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UNEG Chair's Message - “A UNEG Fit for Purpose”

The [UNEG Strategy 2014-2019](#) states: “UNEG envisions that evaluation is fully realized in every entity of the UN system through appropriate evaluation policies, resources, skills and activities. Thereby, evidence produced by evaluation informs a more relevant and efficient UN system with greater impact on the lives of the people it serves.”

In order to achieve this, UNEG members [work together to continue to build “a UNEG fit for purpose”](#). But what does this entail?



[Click to view Marco Segone speaks about a UNEG Fit for the Post-2015 Agenda](#)

Firstly, UNEG is a diverse network. We have 46 member agencies responsible for evaluation in the UN system, including the Secretariat offices and departments, regional commissions, funds, programmes and affiliated organizations. We work together to ensure that UNEG remains relevant to all members, regardless of size, location, subject focus or structure.

In 2015, the global evaluation community celebrates [the International Year of Evaluation](#) to advocate and promote evaluation and evidence-based policy making at international, regional, national and local levels. Additionally, as you know, in September, world leaders will gather at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City to renew their commitment to development and adopt the new Sustainable Development Goals agenda. This is an important period for all of us at UNEG, where we can seize the moment and join hands with all of our partners to promote evaluation.

UNEG Strategic Objectives:

1. Evaluation functions and products of UN entities meet the UNEG Norms and Standards for evaluation;
2. UN entities and partners use evaluation in support of accountability and programme learning;
3. Evaluation informs UN system-wide initiatives and emerging demands; and
4. UNEG benefits from and contributes to an enhanced global evaluation profession.

defined in the UNEG Strategy 2014-2019.

I am also pleased to note that UNEG recently developed its [work programme 2015-2016](#). This is the second year that UNEG implemented its work programme based on the four Strategic Objectives

Focusing on the Strategic Objectives, UNEG has continued to engage in its core business of strengthening the evaluation functions within the UN system. The activities include the update of the UNEG Norms and Standards, enhancement of the peer review mechanisms, and strengthening of the professionalization of evaluation in the UN system.

UNEG has also ventured into new areas and explored ways to enhance the utilization of evaluation while leveraging strategic opportunities arising from the celebration of the International Year of Evaluation, the passage of [UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/69/237](#) “Capacity building for the evaluation of development activities at the country level”, and the negotiations around the Sustainable Development Goals. Through cooperation with partners, we have continued to contribute to the UN system-wide evaluations and national evaluation capacity development.

I am fully confident that, with the support and engagement of our UNEG colleagues and partners, we will continue the excellent work that UNEG has done thus far. And, together, we will make “UNEG fit for the future”.

Marco Segone
UNEG Chair

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2015 Evaluation Week Follow-up

[2015 UNEG Evaluation Week](#) took place from 9 to 13 March 2015 at the UN Headquarters in New York City. It was composed of three events: UNEG Annual General Meeting (AGM), Evaluation Practice Exchange (EPE) seminars, and a High-level Event ‘Bridge to a Better World’.

The AGM reviewed progress and results of the 2014-2015 UNEG work programme and discussed the way forward. The [AGM Decisions and minutes](#) document is available.

The [2015 Evaluation Practice Exchange \(EPE\) Report](#) and the [Report on 2015 EPE Process and Feedback](#) are also available. The EPE Report includes summaries of each EPE session, with links of presentations and videos. The Report on Process and Feedback outlines the organizational process and feedback collected after the EPE. The EPE session videos (12 in total) are available on the [UNEG YouTube channel](#).

The [UNEG High-level Event “Bridge to a Better World”](#) videos are also available now, including a [short video](#), which includes introductory remarks, lighting of the EvalTorch by the UN Secretary-General and [the UN Secretary-General's opening remarks](#), and a [full video of the High-level event](#).



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UNEG 2015-2016 Workplan

UNEG 2015-2016 workplan is finalized after inclusive consultations with UNEG members. A total of 146 UNEG members from 38 agencies (note that some are double-counted as they are members of more than one SO) were engaged in developing the [2015-2016 UNEG Workplan](#), based on the guidance provided by the AGM.

