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Evaluation to ensure no one is left behind, AfrEA contribution to the field, some reflections

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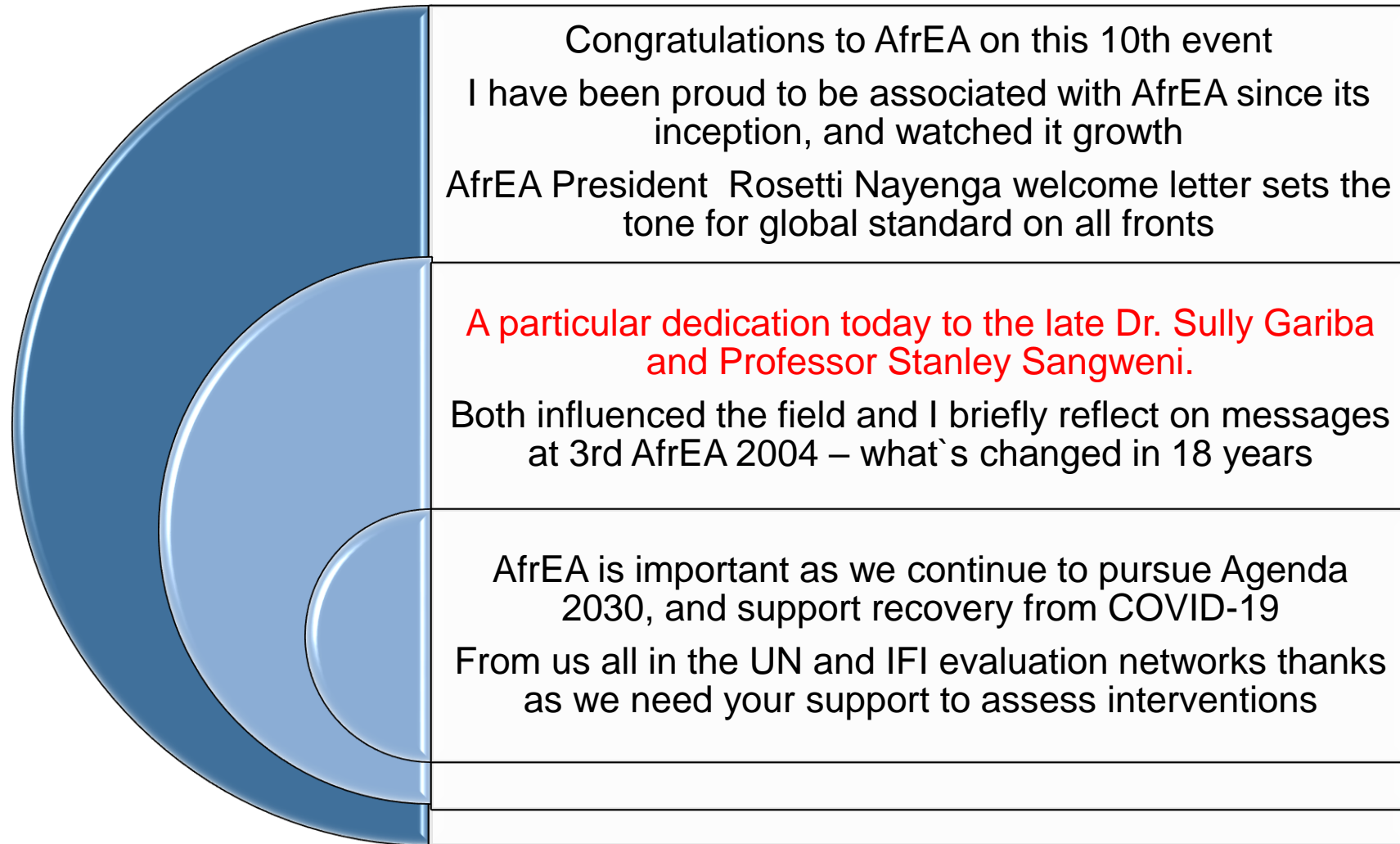
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- Evaluation in Africa is about redress, address structural and other inherited inequalities, democratic, and citizen-centred,
- It is action-research, and major capacity resides on the continent for it
- *M&E in Africa is not an elite and disconnected activity, it is meant to help transformation*
 - AfrEA President, **Rosetti Nayenga** in her welcome letter, shows Africa is a thought leader and able to lead in the field, this is a major shift

