The theme of the [**8th National Evaluation Capacities (NEC) Conference**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnec.undp.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfumika.ouchi%40undp.org%7C688eccec7aaa4394c11408dc866289a2%7Cb3e5db5e2944483799f57488ace54319%7C0%7C0%7C638533006444424862%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=30pZwg8whIfFnDXQ5n%2BcKAKELrEXX7F0oHrsqUIXpGU%3D&reserved=0) is ***“Responsive Evaluation: For Government, For Inclusion, For the Future.*** This underscores the importance of sharing progress and lessons learned in strengthening national evaluation systems, their role in achieving the SDGs and other development goals, and how new technologies and approaches in evaluation can facilitate the achievement of the SDGs. The Conference will take place in Beijing, China, from 14th to 18th October 2024. The first three days (14th -16th October) will be dedicated to the main conference, followed by a two-day post-conference training workshop (17th & 18th October 2024).

Session proposals are welcome and should be targeted at the primary audience of the 2024 NEC conference, **government officials from national and sub-national institutions** directly and indirectly engaged with evaluation and public policy, including central planning and finance ministries, sectoral ministries, evaluation units, national statistical agencies, supreme audit institutions. Other evaluation stakeholders, include the **civil society, academia, private sector, UNDP and UN agencies and partner staff** engaged in supporting national governments on evaluation, governance and/or the SDG agenda.

**Session Guidelines**

1. Session topics should be linked to the overall conference theme and/or the three strands of [2024 NEC](https://nec.undp.org/conference/nec2024).
2. Session design should primarily focus on the needs of government participants, although session participants may come from a range of evaluation stakeholder groups.
3. Session moderator and panelists/speakers should include a good mix of stakeholder groups especially from the government and/ or other stakeholder groups. All panels should have a gender balance.
4. Session presentations should include practical examples of interest, experiences, best practices, issues and challenges relevant to fellow practitioners with potential to trigger a good discussion on the topic.
5. Presentations should be short, in the conference PowerPoint template (to be shared), visually attractive, convey key messages, and be made available with links to additional resource materials in advance of the conference. These will be made available to the participants during the conference and on the [2024 NEC](https://nec.undp.org/conference/nec2024) website following the conference.
6. Presentations by speakers/ panelists should not exceed 10 minutes. Maximum 12-15 slides. Slides should illustrate ideas - not the full script; and illustrations should be simple and easily understood. No commercial messages are allowed.
7. It is strongly encouraged that speakers/panelists represent both the global South and the global North and achieve gender balance.
8. Anticipated number of participants per session is between 100- 150.
9. Simultaneous interpretations will be available in English, Chinese, French and Spanish during sessions.

Proposal 1

**2024 NEC: SESSION PROPOSAL TEMPLATE**

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| **Session Title:** | **Country-led evaluations: from conducting to using evaluations** |
| **Conference Streams (please specify):** | Stream A. Responsive National Evaluation Systems  Stream B. Inclusive National Evaluation Systems  Stream C. Future Driven Systems and Approaches |
| **Panel Format** |  |
| **Language:** | EnglishFrenchSpanish Chinese |
| **Session Description (250 Words):** | |
| The session will showcase country experiences in commissioning and conducting evaluations with development partners (GEI, CLEAR, WFP and DEVAL). The government representatives from Malawi, Costa Rica, Lesotho and Benin will share their experiences from conducting their first evaluations to using meta evaluations to learn from evaluative findings and inform better country policies. The session will cover political, technical and financial aspects of conducting and using evaluations, and explore the journey it takes to establish responsive national evaluation systems. | |
| **Expected session outcome, key message, and takeaways (100 Words):** | |
| Key Messages:  • Malawi: The MoF representative will talk about the recent GEI/CLEAR AA supported country led evaluation on covid recovery social benefits and highlight the importance of evidence in managing national emergencies  • Costa Rica: The Ministry of Planning will talk about the biodiversity/SDG study supported by DEVAL and highlight the importance of building responsive evaluation system with multisectoral capacities.  • Lesotho: The CEO Ministry of Primary Education will reflect on the Evaluation of National School Feeding Programme with support from the WFP and talk about the importance of evidence in planning better education policies.  • Benin: Benin representative will talk about the importance of country capacities for using and learning from past evaluations as part of their Meta-evaluation study 2007 to 2019 conducted in partnership with the CLEAR FA  Takeaways:  Piloting and supporting joint evaluations (different modalities) are important elements of building responsive evaluation systems | |