Given the dynamic nature of UNEG, this workplan will be reviewed and updated in six months (November 2015). It includes two sections:

- Introduction, including the purpose of the document, a brief summary of the period 2014-2015, a brief overview of the upcoming period 2015-2016, and a summary of the preliminary budget; and
- Detailed programme of work by Strategic Objective.

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Updated UNEG Principles of Working Together and Strategy

At the 2015 UNEG Annual General Meeting, a decision was taken to constitute a temporary Task Force to update the [Principle of Working Together \(PoWT\)](#). The Task Force was led by the UNEG Chair and members of the taskforce include UNEG Heads from the following agencies: ICAO, IFAD, OIOS, UNEG Chair, UNEP, UNESCO, and UN-Habitat. Members were from the UN Secretariat, Funds and Programmes, and Specialized Agencies, from NY, Rome, Paris, Canada and Nairobi, which represent UNEG diversity well. In May 2015, [the PoWT](#) was updated as requested and endorsed by UNEG Heads on a non-objection basis. It is available on the [UNEG website](#).

Consequently, the [UNEG Strategy 2014-2019](#) was updated with the section, “How We Will Work Together” removed and the foreword updated.

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Post-2015 Advocacy Process and Progress and EvalYear Journey

UNEG has been following the post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations closely. The UNEG Chair, the Executive Group members, and the Senior Advisor for advocacy have approached close to 20 member states and MS groupings and actively advocated to insert evaluation into the post-2015 outcome document. During the [June intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document](#), the United States, Mexico, Ghana and Switzerland indicated the importance of evaluation in their statements.



2015 International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear) was official declared at the [third International Conference on National Evaluation Capacities \(NEC\)](#) in São Paulo, Brazil. UNEG and its members have participated in the EvalYear activities. There will be over 71 events all over the world that celebrate and lit the Evaluation Torch. Please visit <http://mymande.org/evalyear/evaluationtorch2015>.



On Jan 19, EvalWeek India became 1st country to receive the Evaluation Torch in 2015



Juha I. Uitto, Director of GEF IEO, holds the EvalTorch during UNEG EvalWeek, USA



Evaluation Torch at Centre for Development Impact Conference, United Kingdom



Lighting of Evaluation Torch during the 4th International Conference of MENA (Middle East and North Africa) Evaluation Network Conference, Egypt



Evaluation Torch lighting during the IPDET Conference, Canada



UNEG Chair, Marco Segone & Partners at IPDET during the 37th event lighting of the 2015 Evaluation Torch, Canada



Minister Antonin Dossou & Prof. Leonard Wantchekon participate in the lighting of the 2015 Evaluation Torch during the Regional Conference on Public Policy Evaluation, Benin



2015 Evaluation Torch lighting at DFID meeting, United Kingdom



Eval Torch lighting during the start of M&E Conference for Responsible Innovation, New Zealand

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2016 Evaluation Week Preparation

2016 will be a crucial year that will see several major processes coming to a new start. With the adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution on evaluation capacity building, the celebration of the 2015 International Year of Evaluation and the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, UNEG has a significant opportunity to continue to bring evaluation to the forefront of development work. The SDGs in particular will shape the sustainable and equitable development discourse and action for the next 15 years. To remain relevant and fit for purpose, UNEG will need to strategically position itself as a key player in the global development community, while continuing to strengthen capabilities of UN evaluation functions. The UNEG Chair, Secretariat and the Geneva-based UNEG members have met several times and discussed the preparation and organization of the 2016 Evaluation Week, which will take place from 25 to 29 April 2016 in Geneva. The theme of the Evaluation Week will be finalized soon and four organizational committees of different events will be established.



UNEG Evaluation Week 2016 will be hosted in Geneva, Switzerland, from 25-29 April, 2016

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UNEG at Partner Meetings

UNEG at OECD-DAC Evalnet Meeting

The UNEG Chair Marco Segone attended the 18th meeting of the OECD-DAC Network on Development Evaluation from June 15 to 16 in Paris, France. He provided a status report on the situation “mid-term” through the International Year of Evaluation, and on work linked to the Monitoring & Evaluation framework of the SDGs.



