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<p>ABSTRACT: "Empowering the Future: Harnessing the Potential of Young Evaluators in Capacity Development"</p> <p>According to recent United Nations data, there are approximately 1.2 billion young people 15 -34 range worldwide. This represents around 16% of the global population. Youth, representing a significant portion of the global population, bring unique insights, energy, and innovation to the field. Hence the growing complexity of global challenges, the inclusion of diverse perspectives in evaluation is paramount and Youth are the one</p>	

to determine the future of evaluation to cater for their future needs. Despite its importance, the field has traditionally been dominated by experienced professionals, with limited opportunities for young people (small % involved are under 30)

The objective of this presentation is to share on what it takes for experienced evaluators to continue mentoring and support YEEs in the evaluation field effectively. Involving youth in evaluation helps bridge generational gaps and ensure are inclusive since their fresh mind-sets bring creative solutions and innovative methods that can make evaluations more efficient, comprehensive, and accessible. Young Evaluators have access in leveraging social media and other digital platforms for outreach and dissemination of evaluation findings is key at this 4IR. Therefore, are Young evaluators being often more attuned to long-term implications and are motivated to ensure that development efforts contribute to lasting positive change.

Involving Youth in Evaluation of Programs and Projects will enhance the ownership and acceptance of evaluation findings, leading to more effective implementation of recommendations. Hence, Understanding the global young Evaluators is critical for policymakers, educators, and businesses. It influences planning for sector systems, job markets, healthcare services, and social programs designed to support young people.

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