

High level Political Forum – Side Event

Accelerating SDG implementation through evaluation: Case of SDG – 6

Church Center for the United Nations, 2nd Floor Conference Room
777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

11 July 2018, 12:30 – 2:00 pm

In the occasion of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) with support from UNICEF and UNDP, have organized a side event on **“Accelerating SDG implementation through evaluation: Case of SDG - 6 (WASH)”**.

The event, hosted by UNICEF, will bring together representatives from government, civil society and other development actors to promote a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the importance of evaluation in the context of the Follow-up and Review Process of the 2030 Agenda.

In line with this year’s HLPF theme, the side event will focus on SDG-6 and more concretely on WASH evaluations. Building upon WASH evaluation experiences, the presenters will discuss ways to better position evaluation in the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

Objectives:

- 1) Raise awareness on the importance of evaluation to support follow up and review processes towards the SDGs, with especial focus on SDG - 6;
- 2) Generate a dialogue on how best UN agencies and other stakeholders can support countries to use evidence from evaluation to inform WASH policies and programmes;
- 3) Share lessons and good practices from WASH evaluation experiences.



Methodology

The side event will include:

- ✓ Introductory remarks
- ✓ A panel discussion: made of presenters from various organizations including Government, INGO, Multi-lateral Bank; and United Nations. The moderator will ask panelists to respond to questions building on their own experiences and perspectives (guiding questions are described below).
- ✓ Questions and answers; and
- ✓ Conclusions and closing.

Guiding questions for panelists:

1. Is evaluation fit-for- purpose to advise member states on progress towards the SDGs? What are the potential roadblocks?
2. What needs to be done to ensure that evaluation will generate systematic and timely evidence for HLPF progress reporting?
3. Are current approaches to national evaluation capacity development adequate to contribute to the follow up and review processes at the country level?
4. How to make the case for country-led evaluations of WASH “fit for purpose for the SDGs”?

Time

Agenda

12.30 – 12.37

Opening Remarks and Introduction

George Laryea-Adjei

Director, Evaluation Office, UNICEF

12.37 – 13.37

Panel:

Panel Chair: Susanne Frueh, UNEG Chair

Sugath Yalegama

Additional Secretary Ministry of Sustainable Development,
Government of Sri Lanka

Savio Carvalho

Global Campaign Director, WaterAid

Luis A. Andrés

Lead Economist, Water, The World Bank

Jeremie Toubkiss

Evaluation Specialist, Evaluation Office, UNICEF

13.37 - 13.53

Questions & Answers

13.53 – 14.00

Conclusions and closing

Indran Naidoo

Director, Independent Evaluation Office, UNDP