Lighting of the Eval Torch @ the 18th OECD-DAC Network on Development Evaluation Meeting, Paris France

Indran Naidoo, Director of the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office and UNEG Vice Chair for Strategic Objective One also provided a status report on the ongoing collaboration between UNEG and DAC Evalnet on peer reviews of evaluation functions. In 2014, UNEG completed three peer review including those of the Office of Evaluation of the World Food Programme (WFP); Independent Evaluation Office of Global Environment Facility (GEF); and Evaluation Office of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). Peer Review reports are available at:

<http://www.unevaluation.org/document/peer-review-reports>.

Three UNEG members have requested peer reviews in 2015. They are: Evaluation Division of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA); Independent Evaluation Unit of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); and Evaluation and Monitoring Unit of the International Trade Centre (ITC).

UNEG at ECG Meeting

UNEG Chair Marco Segone also attended the [Evaluation Cooperation Group \(ECG\)](#) meeting from June 29 to 30 in Washington DC. On 30th June, to celebrate the [International Year of Evaluation](#), the [Evaluation Torch](#) was lit by ECG members at the meeting held at the Headquarters of the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group in Washington DC.



ECG members light EvalTorch @ World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group HQ, Washington DC

UNEG at IPDET Meeting

The 2015 International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) took place from June 8 to July 3 in Ottawa in Canada. Many UNEG colleagues attended it. EvalTorch was lit there.

Indran Naidoo, Director of UNDP Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) and UNEG Vice Chair, made a presentation on "[Professionalization for utility, with credibility through independence](#)", focusing on the work of UNEG, national evaluation capacity development and the experience from IEO.



37th lighting of the Eva ITorch @IPDET conference for 2015 Eval Year.

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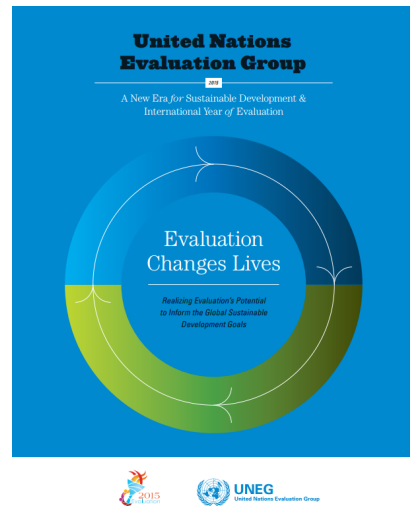
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UNEG Report: Evaluation Changes Lives: realizing evaluation's potential to inform the global Sustainable Development Goals

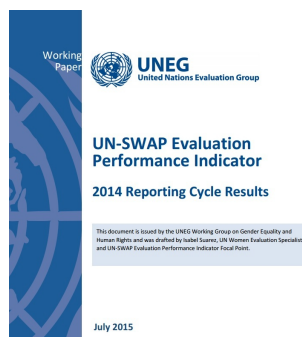
This report is designed to celebrate 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation, the approval of the recent UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/69/237 on “Capacity building for the evaluation of development activities at the country level”, and the shaping of the post-2015 development agenda. It addresses the added value brought by UNEG and evaluation. It presents an overview of UNEG members and partners’ work, while indicating UNEG role in the post-2015 era: “working on multilevel partnerships to contribute to global evaluation agenda and processes to enhance national evaluation capacity development, with the ultimate goal of achieving better development results that will positively impact people’s lives”.

It is available online at: www.unevaluation.org/evaluation_changes_lives.



UNEG Working Paper: UN-SWAP Evaluation Performance Indicator 2014 Reporting Cycle Results

This document has been prepared to inform UNEG members on the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP) Evaluation Performance Indicator (EPI) results reported by the UN-SWAP reporting entities. The document provides a brief background of the Chief Executive Board for Coordination (CEB) endorsed UN-SWAP and UNEG support to develop a methodology to help UN entities to comply with the annual reporting against its Evaluation Performance Indicator (EPI). It also provides an overview and analysis of the results of the reports submitted by the UN-SWAP reporting entities against the EPI in 2015 (2014 reporting cycle) and an additional follow up consultation that received responses from 14 reporting entities. In addition, it includes brief information on the process for the UNEG review of the UN-SWAP EPI Technical Note and related Scorecard that took place in 2014. Finally, the document reflects some of the challenges and the reported good practices identified in the 2014 reporting cycle and remedial actions to improve the integration of gender equality in the evaluation function committed by several UN entities and initial recommendations based on the analysis of results from all reporting entities.