**Details of Session Facilitators:**

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| **Session Moderator**: | * Name: Sabine Bernabe * Nationality: * Gender: Female * Affiliation: IEG Director General * Contact information: |
| **Biography**  **Sabine Bernabè is Vice President and Director-General of the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), World Bank Group, since 2023.**  **Sabine leads IEG at a critical juncture for the World Bank Group (WBG), holding it accountable for the implementation of the Evolution Roadmap and helping it learn throughout the process to inform course correction and enhance the effectiveness of the WBG activities in the future.**  **Sabine’s vision for IEG is to deliver on this challenge by producing useful, high quality, independent evaluations that enhance the WBG accountability and provide evidence-based lessons for better results, and decision-making. Close engagement with WBG Management, the Board and country partners is critical to achieve this. Her priorities include scaling up and more systematically mining existing evaluative evidence of what works and what doesn’t and making it easily accessible to all stakeholders, as well as drawing on a variety of methods and data to assess the impact of WBG operations. Critical to her vision is also the role of evaluation in capacity development for client countries through the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), of which IEG is a partner, and through closer engagement with country partners on the findings of evaluations.**  **Sabine has over 20 years’ international development experience in evaluation, policy, and research across several International Organizations and academia. Before leading IEG, Sabine led the Evaluation Function of the European Investment Bank (EIB) Group. She fostered knowledge management and strengthened the function’s analytical skills, promoted evaluation-based dialogue and exchanges with Management and the Board on issues of critical importance to the EIB Group and fostered collaborative relationships with heads of evaluation of other international organizations.**  **Previously Sabine worked as an economist for the World Bank, the EIB, UNDP and the University of K.U. Leuven. She also worked, taught and published on a range of topics including poverty, inequality, labor markets, growth and financial sector development.**  **Sabine earned a Ph. D from the London School of Economics and a Masters from SDA Bocconi.** |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 1:** | * Name: **Gounou Abdoulaye,** * Nationality: Benin * Gender: * Affiliation: **Director General, General Directorate of Public Policy Evaluation, at the Ministry of Development and the Coordination of Government Action.** * Contact information: **agounou0@gmail.com** |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 2:** | * Name: **Martin Mwale,** * Nationality: **Malawi** * Gender **Male** * Affiliation: **Principal Economist, Ministry of Finance & Economic Affairs** * Contact information: |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 3:** | * Name: **Thuto Ntsekhe,** * Nationality:Lesotho * Gender * Affiliation: **The CEO Ministry of Primary Education** * Contact information: |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 4:** | * Name: Florita Azofeifa, * Nationality: Costa Rican * Gender: Female * Affiliation: Director of Monitoring and Evaluation in the Ministry of Planning to present the evaluation of Costa Rica * Contact information: |

Proposal 2.

**2024 NEC: SESSION PROPOSAL TEMPLATE**

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| **Session Title:** | **Stregnthening evaluation systems at the country level: what have we learned?** |
| **Conference Streams (please specify):** | Stream A. Responsive National Evaluation Systems  Stream B. Inclusive National Evaluation Systems  Stream C. Future Driven Systems and Approaches |
| **Panel Format** |  |
| **Language:** | EnglishFrenchSpanish Chinese |
| **Session Description (250 Words):** | |
| This session invites the country representatives to share about their journeys in establishing and strengthening national M&E functions. This session asks: Why do countries invest in building evaluation systems? We will explore this question with government representatives from Bhutan, Uzbekistan, Brazil and Mozambique who will tell us about their efforts in building the future driven national evaluation systems and share about their challenges and lessons learned. | |
| Expected session outcome, key message, and takeaways (100 Words): | |
| In Bhutan, Uzbekistan, and Mozambique, the governments’ efforts for strengthening national evaluation capacities are strongly linked with governance reforms and commitment to inform national development strategies. Brazil’s national evaluation system is well established but it keeps transforming and evolving to better address environmental challenges.  a. Bhutan: The Cabinet is redesigning national M&E system as part of the public admin reform. (UNDP/GEI/ CLEAR collaboration)  b. Uzbekistan: Agency for strategic reforms under the president is introducing M&E function in the government under the country’s strategic policy reform and is drafting the presidential M&E decree (IFAD, GEI, CLEAR)  d. Mozambique: Mozambique had numerous knowledge exchange with Brazil on how to strengthen national evaluation capacities, develop evaluation legislation and commission evaluations.  e. Brazil: Ministry of Planning will talk about the current challenges in using evaluation for environmental policies.  Key Takeaways are that countries need to enhance the national evalaution systems to respond to future needs such as informing national development strategies and budgets to enahncing enviromental and climate capacities in national evaluation capacities.  The session will also talk about the importance of south south exchange ( Brazil-Mozambique). | |

