge from implementation of priority programs?

Who

Over 300+ development experts and practitioners, evaluators, policy- and decision-makers, representatives of the private sector, civil society and the media are confirmed to attend the forum. Notable speakers include:



Adesina Akinwumi
President **African Development Bank Group**



H.E. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma
Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation **Republic of South Africa**



Hon. Imbassou Ouattara
Member of Parliament of Côte d'Ivoire and of the Executive Committee of the **African Parliamentarians' Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE)**



Caroline Heider
Director-General and Senior Vice President, Independent Evaluation Group

World Bank Group

Check out the conference agenda for our exciting line up of world renown speakers and panelists.

Please note that requests for interviews during Evaluation Week should be addressed to the listed media contacts with a 24 hours' notice.

Media Arrangements

Registration for participation to Evaluation Week 2018 is now closed. However, we can arrange access and coordinate interviews for members of the media correspondents interested in covering selected sessions of the forum.

Kindly send your request 24 hours in advance to the listed media contacts for Evaluation Week 2018.

Other ways you can get involved during AfDB Evaluation Week 2018

For journalists and reporters unable to attend the forum in person there are two ways you can participate remotely:

1. Watch **LIVE**:

Visit AfDB Evaluation Week 2018 website to follow the livestream of all the conference sessions.

2. Join the Conversation on **Social Media** :

Get updates during Evaluation Week 2018 by following @AfDB_Group and @evaluationafdb

*Nota Bene: The main hashtag to follow during the forum is #AfDBEvalWeek

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Frequently asked Questions

1. What is an evaluation and why is it important

To get better development results, we need to know what works, what doesn't work and why, so that we can take this into account in new development programs.

An evaluation is a systematic and objective assessment of an on-going or completed project, program or policy, its design, implementation and results. The aim is to determine whether the intervention was relevant, whether it achieved what it set out to achieve, whether it used resources efficiently, and whether it was sustainable. Evaluation helps shareholders and citizens to hold development organizations accountable for the results achieved, and helps organizations to learn from past experience.

Evaluation has been integrated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Agenda indicates that, as part of the implementation, the follow-up and review processes will be informed by country-led evaluations and data. It also calls for strengthening national evaluation programmes as part of the efforts envisioned to enhance national capacity in developing countries.

The African Union's Agenda 2063 also recognizes the importance of learning from the past in order to enhance impact on the ground. It advocates for a paradigm shift towards planning for results, using data-backed analysis of development projects and a clear results framework to monitor and evaluate national development plans.

2. What is IDEV

IDEV is an independent unit tasked with enhancing the development effectiveness of the Bank. By conducting independent evaluations and proactively sharing knowledge, IDEV ensures that the Bank and its stakeholders learn from past experience and plan and deliver development activities to the highest possible standards.

IDEV carries out independent evaluations of Bank operations, policies and strategies, working across projects, sectors, themes, regions, and countries. IDEV also validates the self-evaluations of projects conducted by operations departments. In addition, it engages in evaluation partnerships and knowledge-sharing activities.

3. Our Mission

To help the African Development Bank to foster sustainable growth and poverty reduction in Africa through independent and influential evaluations.

Such evaluations assess the Bank Group's policies, procedures and operations, review performance, and report on results in order to draw useful lessons and promote accountability. IDEV will ensure effective communication of evaluation results to the Bank's stakeholders.

4. Our Products and activities

IDEV provides a range of evaluation products and activities that are responsive and relevant to the need for evaluative knowledge. They include:

- Individual project validations and evaluations

- Project cluster evaluations
- Country Strategy and Program Evaluations and Regional Integration Strategy Evaluations
- Thematic and sector evaluations
- Corporate and process evaluations
- Impact evaluations
- Evaluation syntheses and systematic reviews
- An annual evaluation report
- Knowledge management and dissemination
- Evaluation capacity development and training
- International collaboration.

For more information about IDEV please visit idev.afdb.org.