It is available on the [UNEG website](#).

Working Paper: Report to the UNEG Working Group on Professionalization of Evaluation by Ian C Davies, CE & Julia Brümmer

This report summarises the results of a short study commissioned by UNEG on professionalisation of evaluation in the UN.

This consultancy report was developed under the auspices of the United Nations Evaluation Group's Professionalization of Evaluation sub-group. The analysis and recommendations of this document do not necessarily reflect the views of the United Nations or the United Nations Member States.

It is available on the [UNEG website](#).

UNEG Events

UNEG Webinar: How does Evaluation Advance Environment and Sustainable Development? (held on 14 May 2015)



The event featured a book, [Evaluating Environment in International Development](#), and participants discussed why and how evaluation contributes to environment and sustainable development. [Evaluating Environment in International Development](#) provides novel and in-depth perspectives on

the increasingly strategic area of climate change and development evaluation. Moving beyond projects and programs, it considers aspects such as evaluating normative work on the environment and evaluating environmental consequences of economic and social development efforts. It not only aims to stimulate the dialogue and learning process between practitioners and research, but also to provide an encouragement for social change, especially for the most affected people of climate and environmental change in the global South. As Nidhi Khattri (World Bank, Independent Evaluation Group) stated: "The book is a must read for anyone concerned about development and its effects on environment". Speakers included the book's editor, **Juha Uitto**, Director of the Independent Evaluation Office at the Global Environment Facility (GEF), two contributing authors **Vijayalakshmi Vadivelu**, Evaluation Adviser at the Independent Evaluation Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and **Andy Rowe**, economist and independent evaluator, as well as **Arild Hauge**, Deputy Director at the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office, who served as commentator.

[Please click here to view the webinar.](#)

[Please click here to view Juha Uitto's blog article "Does Evaluation Advance Environment and Sustainable Development?"](#)

UNEG Webinar: Lessons from the MDG Era: Delivering on the "World's Biggest Promise" (held on 23 June 2015)

How did the United Nations and the World Bank help implement and measure the Millennium Development Goals, and what does that tell us about the post-2015 agenda? 2015 is a momentous year for the United Nations, as the Millennium Development



Goals (MDGs) come to a close and a new global development agenda is being agreed upon for the post-2015 era. The current effort to establish the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) builds upon the momentum of the MDGs and represents a testimony to their usefulness. As we embark on this new strategic effort, it is important to take stock of the MDG experience.

Speakers presented the findings from three recent evaluations pertaining to the MDGs and the support extended to them by the United Nations and the World Bank: Ellen Vinkey, Evaluation Officer, United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), on the results of a [thematic evaluation of monitoring and evaluation of the MDGs](#), 2015 Olivier Cossee, Evaluation Manager, Independent Evaluation Office, UNDP, on an [evaluation of the role of UNDP in supporting national achievement of the MDGs](#), 2015. Xiaolun Sun, Senior Evaluation Officer, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank Group, on the World Bank's experience with the MDGs as summarized in the [Results and Performance of the World Bank Group](#), 2014, Fumika Ouchi, UNEG Executive Coordinator; Evaluation Advisor, Independent Evaluation Office, UNDP, Nicholas York, Director of Country, Corporate and Global Evaluations, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank and Arild Hauge, Deputy Director, Independent Evaluation Office, UNDP, also commented on the topic.

[Click to view the event page and find the event presentations.](#)

[Click to view a recording of the event.](#)

UNEG - UN-SWAP Evaluation Performance Indicator UNEG Member Results Webinar (held on 8 July 2015)

On July 8, 2015; UNEG SO3, the Gender Equality and Human Rights Working Group held an exchange on the 2014 UN-SWAP Reporting Cycle - Lessons Learned and Good Practices on integrating gender equality in evaluation.

