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

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| **Formal presentation**: Leveraging on the Power of Citizens and Technology as enablers for Transformative Change in developmentThe countries in the Sub-Saharan AAfrican face numerous complexities similar to those affecting the rest of the world, including pandemics, war, terrorist attacks, climate change and economic crunches. Additionally, African countries face political complexities with each new elected leadership bringing new development plans and agendas. All these complexities arise even as countries strive to achieve their respective blueprints, such as Kenya's Vision 2030, the continent's Africa Agenda 2063, and the global SDG 2030 agenda.Given these challenges, there is a clear need for a strong use of evidence to inform the prioritization of development, monitor the transformative change on Citizens, Evaluate the value for money and cub corruption in all levels during development processes. Recently, Citizens have been demanding, not only for development but for inclusivity in government, public participation, value for money and equity in all interventions. An example is in Kenya where citizen conducted a countrywide demonstration and engaged the president and cabinet secretaries in a virtual accountability meeting. To guide the policy makers and the executive, a strong National Evaluation Systems is imperative. This is characterized by factors such as consistent conducting of Monitoring and Evaluation of the countries development agenda, the utilization of the evaluation results by the parliament and the executive for decision making, presence of a Monitoring and Evaluation policy and a robust budget. The National Evaluation System should be able to;* Collect and share data with state and non-state actors
* Work closely with Monitoring and Evaluation professional bodies in promoting the culture of evaluation
* Strongly embrace the Indigenous Knowledge and knowledge system
* Integrate the emerging technology and Artificial intelligence
* Collaborate and partner with external players and development agencies to avoid working in silo and to learn on global trends globally and identifying potential areas for synergy.

The objective of this presentation is to share the assessment and review results of Kenya National Evaluation system and other Evaluation systems in the Sub-Saharan Africa extracting the enablers and inhibitors of a strong National Evaluation system. We will deliberate on areas of collaboration to strengthen the Monitoring and Evaluation system in the Sub-Saharan Africa. |