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# 2016 EvalWeek Theme: Evaluation Fit for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: no one left behind



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Dear colleagues,

**2016 UNEG Evaluation Week** was successfully held from 25 to 29 April in Geneva, Switzerland, hosted by 11 Geneva-based UNEG members: WIPO, ILO, IOM, ITC, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNCTAD, UNECE, UNHCR, WHO and WMO. Over 100 colleagues from 39 UNEG member and observer agencies and additional partner organizations participated in the [Evaluation Practice Exchange \(EPE\)](#) seminars and the [Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#). Over 150 people including UNEG colleagues, UN system colleagues in Geneva, member states, academia and civil society representatives attended the High-level Event, "[Evaluation Fit for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: no one left behind](#)".

2016 is a crucial year in which several major processes will commence. With the adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution on evaluation capacity building (A/RES/69/237), the celebration of 2015 International Year of Evaluation and the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, as well as the Humanitarian Summit which took place in May 2016, UNEG has a significant opportunity to continue bringing evaluation to the forefront of development and

humanitarian work. The SDGs in particular will shape the sustainable and



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equitable development discourse and action for the next 15 years. To remain relevant and fit for purpose, UNEG will need to strategically position itself as a key player in the global development community, while keeping focused on strengthening UN evaluation capabilities. In this context, the 2016 Evaluation Week focused on **“Evaluation Fit for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable**

**Development: no one left behind”** as the main theme, examining the role of UNEG in the 2030 Agenda.

2015/2016 was a significant year for UNEG (see [UNEG Chair's AGM opening PPT](#)), 90% of the 2015-2016 work plan was achieved or is in progress. Several milestones have been achieved, including the celebration of the International Year of Evaluation; incorporation of evaluation into the Agenda 2030; update of the UNEG Norms & Standards; collection and live webcast of good practices on the use of evaluation; strategic positioning of UNEG through contributions to ISWE, the UN Secretary General's report on QCPR and SDG follow up mechanisms, among many others. All of these achievements have been possible thanks to the strong participation of the 188 colleagues from the 38 UNEG member agencies who engaged in the implementation of the work plan.

In 2016 there will be more to do and the 2016 AGM serves an opportunity to shape a stronger UNEG that should be relevant. While enhancing Member States' capacity to evaluate their own localized SDGs to leave no one behind, UNEG should also maintain its relevance to all UNEG members - regardless of size, capacity, mandate, and geographical location.

Marco Segone  
UNEG Chair

[Please click here to download  
UNEG Chair, Marco Segone's remarks at the opening of the 2016 Annual  
General Meeting](#)

**2017 EvalWeek will take place in Vienna, Austria.**

[Please click to view 2016 EvalWeek documents here.](#)

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**A UNEG Executive Group transition took place at the 2016 AGM and  
current UNEG Executive Group members include:**

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Members*



*Marco Segone, UNEG Chair & Director  
of Office of Evaluation, UN Women*



*Andrea Cook, UNEG Vice  
Chair for Evaluation  
Function (SO 1) & Director  
of UNFPA Evaluation Office*



*Oscar Garcia, UNEG Vice  
Chair for Use of Evaluation (SO  
2) & Director of IFAD  
Independent Office of  
Evaluation*



*Indran Naidoo, UNEG Vice  
Chair for System-wide  
Initiatives (SO 3) & Director of  
UNDP Independent Office of  
Evaluation*



*Colin Kirk, Director of Office of  
Evaluation, UNICEF & UNEG  
Vice Chair for Partnerships,  
SO 4*



*Fumika Ouchi, UNEG Executive  
Coordinator & UNDP IEO Evaluation  
Advisor*



***UNEG appreciated the outgoing Vice Chairs Helen Wedgwood (Vice Chair for system-wide initiatives, SO3, 2015-2016) and Robert Styrk (Vice Chair for use of evaluation, SO2, 2014-2016) for their dedication and contribution to UNEG.***

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## **Updated UNEG Norms and Standards Endorsed at 2016 AGM**

In 2005, UNEG adopted foundational documents called Norms and Standards for Evaluation in the UN system. These guidelines sought to facilitate system-wide collaboration on evaluation by ensuring that UNEG members agreed upon basic principles and worked to apply good/best practices in the management of evaluation functions and the conduct and use of evaluation.