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| **Biography** |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 1:** | * Name: Tashi Dorji P * Nationality: Bhutanese * Gender: Male * Affiliation: Head, The Strategic Evaluation Division under the Office of Cabinet Affairs and Strategic Coordination * Contact information: |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 2:** | * Name: **Rustamkhon K. Azizov** * Nationality: Uzbekistan * Gender: Male * Affiliation: Deputy Director General   Agency for Strategic Reforms  under the President of the  Republic of Uzbekistan  Contact information: |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 3:** | * Name: Camila Soares, * Nationality: Brazilian * Gender: Female * Affiliation: former National Deputy Secretary of Monitoring and Evaluation at the Ministry of Planning and Budget, and current Evaluation Specialist at the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) * Contact information: [camila.soares@planejamento.gov.br](mailto:camila.soares@planejamento.gov.br)). |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 4:** | * Name: Jorge Sipanela, * Nationality: Mozambique * Gender: male * Affiliation: National Director of Monitoring and Evaluation at the Ministry of Economy and Finance * Contact information: |

Proposal 3

**2024 NEC: SESSION PROPOSAL TEMPLATE**

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| **Session Title:** | **Partnerships with civil society and the private sector** **to bolster decentralized climate finance evaluations** |
| **Conference Streams (please specify):** | Stream A. Responsive National Evaluation Systems  Stream B. Inclusive National Evaluation Systems  Stream C. Future Driven Systems and Approaches |
| **Panel Format** |  |
| **Language:** | EnglishFrenchSpanish Chinese |
| **Session Description (250 Words):** | |
| How can climate finance decisions be backed up by evidence locally and globally? This session will explore the role of climate observers in conducting and using decentralized evaluative studies to inform better decisions for climate finance. This session explores how representatives from civil society, private sector and indigenous associations are enhancing their skills and capacities to conduct evaluative research and use evidence for climate finance decisions. | |
| **Expected session outcome, key message, and takeaways (100 Words):** | |
| The representatives from Brazil, Malaysia and Nicaragua will talk about their journey in learning about climate evaluations and conducting evaluative research in just energy transition (through GEI’s mentorship).  Take aways: 1. the importance of inclusive approach for supporting decentralized evaluations  2. M&E training and knowledge required to conduct climate finance evaluative studies, what is different? ( how to evaluate just transition and transformational change?)   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Lead Observer’s Organization** | **Country** | **Evaluation Project** | | Centro Brasil no Clima | Brazil | Evaluation of Just Transition in the renewable energy sector in Brazil | | Centro para la autonomía y desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas (CADPI) | Nicaragua | Comparative analysis: Strengthening the impact of the Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (DGM) through the experience of the Pawanka Fund | | Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA) | Indonesia | Evaluation of the Design and Implementation of the Stakeholder Engagement Component of the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JET-P) initiative in Indonesia | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | | |

**Details of Session Facilitators:**

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| **Session Moderator**: | * Name: Ketevan Nozadze * Nationality : Georgian * Gender: Female * Affiliation: Country lead, GEI * Contact information: |
| **Biography** |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 1:** | * Name: Neha Sharma * Nationality: Indian * Gender: Female * Affiliation: CIF * Contact information: |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 2:** | * Name: Nithi Nesadurai, * Nationality: Malaysa * Gender Male * Affiliation: Director and Regional Coordinator, Climate Action Network Southeast Asia; and Civil Society Observer to CIF for GCAP Sub-Committee. * Contact information: |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 3:** | Name: Guilherme Lima,   * Nationality: Brazil * Gender * Affiliation: Project Manager, Centro Brasil no Clima |
| **Panellist/ Speaker 4:** | * Name: Dennis Mairena Arauz * Nationality: Nicaragua * Gender: Male * Affiliation: Centro para la autonomía y desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas (CADPI) * Contact information: |