[Click here to see the report UN-SWAP Evaluation Performance Indicator 2014 Reporting Cycle Results](#)

[Click here for event presentations and to view a recording of the event](#)

UNEG New Videos

Video Playlists:

[2015 Evaluation Practice Exchange](#)

[2015 High-level Panel Event, "Bridge to a Better World"](#)

2015 Evaluation Practice Exchange:

[2015 EPE - Opening Session, 11 March](#)

[2015 EPE - Why Innovation Matters for Sustainable Development? 11 March](#)

[2015 EPE - UN-SWAP: Integrating Gender Equality and Human Rights in Evaluation, 11 March](#)

[2015 EPE - Performance Measurement in UN Organizations, 11 March](#)

[2015 EPE - Mixed Methods and Impact Evaluation in the Information Era, 11 March](#)

[2015 EPE - Strengthening Decentralized Functions, 12 March](#)

[2015 EPE - Innovations and Challenges in Designing and Managing Thematic Evaluations, 12 March](#)

[2015 EPE - Common Challenges, Uncommon Solutions: Evaluating Peacebuilding Interventions, 12 March](#)

[2015 EPE - Communications and Knowledge Management, 12 March](#)

[2015 EPE - Evaluation in Humanitarian Settings - The 'New Normal' for UN Evaluators?, 13 March](#)

[2015 EPE - National Evaluation Capacity Development Support, 13 March](#)

[2015 EPE - Feedback from AGM & Towards a post-2015 UNEG, 13 March](#)

2015 High-level Panel Event, "Bridge to a Better World":

[UNEG 2015 High Level Panel Event \(Short Video\) "Bridge to a Better World"](#)

[UNEG 2015 High Level Panel Event \(Full Video\) "Bridge to a Better World"](#)

2015 UNEG Event Series:

Webinar: [How Does Evaluation Advance Environment and Sustainable Development?](#)

Webinar: [Lessons from the MDG Era](#)

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Who Are We: UNEG Members' Pages

UNEG has now 46 members and 4 observers. Information on the UNEG members and observers have been described and summarized on the UNEG website:

<http://www.unevaluation.org/about/memberagencies>

(click each agency for more detailed information).

UNEG members and observers are in the process of updating the information based on most recent data.



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UNEG Databases

UNEG maintains two databases which were launched in September 2014. The [database of evaluation plans](#), is designed to assist UNEG members in identifying areas of collaboration and facilitate joint evaluation. Information stored here is available only to UNEG members (member login required). As of early July 2015, there are over 100 planned evaluations of 6 agencies uploaded.

The UNEG website is also hosting a [database of evaluation reports](#) that will assist UNEG members in identifying past evaluation reports for learning purposes. This database of reports is available to the general public. As of early July 2015, the Database of Evaluation Reports contains over 5760 reports from 19 agencies. The database of evaluation reports also serves as a repository of information about consultants.

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New Discussion Forum Groups

The UNEG Discussion Forum is a platform for UNEG members to exchange views, knowledge and information on evaluation related issues. Recently, five new discussion groups have been set up for the UNEG working groups and members to discuss issues on the following topics (member login required) under

“Community of Practice”:

- [Decentralized Evaluation](#)
- [Humanitarian Evaluation](#)
- [Evaluation and Peacebuilding](#)
- [Professionalization of Evaluation](#)
- [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)



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UNEG Farewells & Welcomes

UNEG would like to acknowledge the contributions of our departing members and warmly welcome our new colleagues to the UNEG community. Names were listed based on approximate chronological order.

Farewell and Changes

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Kym Taylor was appointed Chief of Evaluations Team of Policy, Evaluation and Training Division at the UN Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support (DPKO/DFS).

Claude Hilfiker, Head of Evaluation Section of Internal Oversight Division at WIPO, serves as acting UNEG Head.

Fumika Ouchi, Evaluation Advisor at UNDP, was appointed as the new UNEG Executive Coordinator.

The Office of Internal Oversight and Evaluation Services of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) joined UNEG as member in 2015. **Maria C. Kobbe**, Evaluation Advisor, serves as UNEG Head.

The Planning, Performance and Results Section of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) joined UNEG as observer in 2015 (the unit will become a member automatically once a staff fully dedicated to evaluation is recruited later in 2015). **Brook Boyer**, Manager of Planning, Performance and Results Section, Office of the Executive Director, serves as the Observer.