In 2015, UNEG decided to revise and update the Norms and Standards in light of the evolving evaluation landscape, in particular to reflect the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and UN General Assembly Resolution 69/237 on "Building capacity for the evaluation of development activities at the country level". The revision also reflects the evolution of the UNEG framework since 2005, which includes a number of foundational, strategy, and guidance documents which have been developed to provide specific details on how to implement the agreed norms and standards. A UNEG working group led this effort, which included an extensive consultation process, several studies and surveys, and participatory workshops. The updated Norms and Standards were discussed and adopted at the 2016 UNEG Annual General Meeting in Geneva in April 2016.

The document is now in the copy-editing stage and will be released soon.

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## **High-level Event: Evaluation Fit for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: no one left behind**



Under the framework of the UNEG Evaluation Week, on 26 April afternoon, UNEG organized a High-level Panel Event, entitled, "Evaluation Fit for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: no one left behind." Over 150 UNEG colleagues, UN system colleagues in Geneva, member states, academia and civil society representatives attended the event.

In generating evidence on what works and what does not, for whom and under what circumstances, evaluation provides context for data, answers important questions for stakeholders, and offers evidence-based guidance for decision makers to help strengthen development results. The High-level Event examined the role of evaluation and monitoring in the implementation of the new 2030 Agenda and explored how to strengthen national evaluation capacities, by addressing the following key questions:

- How can we ensure that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including its call for leaving no one behind, is guided by evidence generated by evaluation? What does it take to make the SDGs evaluable? Why are these issues important?
- How do we ensure that the evaluation of the implementation of the SDGs is owned and led at the country level through inclusive and multi-stakeholders processes? How to strengthen national evaluation systems so that they can capture those left behind?
- What role can evaluation play in strengthening the effectiveness and accountability of humanitarian action, and in building the nexus between humanitarian crisis and development?

Speakers included:

Welcome remarks

- Marco Segone, UNEG Chair; Director, UN Women Independent Evaluation Office
- Francis Gurry, WIPO Director General
- Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General (video message)

Panelists:

- Kyung-wha Kang, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator for OCHA
- Alison Evans, Chief Commissioner, UK Independent Commission for Aid Impact
- Prajapati Trivedi, Senior Fellow (Governance), Indian School of Business (ISB); former Secretary to the Government of India with the responsibility for Performance Management
- Ambassador Manuel Bessler, Delegate for Swiss Humanitarian Aid and Director at the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)

[Event concept note and speakers biographies can be found here.](#)

The video of the event will be available soon.

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## UNEG Priorities for 2016/2017



The UNEG Annual General Meeting, held from 27 to 29 April 2016, was a platform in which representatives of UNEG member agencies reviewed progress and results of the work programme during 2015/2016 and decided on strategies and work areas for the following year.

UNEG will continue to work on and create greater synergies between the four Strategic Objectives included in the UNEG Work Plan as follows:

**Strategic Objective 1:** Evaluation functions and products of UN entities meet the UNEG Norms and Standards for evaluation (work includes three areas: peer reviews, professionalization of evaluation, and decentralized evaluation);

**Strategic Objective 2:** UN entities and partners use evaluation in support of accountability and programme learning (priorities include developing guidance/principles for stakeholder engagement, a check-list for quality recommendations; study on governance and use of evaluation; and sub-group on knowledge management focusing on “better use of evaluations”)

**Strategic Objective 3:** Evaluation informs UN system-wide initiatives and emerging demands (work include SDGs, Gender Equality & Human Rights, Humanitarian Evaluation, ISWE, and Culture and Evaluation);

**Strategic Objective 4:** UNEG benefits from and contributes to an enhanced global evaluation profession (priorities for 2016/2017 include EvalSDG, EvalGender, and EvalYouth, and 2016-2020 Global Evaluation Agenda)

"The success of UNEG is based on the active engagement and participation of each of UNEG colleague," confirmed Marco Segone, UNEG Chair. He asked all the members to continue to be actively engaged in the work of UNEG and advocate for evaluation functions.

