National Evaluation Capacity survey results
Bangkok Principles on National Evaluation Capacity for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) era

1. This declaration seeks to capture an emerging body of shared understanding on issues and priorities for evaluation practice in the era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to help guide joint action in future support of national evaluation capacity.

2. We, the participants at the Fourth International Conference on National Evaluation Capacity, convened by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and its Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) and the General Assembly 2013 and the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS) here in Bangkok, 28-30 October 2013, declare to the evaluation community.

3. Representing evaluation users and producers, from 100 countries and members of national government, national regional and international organisations and networks; comprising professional practices that span from government, private and non-profit sectors; from internal management consultation through formal independent oversight to academic research; we have shared our diverse experiences and sought common understandings on challenges and opportunities for evaluation practice to support the SDGs. We stand ready to bring our collectively and cumulatively expertise to bear upon success in service to the SDGs in a transformative vision of a world of universal respect for human rights and dignity, equality, non-discrimination, democracy and the rule of law.

4. We understand the 17 SDGs and targets to have the potential to transform societies and mobilise people and countries. Achievement of the SDGs will need to be founded upon effective, accountable and inclusive institutions, sound policies and good governance, and we share the conviction that the evaluation function and profession has great potential in responding to the challenges at hand. Beyond evidence-based reflection embedded in evaluative findings and recommendations per se, the evaluation function can, if undertaken without deference to authority alone, bring legitimacy to the bearers’ engagement with stakeholders to development.

5. We note that the SDG’s intentions for follow-up and review processes are specifically guided by objectives that evaluation function directly responds to (inter alia):

   - identify achievement, challenges, gaps and critical success factors
   - support the identification of solutions and best practices and promotes coordination and efficiency of the international development system
   - be open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people
   - build on existing platforms and processes
   - be rigorous and based on evidence, informed by country-led evaluations and data
   - require enhanced capacity-building support for developing countries, including the strengthening of national data systems and evaluation programs

6. We observe that the SDGs agenda shall be country-led and tailored to respective national priority setting. Evaluations can contribute to the process of setting country-level EIO priorities through
24 agencies responded to the survey

3 indicated that they do not have a mandate for NEC, and so did not respond to individual questions
Does your agency evaluation policy refer to national evaluation capacity development?
Does your evaluation office have a specific budget allocated for NEC activities?

Number of agencies

Yes 6

No 15

Yes  No
Reported budget allocated for NEC activities

40,000 - 250,000 USD
Range of reported budget allocations to NEC in USD

5% - 50%
Range of reported percentages from budget allocated to NEC
Does your evaluation office directly support national evaluation capacity development?

Number of agencies

Yes 7

No 14
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Does your agency support other NEC development?

Number of agencies

- Yes 4
- No 15

Yes  
No
Does your evaluation office have any NEC activities planned for 2017?