2004 3rd AfrEA, South Africa

- *Africa Matters, Evaluation Matters joining forces for Democracy, Governance and Development*

- **Dr. Zenda Ofir, AfrEA President**

Luminaries
Prof Sangweni
and **Dr Gariba**

- **Prof Sangweni** was visionary in leading the PSC in democratic South Africa, using M&E to improve service delivery standards. His focus was on the tangible changes for citizens.
- **Dr Gariba**, a keynote emphasized that skills and capacity exist within the continent, to be harnessed to advance development. He spoke against disempowering donor driven evaluation and call for a de-mystifying of the practice and country level drive for M&E



Global Evaluation Initiative

- Focus
- Getting evaluation thinking and practiced embedded at the country level, especially with governments
- Stronger M&E system at the country level will help others commission and undertake evaluation, including of their own work

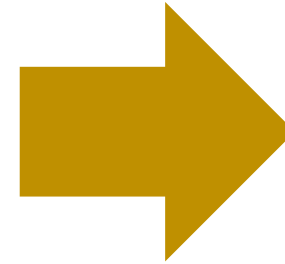
Key focus country

- International agencies and bilaterals as partners
- The focus is on the practice at the country level, which was advanced by both Dr Gariba and Prof Sangweni, it is here where the change must take place
- There has been an emphasis throughout AfrEA growth of locally developed systems and solutions
- Shifts from evaluation by remote, and done as a part of conditionality

UN efforts

- In the National Evaluation capacity series of UNDP
- Lessons from the country, shared across, to build systems based on contextual realities, priorities, capacities.
- This has been a success – the participant diversity, the quality of training, all set global standards
- The African Journal of Evaluation is a commendable effort, and milestone

Explore opportunities for developing M&E for rural development, working with the **Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI)**



Continuing the evaluation capacity **journey.**

National Evaluation Capacity (NEC) journey



GEI's Mission

GEI helps create a world where evidence is used to increase transparency and make better decisions to improve lives.

GEI's Vision

We seek to foster better evidence, better policies, and better lives.

"No single institution has the resources to address the current global gaps in monitoring and evaluation capacity. Addressing the scale of the need will require coordinated efforts by broad coalitions and GEI is a step in that direction, providing a foundation that can be built on."

