# UNEG Professional Development Seminar and Evaluation Practice Exchange

**UNEG Evaluation Week 2019: 13-17 May 2019**

## Professional Development Seminar Sessions

**Monday 13 May 2019**

1. Big data for evaluation: How to walk the walk
2. Evaluation theories and approaches: Applications in evaluation practice
3. Approaches to impact evaluation
4. Use of qualitative analysis software for evaluations e.g. NVIVO
5. Revisiting the foundations of humanitarian evaluation: Reflections on current practice and future directions

## EPE sessions Theme 1: Managing Evaluations

**Tuesday 14 May and Wednesday 15 May 2019**

1. Providing comprehensive evidence without losing utility
2. Coaching junior evaluation officers – sharing our experiences
3. Following up on recommendations: what are the successful practices? Experience with formulation and compliance of strategic recommendations
4. Whose evaluation is it anyway and why does it matter? Let’s talk about country evaluations
5. As managers, we also make mistakes: Let’s share them and learn from them

## EPE sessions Theme 2: Evaluation Standards, Norms and Principles

1. We ask others to demonstrate impact: How can we demonstrate the impact of our evaluations?
2. Evaluation and hindsight: Assessing interventions in the context of the SDGs and 2030 agenda
3. Is impartiality of decentralized evaluations ever possible? What are the mechanisms and features to ensure this?
4. Evaluations and audits: Experiences from combined functions synergies or competition?
5. OECD DAC evaluation criteria: Recent developments and potential for evaluation in the context of UN reform, changes in UN development system and independent system wide evaluation

## EPE sessions Theme 3: Evaluation Methods

1. Expanding our toolkit of evaluation methods: Examples from emerging UN practice
2. Making the best use of Theories of Change in evaluations
3. How to go about the management of joint evaluations: A best response game
4. Low cost evaluations: What are the best practices?
5. Evaluating policy support

Note: This draft programme contains confirmed sessions, but may be subject to change.