LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: EVALUATION FOR 2030

2019 National Evaluation Capacities Conference

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National Evaluation Capacities Conference (NEC) 2019

Call for Abstracts

INTRODUCTION

In 2015, 193 countries united to adopt the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for a better world by 2030. These goals seek to end poverty, fight inequality, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all. The implementation of the SDGs can be accelerated globally through evaluation, as a powerful tool that improves public accountability and contributes to positive development change.

The UNDP Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) is organizing, in partnership with the Government of Egypt, Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform, the National Evaluation Capacities (NEC) Conference 2019 in Hurghada, Egypt from 20 to 24 October 2019. The theme of the conference is **Leaving No One Behind: Evaluation for 2030**.

Building on the momentum created by past NEC conferences, the 2019 NEC Conference will provide opportunities to:

Share lessons, innovations, experiences & perspectives in developing & strengthening national evaluation systems

Enhance evaluation skills & understanding in the context of the SDGs

Foster existing & new partnerships to strengthen national evaluation systems

Conference sessions will be organized around three intersecting strands:

- **Strengthening national evaluation systems:** progress and partnerships
- **Evaluation practice and the SDGs**: people, planet prosperity, peace and partnerships for evidence-based policies
- **Transforming evaluation** for transformative development

The NEC 2019 Organizing Team is pleased to invite government officials engaged with evaluation and/or the SDG agenda and its follow-up and review processes, evaluation professionals and other evaluation stakeholders **to submit proposals for presentations that will contribute to the conference**.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The NEC 2019 Organizing Team invites proposals for a presentation or panel contribution at the conference.

a. Deadline to submit proposals

The deadline to submit proposals is **31 July 2019.**

b. Proposal submission procedure

The proposal should be submitted by email to ieo.nec@undp.org using the template below, indicating in the subject line "abstract submission".

The preferred language for submissions is English, however abstracts may be submitted in Arabic and French.

c. Proposed topics

The following list includes *potential* topics for sessions at the Conference. Submissions related to the broad theme of leaving no one behind and the following sub-themes, are strongly encouraged.

Practical examples of interest to others – whether it be of an innovative nationally-led evaluation, use of new methods, integrating the SDGs in an evaluation, an example of an evaluation that led to policy change, a discussion between an evaluator and an evaluand about how an evaluation has been used, successful stakeholder engagement, new institutional set-ups, or of challenges faced and lessons learned – are particularly welcome.

1. Strengthening national evaluation systems: progress and partnerships

- Leaving no one behind: inclusive national evaluation systems
- Progress in strengthening enabling environments, national evaluation policy frameworks and institutional arrangements
- Overcoming challenges in institutionalizing evaluation
- Multi-actor evaluation systems (how do evaluation units, supreme audit institutions, national statistics offices, parliamentarians and other actors work together? (Joint submissions from actors from different agencies within a national system are strongly encouraged)
- Citizen engagement in national evaluation systems

- Evaluation makes a difference: examples of evaluations leading to change

2. Evaluation Practice and the SDGs

- Leaving no one behind: gender and human-rights responsive evaluations
- People: evaluation and inequalities
- Planet: don't leave the planet behind or evaluation challenges at the intersection of the environmental and the human spheres
- Prosperity: evaluation and the private sector
- Peace: evaluation and governance/peacebuilding
- National evaluations of the SDGs/national sustainable development policies – case studies

3. Transforming evaluation for transformative development

- Evaluation and multi-dimensional realities (e.g. migration)
- New topics and trends for evaluation
- Context, Culture and Diversity in Evaluation
- Inclusive Evaluation methodologies: Theory and Practice
- Data innovations and evaluation
- Complexity and evaluation of the SDGs
- Managing politics and power in evaluation
- Communicating evaluation findings
- Behavioural science and evaluation
- Evaluation in crisis contexts

4. Selection Process

The selection committee will review abstracts using the following criteria:

a. <u>Relevance:</u> The proposed presentation should be aligned with the conference theme and one or more of the conference strands
b. <u>Clarity and quality:</u> The abstract should clearly explain the example to be presented. Authors should prepare their abstracts with care, ensuring that the reader will understand the background of the issue(s) and the objectives and relevance of the proposed topic for presentation.
c. <u>Specificity and Concreteness:</u> The abstract must present a topic that include concrete and specific examples e.g. a good practice, lesson learned and/or a challenge that was overcome.
d. <u>Innovation:</u> The abstract must show that the presentation will share an innovation or introduce a new topic or application in the field of interest.
e. <u>Gender equality and Disability Rights</u>: Applications from women and persons with disabilities will be given strong preference.
f. <u>Diversity</u>: The NEC organizing team aims to give space to present to as many different countries as possible.

Based on these criteria and considerations linked to the added value, the selection committee will select proposals and determine under which theme or session each contribution may fit, and the form for the contribution during the actual conference. The final decisions will be conveyed to submitters by or before **31 August 2019.**

Authors of selected proposals will be invited to submit a short paper (3-4 pages) to be included in the proceedings of the Conference.

If you have questions concerning content of the abstracts, please email ieo.nec@undp.org.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TEMPLATE

Presenter's full name (title, name, surname)	
Nationality	
Country of residence	
Institutional affiliation	
Contact information including email and telephone	
Title of the abstract	
Conference session	□ Strengthening national evaluation systems □ Evaluation practice and the SDGs □ Transforming evaluation
Name(s), title(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of all other authors/contributors	
Preferred format:	□ Formal presentation (maximum 15 minutes) □ Participation in a panel discussion where the experience can be shared □ Participation in an interactive session where the example can be shared, without a formal presentation □ Other (please specify) _____
I am applying for bursary support *(note that there is a separate application for bursary support, the present template is only for the abstract submission)*	□ Yes □ No
Language	□ English □ French □ Arabic

Abstract text (400 words):