Workplan 2016-2017 will be developed and shared soon.

**[Documents from the Annual General Meeting can be found here.](#)** *(Note that you must be logged in to view AGM session documents.)*



## 150 Evaluators Exchanged Evaluation Practices

The Evaluation Practice Exchange (EPE) seminar was held from 25 to 26 April 2016. This year the EPE committee members include ILO, UN Women, UNICEF, WFP, UNITAR, The GEF, and OCHA.



The EPE is an important opportunity for UNEG members to come together to share experience, knowledge and expertise related to evaluation approaches and methodologies. Its purpose is to a) facilitate learning and exchange of experiences amongst UNEG members, b) improve the credibility and utility of UN evaluations and c) contribute to the advancement of the evaluation function in the UN system.

The 2016 EPE focused on equipping and ensuring evaluation issues remain relevant as the UN operationalizes the SDGs. Activities were organized around four topics:

- a. Evaluability of the SDGs: Tackling Evaluation of the SDGs – current approaches and lessons.
- b. No one left behind: The role of evaluation in ensuring equity, equality and non-discrimination.
- c. National Evaluation Capacity Development for Evaluation of SDGs & Partnerships: Lessons and ways forward.
- d. Humanitarian agenda and SDGs.

**[Documents of the Evaluation Practice Exchange can be found here.](#)**

The EPE report and videos will be available soon.

## **UNEG-GEF-IEO What makes a meaningful stakeholder engagement in evaluation**

April 5, 2016

## **UNEG-IFAD Webinar: Rooting Evaluation Independence in the Context of Multilateral Development**

## **UNEG/ UNWomen/ 3ie Brown Bag: 'Impact Evaluations'**

February 16, 2016

## **UNEG-UNICEF Webinar - What makes for useful evaluation recommendations?**

February 23, 2016

# **UNEG Member Agency News & Publications**



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**FAO:** Releases Video on the Evaluation of FAO & Climate Change (April 2016)

**FAO/ IFAD:** FAO's and IFAD's Engagement in Pastoral Development

Joint Evaluation Synthesis (February 2016)

**IFAD:** Performance-based Allocation System (April 2016)

**IFAD:** Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Pastoral Community Development Project – Phase II Project Performance Assessment (April 2016)

**IFAD:** People's Republic of China Environmental Conservation and Poverty-Reduction Programme in Ningxia and Shanxi Project Performance Assessment (March 2016)

**IFAD:** The Republic of Djibouti Microfinance and Microenterprise Development Project Project Performance Assessment (March 2016)

**IFAD:** Kyrgyz Republic Agricultural Investments and Services Project Project Performance Assessment (March 2016)

**IFAD:** Federal Republic of Nigeria Community-Based Agricultural and Rural Development Programme Project Performance Assessment (February 2016)

**IFAD:** People's Republic of Bangladesh Country Programme Evaluation (February 2016)

**IFAD:** Federal Republic of Nigeria Community-Based Agricultural and Rural Development Programme Project Performance Assessment (February 2016)

**IFAD:** Annual Reports on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI) (December 2015)

**IFAD:** Federative Republic of Brazil Country Programme Evaluation (December 2015)

**UNICEF:** A Comprehensive Evaluation of UNICEF's Strategies and Programme Performance (August 2015)

**UN WOMEN:** Transform Issue #6 (March 2016)

**UNDP:** Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to Mine Action (January 2016)

**UNDP:** Assessment of Development Results (ADR) – Ethiopia (February 2016)

**UNDP:** Insight on National Evaluation Capacities in 43 Countries (December 2015)

**UNDP:** Evaluation Annual Report, 2015 (June 2016)

**WFP:** Annual Evaluation Report, Office of Evaluation, 2015 (May 2016)

**WFP:** Afghanistan PRRO 200447 Assistance to Address Food Insecurity and Under-nutrition: An Operation Evaluation (March 2016)