**This is based on information made available to the UNEG secretariat. Please contact uneg.contact@undp.org to add any welcomes or farewells within the UNEG evaluation community.*

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UNEG Member Agency News



Publications

IFAD: Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Community Development Programme Project Performance Assessment (June 2015)

IFAD: Republic of Albania, Programme for Sustainable Development in Rural Mountain Areas Project Performance Assessment (May 2015)

IFAD: Republic of Turkey, Sivas–Erzincan Development Project Project Performance Assessment (May 2015)

IFAD: IFAD's engagement in fragile and conflict-affected Corporate-level evaluation report, profile, insights and infographic (May 2015)

OIOS: Report on Strengthening the Role of Evaluation and the Application of Evaluation Findings on Programme Design, Delivery and Policy Directives (June 2015)

OIOS: Report on the Evaluation of the International Trade Centre (ITC) – E/AC.51/2015/8 (June 2015)

OIOS: Report on the Evaluation of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) – E/AC.51/2015/9

OIOS: Report on the Evaluation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (June 2015)

OIOS: Report on the Evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) - E/AC.51/2015/5 (June 2015)

OIOS: Report on the Evaluation of United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) - E/AC.51/2015/2 (June 2015)

WFP: Annual Evaluation Report (May 2015)

WFP: Mozambique CP 200286 (2012-2015): A Mid-term Operation Evaluation (May 2015)

WFP: Ecuador PRRO 200275 Assistance to Refugees and Persons Affected by the Conflict in Colombia (2011-2014): An Operation Evaluation (May 2015)

WFP: Somalia PRRO 200443 Strengthening food and nutrition security and enhancing resilience: An Operation Evaluation (April 2015)

WFP: Ghana CP 200247 (2012-2016): A Mid-term Operation Evaluation (May 2015)

WFP: Evaluation of WFP's Regional Response to the Syrian Crisis, 2011-2014 (April 2015)

[WFP: WFP's Preparedness and Response Enhancement Programme: A Strategic Evaluation \(2011-2014\) \(April 2015\)](#)

[ILO: Evaluation Manager Certification Programme Report \(July 2015\)](#)

Newsletters

[IFAD: Evaluation News - Issue 9 \(June 2015\)](#)

[UN Women: Transfrom - Issue 1; Launch Issue \(June 2015\)](#)

[UN Women: Transfrom - Issue 2; Women's Economic Empowerment \(July 2015\)](#)

[UN Women: Newsletter #10 \(July 2015\)](#)

[UNDP IEO Evaluation News - Quarter 2 Newsletter \(July 2015\)](#)

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Upcoming Conferences (4 New)

SEVAL Annual Conference 2015 and Pre-Conference for the International Year of Evaluation 2015

Date: September 4, 2015

Location: University of Geneva, Uni Mail, Switzerland

[Please click here for more information.](#)

IPEN International Conference: "Social and economic reforms, and management decision-making: role of monitoring and evaluation"

Date: September 23- 25, 2015

Location: Kyiv, Ukraine

[Please click here for more information.](#)

Making Effective use of Evaluation in an Increasingly Complex World - Joint UNESCO – French Evaluation Society and European Evaluation Society Conference

Date: September 30, 2015

Location: UNESCO, 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75007, Paris, France

The **purpose of the event** is to bring together decision makers and evaluators, the demand and the supply sides of evaluation, to discuss the use and impact of evaluation itself and how this could be improved.

Registration to the conference is compulsory. To register, free of charge, please go to: <http://www.europeanevaluation.org/content/joint-conference-conf-rence-conjointe>

For detailed information on the conference in English and in French, including the programme agenda, please visit: <http://www.europeanevaluation.org/content/joint-conference-conf-rence-conjointe>

4th International Conference on National Evaluation Capacities (NEC)

Date: October 26 - 30 2015

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

The conference is being promoted by the Independent Evaluation Office of UNDP and the Thai Government, in partnership with UNEG and jointly organized with the IDEAS 2015 Assembly. The programme will feature joint NEC and IDEAS keynote addresses, special sessions and pre-conference workshops, which should make for a unique opportunity for cross-fertilization and for participants to draw upon the comparative strengths of each event and partners. The NEC conference aligns with the goals of the EvalYear and participants, mostly from Governments, will deliberate on post-2015 priorities for the Global Evaluation Agenda to help with the implementation of the SDGs, which will be officially endorsed and launched at the Global Evaluation Week organized by EvalPartners at the Parliament of Nepal in Kathmandu on 23-25 November.

