



Uganda Evaluation Week 2015

Overview

1. Introduction

In the last two years, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) in conjunction with the Uganda Evaluation Association (UEA) organised the Uganda Evaluation Week to take stock of and review policy, programmatic and operational developments in the evaluation function and practices in Uganda. The events were also used as a platform for sharing knowledge, skills and practices by local and international experts on evaluation trends developing networks for capacity development.

The Office of the Prime Minister in cooperation with the Uganda Evaluation Association and Parliamentary Forum on Evaluation will host the 2015 Uganda Evaluation Week from 10th – 13th March 2015. The event will be strategic and high profile as it will also be used to celebrate the year of evaluation. EvalPartners, the global movement to strengthen national evaluation capacities, announced 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear) at the Third International Conference on National Evaluation Capacities organised in Sao Paulo Brazil, 29 Sept – 2nd October 2013. The aim of designating 2015 as the EvalYear is to advocate and promote evaluation and evidence-based policy making at international, regional, national and local levels.

The Evaluation Week is implemented with support from the Government of Uganda, German Government through BMZ/GIZ and the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3IE).

The Uganda Evaluation Week event will be held at Hotel Africana in Kampala. The theme of the evaluation week is **Quality Evaluations for Accountable Service Delivery**

The evaluation week will bring together M&E practitioners and managers from Uganda, East African Community (EAC) and the international community with the main **aim being that the Governments take leadership in evaluation, policy makers take the policy discussion forward and the Voluntary Organisations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) support relevant initiatives in strengthening demand and use of evaluation.**

This will be addressed through three four objectives:

- i) Sharing practical experiences and good practices on professionalizing evaluation. This is in response to a growing demand in Africa for credible evidence on development processes. The

Evaluation Week will provide a flexible space for participants to interact and share experiences supported by skilled facilitators.

- ii) Celebrating the Evaluation Year through networking, fun and fellowship;
- iii) Commencing programmes for professionalising evaluation by the different stakeholder groups, arising from action planning at the evaluation work.
- iv) Launch the East African Network of Evaluators
- iv. The evaluation week will cover the following issues:
 - a. **Building a culture of reviews and evaluation**
 - b. **Utilization of evaluations**
 - c. **Strengthening and institutionalizing evaluation capacity & practice**
 - d. **Ethics, Standards and Quality**
 - e. **Building Evaluation Partnership & Communities of Practice**
 - f. **Political economy of evaluation**
 - g. **Inauguration** of the EvalYear 2015 at country level and focusing on the key commitments:
 - o Promote demand and use of evaluation in policy-making
 - o Developing evaluation policy process at country level
 - o Promoting national evaluation capacity development and partnerships, especially the links between Government, VOPEs, Parliament and CSOs
 - o Strengthening work with parliamentarians and policy makers

Participants

The participants will include policy makers, experts, researchers and M&E staff from public and private sectors and from development partners (World Bank, BMZ/GIZ, UNDP, DfID, AfDB, USAID etc.); policy makers, managers and technical staff from government and non-government organisations, as well as individuals with a keen interest in evaluations. Special effort will be undertaken to ensure the participation of evaluation practitioners from the East African Countries, particularly Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Madagascar as well as other VOPEs – SAMEA, etc. The 3IE will support partners from a number of developing countries to participate in this event.

Approach

Pre- and during evaluation week

The evaluation week will bring together a number of professionals from different backgrounds. It will provide a platform for learning from peers and experienced evaluation specialists. The program will combine a variety of formats in order to cater for both horizontal exchange and expert inputs on specialist issues:

- Pre-conference training and workshops (2 days)
- Evaluation Week Conference (2 days)
- Key note speeches by senior evaluation specialists

- Presentations by evaluation practitioners from different countries
- Open fora for discussion among general participants
- Panel discussions by evaluation experts
- Evaluation clinics hosted by experienced evaluators
- Poster exhibition
- Award for good practice evaluation
- Fun and fellowship

Post evaluation week

Several activities will be undertaken after the evaluation week to commemorate the evaluation year 2015:

- Establishment of working groups to popularise the evaluation policy, standards and guidelines
- Deepening evaluation capacity and practices at local government level
- Strengthening institutional capacity of VOPEs
- Facilitating sharing of good practices among stakeholders including Government, Parliamentarians, VOPEs, donors, civil society
- EAC regional level evaluation activities
- Strengthening linkages with other VOPEs on the African continent and internationally
- Bidding to hosting the AFREA 2015

Further Information

Participants in preconference trainings will have to register **before 23rd February 2015**. Participation fee is **UGX 150,000** and must be paid to the GIZ Project Office (Wampewo Office) before 26th February.

To register for a preconference training, please contact Marina at mayertasch@yahoo.de. Bursaries are available to a limited number of participants upon application.

Proposals for poster presentations must be submitted **before 1st February**. Please contact Marina at mayertasch@yahoo.de

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