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**Abstract Text (max. 500 words)**

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| With only 5 years remaining until 2030, this panel aims to raise awareness about the urgency of t conducting country-led evaluations of the Sustainable Development Goals. As called by the 2023 UNGA Resolution on ‘Strengthening VNRs through Country-led Evaluation’, these evaluations are urgently needed for policy-makers to take evidence-based decisions that will accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda.  The panel will also feature government partners who will share their countries’ real-world examples and demonstrate how these evaluations have been highly useful to influence decision making, including (TBC) the following:   1. Bala Yusuf-Yunusa, Senior Advisor at the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs, Nigeria 2. Jocelyn Corrales (Ms.), National Planning Secretariat, Ecuador 3. Eddy Garcia, Planning Ministry (MIDEPLAN), Costa Rica. 4. Timothy Lubanga, Commissioner for Monitoring and Evaluation at the Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda (To be confirmed)   The proposed panel will also be a timely opportunity to release the 2nd edition of the Guidebook “Evaluation to connect national priorities with the SDGs”. |