[Please click here for more information.](#)

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Professional Development Opportunities (3 New)

UN Women launches a professionalization initiative to strengthen the decentralized evaluation function in UN Women.

This initiative is aimed at strengthening skills and competencies in managing gender-responsive evaluation of decentralized evaluation managers, and M&E specialists and Focal points (in addition to programme officers and deputy representatives). To learn more watch the [joint introductory video](#) produced by the Directors of Independent Evaluation Office, Human resources Department and the Training Centre of UN Women and read the attached document.

The professionalization initiative is based on three elements:

1. acquisition of theory through e-learning;
2. application of the theory acquired by managing a real evaluation with the support of a coach/mentor and, if successful,
3. certificate of as credential gender-responsive evaluators in UN Women.

While the initiative is for UN Women staff, the eLearning course: how to manage gender-responsive evaluation, which complements the UN Women Evaluation Handbook, is open to all UN staff and external partners. The course is located on the [UN Women Training Centre eLearning Campus](#).

Please contact Sabrina.evangelista@unwomen.org with any questions.

Scholarship Opportunity: 2015 On-line Professional Development Workshop Series on Evaluation and Applied Research Methods Scholarship

The [Claremont Evaluation Center](#) and [EvalPartners](#), with the financial support of Rockefeller Foundation, are proud to announce the creation of a scholarship fund to financially support evaluators working in, or originally from, a country located in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia, or East and Central Europe (non EU countries), and the Middle East to attend the on-line 2015 Professional Development Workshop Series on Evaluation and Applied Research Methods to be held on 20 - 24 August 2015.

Available to attendees from across the world via Online Classroom, the 2015 series includes 22 one-day workshops for you to choose from, each one taught by leading experts in the field. A number of exciting topics will be taught this year, including (but not limited to): Positive Human Resources Development; Educational Evaluation; Basics of Evaluation & Applied Research Methods; Quasi-Experimental Methods; Cultural Responsiveness in Applied Research and Evaluation; Introduction to Qualitative Methods, and many more! Visit www.cgu.edu/workshops for more information and workshop descriptions.

If you working in, or are originally from a country located in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia, or East and Central Europe (non EU countries), we invite you to send your scholarship application to Edith.Ramirez@cgu.edu or John.LaVelle@cgJohn.LaVelle@cgu.edu.

[Please click here to access the scholarship application form.](#)

Register now for 2nd cohort of 2015 e-Learning on Development Evaluation

UN Women Independent Evaluation Office, Claremont Graduate University and IOCE, within the [EvalPartners](#) initiative, with support from The Rockefeller Foundation and in partnership with UNEG, OECD/DAC EvalNet, ALNAP, UNICEF, ReLAC, IPEN and EvalMena, are pleased to announce the opening of the registration for the second 2015 cohort of the [introductory e-Learning programme on Development Evaluation](#), which will close on 17 September 2015. In the previous rounds, almost 25,000 participants from 172 countries registered, with a satisfaction rate of 72%.

The e-learning is free and open to all interested evaluators. You may attend virtually from your personal or work computer anywhere in the world. The course includes on-line lectures, reading material and multi-choose tests. On successful completion of the e-learning course will be able to print out a certificate of virtual attendance.

For additional information, [watch the introductory video](#) by Marco Segone (UN Women Independent Evaluation Office Director, UNEG Chair and EvalPartners Co-Chair) and Natalia Kosheleva (former IOCE President and EvalPartners Co-Chair). For registration, visit <http://mymande.org/elearning/>.

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Job Opportunities (3 New)

UNESCO Seeks Consultant for Assessment of the EFA Architecture in Asia-Pacific "Lessons and Prospects"

Apply by 30 July 2015

[Please click here for vacancy details](#)

UN Women Seeks Evaluation RFP: Firm to conduct End of Project Evaluation of Regional ERAW Programme

Apply by 5 August 2015

[Please click here for vacancy details.](#)

UNESCO RFP/Call for Consultancy - Assessment of the External Evaluation of the Project 'Education for Sustainable Development - Building Momentum towards 2014'

Apply by 7 August 2015

[Please click here for vacancy details.](#)

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