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SDGs ROADMAP & NEXT STEPS SDGs WORKING GROUP

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- ❑ UNEG Strategy 2014-2019
- ❑ UNEG roadmap for the SDGs process
- ❑ The way forward
- ❑ SWAT Analysis
- ❑ Opportunities to advance Agenda 2030

UNEG Strategy 2014-2019

Areas of progress

Adoption of the first stand-alone UN General [\(A/RES/69/237\)](#)

Integration of evaluation in the new 2030 Agenda

Revised UNEG norms & standards (adopted in 2016)

Peer reviews (ITC and UNODC completed, ICAO, WHO, UNFPA and UNICEF in process)

Guidance notes for joint evaluations developed

Partnerships with the international evaluation communities on evaluation products and initiatives

Supporting efforts of UN members in the areas of gender equality, human rights and humanitarian evaluation

In 2016, UNEG commissioned a working paper [Evaluation in the SDG era: lessons, challenges and opportunities for UNEG](#)



UNEG is preparing a **roadmap** that “sets out the role of the UN Evaluation System in the follow-up and review mechanism of the Agenda 2030, at global, thematic, regional and national level”

UNEG Roadmap Process

Commissioned working paper to clarify

1. Role of UN Organizations in the 2030 Agenda follow-up and review process
2. Role of UNEG in contributing to that process and what UNEG will deliver

Paper: Evaluation in the SDG era: lessons, challenges and opportunities for UNEG

Inputs from the SO SDGs
working group

Online
Survey

Regional consultation meetings

*Synthesis UNEG's Engagement in the
Implementation of the 2030 Agenda*

UNEG Mid Term
Review

UN Secretary
General Reform

**ROADMAP Proposal for UNEG
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The way forward

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Next steps

- Complete draft Roadmap taking into account UN reform and UNEG MTR
- Develop Theory of Change working in small groups
- Feedback from SDG working group to complete roadmap (working in small groups)
- Submit a roadmap to EG for comments and later approval at the next AGM

Consider

- ❑ UNEG mission and resources
- ❑ HLPF central role in the follow-up & review
- ❑ VNRs more focus on monitoring/measuring than evaluation

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UNEG SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- UN system tends to increase evaluation efforts
- Existing stock of knowledge and guidance tools
- Wide experience in capacity building initiatives
- Increased demand for training and evaluation capacity development given the requirements of the 2030 Agenda
- UNEG has very skilled evaluators, sharing norms and standards, to support professionalization and disseminate the evaluation culture
- Sound experience in partnering
- Joint evaluations have produced lessons that can be applied to new evaluation initiatives for the SDGs

Opportunities

- SDGs are being 'mainstreamed' within national governance
- More awareness about evaluation key role for transparency, accountability and decision-making
- Potential of evaluation in informing public policies
- Growing evaluation community and tendency to professionalize
- Increased need of evaluation capacity to implement 2030 Agenda
- Enabling environment to partner with government and civil society
- Demand to work more closely with DESA, auditing and statistics
- Need for meta-evaluations and joint evaluations
- Current debate on DAC criteria can lead to re-thinking evaluation methodology and model to better assess SDGs progress

Weaknesses

- UNEG members barely use website tools to debate and exchange practices.
- Database needs revamping to fit better SDGs reporting needs
- UNEG Secretariat has very limited human and financial resources.
- Being a voluntary network, UNEG operations depend on the good will and availability of its members
- UNEG in the present form is not prepared to respond to the demands of the evaluation in the SDG context

Threats

- UNEG added-value is insufficiently known outside the evaluation community
- There is some degree of confusion between UNEG mission and each of the members' mission
- Reluctance and difficulties to engage in joint evaluations
- Self-interest prevails sometimes over general interest
- UN reform has introduced some degree of uncertainty

Opportunities to advance Agenda 2030

Evaluation capacities

- Increasing interest in evaluation capacities development

Diagnosis

- Promote tools for national evaluation diagnostics (for example, UNDP IEO National Evaluation Diagnostics Tool)

Comprehensiveness

- Collaborate with government counterparts

Partnerships

- For assessing complex contexts and ambitious goals
- Vital in advancing national evaluation capacity development across the globe

Other

- Enhanced public access to information
- Increasing demand for accountability
- Closer collaboration between stakeholders

Resources

- [Evaluation for Agenda 2030](#) – Providing Evidence on Progress and Sustainability



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