**WFP:** Niger PRRO 200583 Saving lives, protecting livelihoods and enhancing the resilience of chronically vulnerable populations: A mid-term Operation Evaluation. (March 2016)

**WFP:** São Tomé and Príncipe DEV 200295 Transitioning towards a nationally owned school feeding and health programme: An Operation Evaluation (March 2016)

**WFP:** Central America PRRO 200490 Restoring Food Security and Livelihoods for Vulnerable Groups Affected by Recurrent Shocks in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua: An Operation Evaluation. (February 2016)

**WFP:** Senegal Country Programme (CP) 200249: A mid-term Operation Evaluation (February 2016)

**WFP:** State of Palestine: An evaluation of WFP's Portfolio (2011-2015) (January

2016)

**WFP:** The Gambia PRRO 200557 Targeted Nutrition and Livelihood Support for Vulnerable People Impacted by Floods and Drought: An Operation Evaluation

(January 2016)

**WFP:** State of Palestine: An evaluation of WFP's Portfolio (2011-2015)

(December 2015)

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**IFAD Insights Issue #41** (February 2016)

**UN Women IEO ECD Newsletter Issue #13** (April 2016)

**UNDP IEO IEO News Quarter 1** (March 2016)

**UNESCO Evaluation Insight Issue #1** (March 2016)

**WHO Evaluation Matters Issue #1** (May 2016)

**JIU Newsletter #4** (April 2016)

**World Bank IEG Insight** (April 2016)

**OECD-DAC Development Evaluation News** (May 2016)

**OECD-DAC ECD Newsletter #3** (April 2016)

**EVALSDG Network Breifing Note** (April 2016)

**EVAL Partners Newsletters # 22-25** (2016)

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## Professional Development Opportunities

## **Australian Evaluation Society - List of 2016 Development & Training Opportunities**

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## **Canadian Evaluation Society - List of 2016 Development & Training Opportunities**

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## **The Evaluators' Institute Washington DC July 2016 Training Program**

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## **Indepth Research Services Training Centre Training course on Result Based Monitoring and Evaluation**

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## **Bond UK - Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Training (June 2016)**

**Introduction to monitoring, evaluation and learning (20 June)**

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**Planning and practice in monitoring, evaluation and learning (21-22 June)**

[Click here for program information.](#)

**Participation: principles, tools and approaches (23-24 June)**

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## **Professional Summer Training Programme for Development Experts and Practitioners**

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# **Vacancy Announcements**





**GEF Seeks Consultant for Evaluation of Programmatic Approaches**

Deadline: 5 June 2016

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**GEF Seeks Consultant for Evaluation of Multiple Benefits of GEF Support**

Deadline: 5 June 2016

[Please click here for vacancy details.](#)

**FAO Calls for Expression of Interest: Team Leader - Evaluation of the CFS Reform**

Deadline: 6 June 2016

[Please click here for vacancy details.](#)

**UNICEF Zambia Seeks Evaluation Consultant**

Deadline: 9 June 2016

[Please click here for vacancy details.](#)

**UNITAR Seeks Evaluation Consultant for Training of Trainers Programming**

Deadline: 10 June 2016

[Please click here for vacancy details.](#)

**UNICEF Nigeria Seeks Consultant for Independent Evaluation of UNICEF Nigeria Training Investments**

Deadline: 10 June 2016

[Please click here for vacancy details.](#)

## UNICEF Nigeria Seeks Request for proposal - Impact Evaluation of Cash Transfer Program

Deadline: 10 June 2016

[Please click here for vacancy details.](#)

## GEF Seeks Consultant for Land Degradation Focal Area Study

Deadline: 12 June 2016

[Please click here for vacancy details.](#)

## WFP and FAO Seeks Evaluation Consultant

Deadline: 12 June 2016

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WFP and FAO Seeks Evaluation Consultant

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