

Evaluation Practice Exchange (EPE)

31 March - 1 April 2014
Ballroom 1, Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Bangkok

Theme:

- Strengthening the quality and use of evaluations at the national and regional levels and ensuring our accountability to the people we serve. This theme is mainstreamed in all sessions.

Organizational arrangement

- UNEDAP¹ takes the lead in the EPE organization, in partnership with UNEG
- All UNEG members are requested to provide inputs in developing the content of each session and identifying/inviting resource persons, in partnership with UNEDAP focal points;
- EPE sessions should promote interactive discussions and focus on experiences and good practices.

| Monday, 31 March | | Tuesday, 1 April | |
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| 08:45-09:00 Registration | | 08:45-10:15 Session 5A: Human Rights and Gender Equality Objective: To discuss the ways to strengthen human rights and gender equality dimensions in evaluation in the UN system | |
| 09:00-09:25 Session 1: Opening (a) Welcoming remarks (UNEG) (b) Welcoming remarks (UNEDAP) (c) Keynote address | | 8:45-10:15 Session 5B: National Evaluation Capacity Development <i>Session objective:</i> To exchange lessons and challenges in setting up and implementing national M&E system and to discuss UN partnership with governments on national evaluation capacity building. | |
| 09:25-09:40 <i>Coffee break</i> | | 10:15-10:30 <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| 09:40-12:00 Session 2: UNDAF Evaluation – Lessons Learned <i>Objective:</i> To generate a dialogue on challenges, lessons and way forward on UNDAF evaluations. Perspectives from the global, regional and country levels will be shared | | 10:30-12:00 Session 6: Evaluation Networking & Partnerships <i>Objective:</i> To discuss partnership strategy for UNEG and UNEDAP, as well as roadmap to 2015 International year of Evaluation | |
| 12:00-13:00 <i>Lunch break</i> | | 12:00-13:30 <i>Lunch break</i> | |
| 13:00-15:00 Session 3A: Decentralized Evaluation Objective: To discuss the role of decentralized evaluation functions and their accountability structure and what actions could be taken to improve their quality, credibility and usefulness. | 13:00-15:00 Session 3B: Joint Evaluation Objective: To exchange approaches and lessons on UN joint evaluations conducted at the global level and regional levels. Presentations will be followed by a discussion on issues and options for UN joint evaluation. | 13:30-16:00 High-level Panel on Evaluation & the Post-2015 Development Agenda Objective: To share and deepen the understanding of the importance of evaluation to guide decision making and ensure accountability among senior officials from governments and their development partners, including the United Nations, in the context of the post-2015 development agenda. | |
| 15:00-15:15 <i>Coffee break</i> | | A cocktail will follow from 16:00-18:00 hrs | |
| 15:15-17:00 Session 4: Impact Evaluation <i>Objective:</i> To explore how the UN should approach impact evaluations given that impact evaluations are often perceived to be expensive, complex, and, above all, not always suitable to be used with the UN context involving normative work. | | | |

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