



**EVIDENCE AND THE ROAD TO 2030**  
**LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL EVALUATION INITIATIVE**

**AFRICA**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020; 1:30PM-3PM CAT (6:30AM-8AM EST)**

Time CAT/EST	Full Agenda
01:30 PM – 01:31 PM	<b>Welcome and aim and structure of event</b> <b>Redi Tlhabi, Moderator</b>
06:30 AM - 06:31 AM	
01:31 PM – 01:35 PM	<b>Audience Poll</b> <i>91% of national development strategies approved since 2015 explicitly refer to the 2030 agenda and the SDGs. What percentage of countries have the data and systems to track the implementation of national development strategies?</i>  A/ 91% B/75% C/50% D/35%
06:31 AM – 06:35 AM	
01:35 PM – 01:45 PM	<b>Keynote Address (TBC)</b> <i>How important is monitoring and evaluation for Africa?</i> <b>Dr. Carla Alexandra Oreste do Rosário Fernandes Louveira,</b> Vice-Minister of Finance of Mozambique
06:35 AM – 06:45 AM	

01:45 PM – 01:57 PM	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>What is the Global Evaluation Initiative?</i>
06:45 AM – 06:57 AM	<b>Alison Evans</b> , Director General Evaluation, The Independent Evaluation Group <b>Oscar A. Garcia</b> , Director, Independent Evaluation Office, UNDP
01:57 PM – 02:00 PM	<b>Audience Poll</b> <i>What is the most important factor for speeding up the development of monitoring and evaluation capacity in Africa?</i>
06:57 AM – 07:00 AM	A/ An enabling environment B/More dedicated resources C/Access to knowledge and training D/More global support
02:00PM – 02:20 PM	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>Closing the M&amp;E gap in Africa</i>
07:00 AM - 07:20 PM	<b>Godfrey Mashamba</b> , Deputy Director General of the Department Of M&E, South Africa <b>M. Abdoulaye Gounou</b> , Head of the Office for the Evaluation of Public Policies and Analysis of Government Action (BEPPAAG) of Benin <b>Gilson Pina</b> , National Director of Planning, Ministry of Finance from Cabo Verde. <b>Rosetti Nabbumba</b> , Deputy Head and Technical Monitoring Officer (Agriculture) of the Budget Monitoring and Accountability Unit, Government of Uganda.
02:20 PM – 02:25 PM	<b>Testimonial</b> <i>What role for independent evaluators in Africa?</i>
07:20 AM – 07:25 AM	<b>Fazeela Hoosen</b> , co-chair of AfrEA YEE (Young and Emerging Evaluators) network
02:25 PM – 02:40 PM	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>Global partnerships, national cooperation</i>
07:25 AM – 07:40 AM	<b>Pernilla S. Rafiqui</b> , Swedish International Development Association (SIDA) <b>Rosetti Nabbumba</b> , President of the Board of Directors, African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) <b>Sarah Longford</b> , Deputy Director, Department of Evaluation, World Food Program (WFP)
02:40 PM – 03:00 PM	<b>Questions from audience</b>
07:40 AM – 08:00 AM	
03:00 PM	Closing Remarks (TBC)
08:00 AM	<b>Dr Anthony Akoto Ose</b> , Minister for Monitoring and Evaluation, Ghana
<b>Close</b>	

**Objective of the event:** The goal of the event is to introduce the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI) to both current and potential partners in the African continent as a broad partnership formed to meet the growing demand for the development of monitoring and evaluation capacity. The event will aim to communicate the relevance and timeliness of GEI to the current context, and to focus on the specific challenges of

building M&E capacity across the Africa region along with potential solutions. By bringing together a diverse set of stakeholders, from national policymakers to donors, civil society, and representatives of international organizations, the event will also aim to model the inclusive nature of GEI. With a substantive discussion, featuring a range of perspectives, on the role of monitoring and evaluation in meeting today's policy challenges and the many stakeholders involved in both its development and practice, the event aims to have broad appeal and engage the various constituencies of the GEI partnership.

**Format of the event:** This will be a 90-minute virtual event on Zoom accessible to all who have registered for the event at:

[https://worldbankgroup.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CiozkiJnS2yd\\_n67J0eqMg](https://worldbankgroup.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CiozkiJnS2yd_n67J0eqMg).

The event will feature a mix of audience polls, keynote address, moderated discussion and a short, first-person testimonial. The keynote address will set the stage for the ensuing discussions with an overview of the key role of M&E in Africa for coping with the pandemic and reaching the 2030 Agenda. There will be 3 separate moderated discussions focused on GEI, challenges facing M&E development in Africa and the potential role for broad partnerships in overcoming them. The panelists will include founding partners of GEI, a government minister, national government evaluation department representatives, one representative each from a VOPE, donor and international organization, and a first-person testimonial from an independent evaluator. The moderator is an experienced South African broadcast journalist.

**There will be simultaneous translation into French and Portuguese.**

**Audience/Outreach:** The event is designed for a wide variety of participants, including policy-makers, M&E professionals, civil society, independent evaluators, and international development organizations. Simultaneous translation will make the event more accessible to broader range of audiences.

**Specific arrival instructions:** Panelists should be prepared **to log in 15 minutes early (at 6:15 am EST/ 1:15 CAT)** before the start of the session for technical checks and a brief run down from the moderator on how the event will be run.

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### **Background:**

[A Pivotal Year for Monitoring and Evaluation](#)

[A global effort is needed to ensure all countries are ready to combat COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) with evidence](#)

[Building the First-Ever Partnership Focused on Addressing Global Gaps in Evaluation Capacity](#)