**- Alison Evans, World Bank Vice President
& Independent Evaluation Group Director-General**

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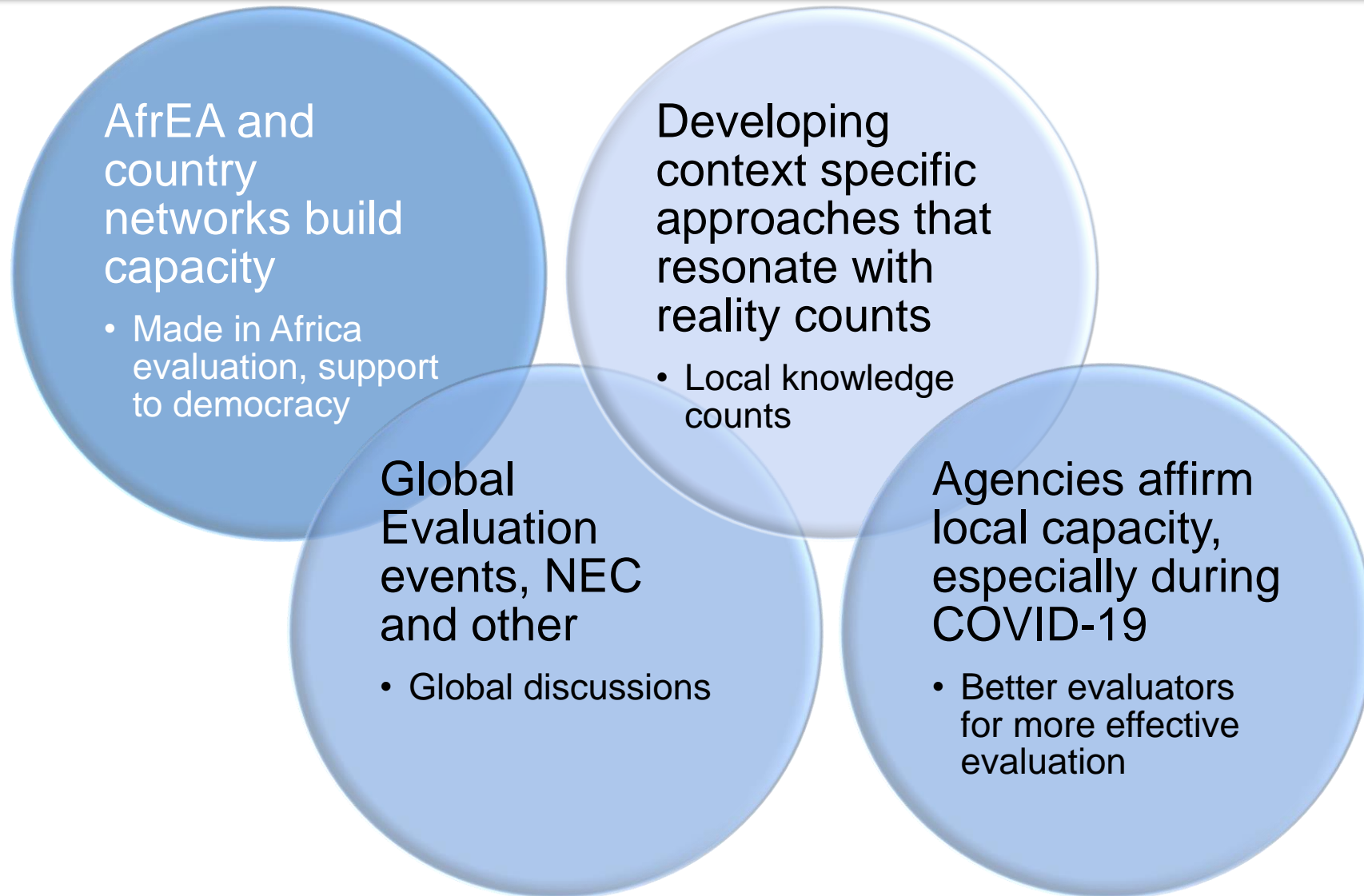
- Thought leadership and training, from Africa

New thinking
and
methodologies

- Reflected in global events – African evaluation case studies now evident in most networks.

As a large UN
programme

- Evaluation offices of the UN contract and commission country level evaluation capacity, and this will continue.



Reasons to celebrate



Evaluation has grown
on the continent

African
Journal
of Evaluation



High use of country
based evaluators in the
work of UN agencies



Best practices reflected
in country case studies

Indicators of evaluation progress, maturity	Reflected on the continent
Recognized Journal of Evaluation documenting case studies, showing scholarship	African Journal of Evaluation, African perspectives published, <u>theory and practice</u>
International agencies use country based evaluators, research institutions and think tanks	Most UN agencies use local consultants, progress improved during COVID-19, changes will be sustained, local understanding critical also for credibility <u>Contextually relevant knowledge</u>
Established evaluation functions in government	The NEC series of UNDP shows high progress, reflected in 2019 NEC Event in Egypt

The indicator	The practice
Facilitate networking and partnerships	Most events are joined, improving plurality and exchange, strong interaction between international, country and local
Associations and networks active	Uneven, room for improvement, support growth of VOPEs
Evaluation used by Parliaments	Work in progress
Facilitate capacity building	Shift, own instructors teaching about evaluation in a real context

Thank you