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Subject: UNEG joins EvalPartners in declaring 2015 as International Year of Evaluation

Dear UNEG colleagues,

UNEG has decided to join [EvalPartners](#)¹, together and in consultation with evaluation offices of international organizations (including UN agencies, the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), and OECD/DAC Evaluation Network), partners countries, private foundations and voluntary organizations for professional evaluation, in declaring [2015 as International Year of Evaluation \(EvalYear\)](#)².

The decision was taken by UNEG Heads at the 2013 UNEG Annual General Meeting, after Natalia Kosheleva, EvalPartners co-Chairs and IOCE President, presented the initiative, together with the UNEG Task Force on National Evaluation Capacity Development.

EvalYear will position evaluation in the policy arena, including by being a catalyst for important conversations and thinking, at international, regional, national, and sub-national level, on the role of evaluation in good governance for equitable and sustainable human development.

2015 was identified as a strategic year as EvalYear seeks to mainstream evaluation in the development and implementation of the forthcoming Sustainable Development Goals, and all other critical local contextualized goals, at the international and national levels.

On behalf of the UNEG bureau may I request your support in disseminating this information and to contribute to the initiative as planning and preparations proceed.

The bureau will periodically update UNEG Heads on progress, and welcomes your thoughts and ideas on how UNEG can best contribute, and how this initiative may be most effectively leveraged in the UN system for UNEG's mission.

¹ EvalPartners is an innovative partnership of 34 organizations, including UN agencies, OECD/DAC countries, private Foundations and Development Banks, designed to enhance capacities to influence policy makers, public opinion and other key stakeholders so that public policies are based on evidence, and incorporate considerations of equity and effectiveness. Please visit <http://www.mymande.org/evalpartners> for additional information

² Please visit http://www.mymande.org/evalpartners/2015_EvalYear for additional information

Please do not hesitate to contact me and/or Marco Segone (EvalPartners co-Chair) at msegone@unicef.org for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Rugg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deborah Rugg
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