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The meaningful engagement of young people in decision-making processes is crucial for accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Their involvement in evaluation decisions can significantly impact the achievement of these goals. UNICEF has actively supported evaluations that integrate

young people as key informants, evaluators, partners, advocates, and change agents. This session aims to leverage UNICEF's experiences from the Evaluation Office at Headquarters to further empower young people in transformative evaluations, advancing the SDGs.

Through their participation in the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) for the global evaluation of UNICEF's gender policy and gender action plans, youth from diverse backgrounds worldwide have played pivotal roles in shaping evaluations. These youth, representing various ages and sexual orientations, have demonstrated the power of inclusive and participatory evaluation processes.

In this interactive session, the UNICEF Evaluation Office will showcase how youth from different countries come together to build their capacities and meaningfully contribute to global evaluations. We will highlight opportunities for young people to engage, learn, and influence the evaluation landscape, ultimately driving progress towards the SDGs.