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

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Congratulations to AfrEA on this 10th event
I have been proud to be associated with AfrEA since its inception, and watched it growth
AfrEA President Rosetti Nayenga welcome letter sets the tone for global standard on all fronts

A particular dedication today to the late Dr. Sully Gariba and Professor Stanley Sangweni.
Both influenced the field and I briefly reflect on messages at 3rd AfrEA 2004 – what’s changed in 18 years

AfrEA is important as we continue to pursue Agenda 2030, and support recovery from COVID-19
From us all in the UN and IFI evaluation networks thanks as we need your support to assess interventions
• Evaluation in Africa is about redress, address structural an 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*
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.
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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)

The NEC meets the GEI

Continuing the evaluation capacity journey.
"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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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.
UNDP National Evaluation Capacity series

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High proportion of contributions
- 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.
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- AfrEA and country networks build capacity
  - Made in Africa evaluation, support to democracy

- Developing context specific approaches that resonate with reality counts
  - Local knowledge counts

- Global Evaluation events, NEC and other
  - Global discussions

- Agencies affirm local capacity, especially during COVID-19
  - Better evaluators for more effective evaluation
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

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<td>International agencies use country based evaluators, research institutions and think tanks</td>
<td>Most UN agencies use local consultants, progress improved during COVID-19, changes will be sustained, local understanding critical also for credibility Contextually relevant knowledge</td>
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