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Performance monitoring and evaluation (M&E) are interrelated performance management tools aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of public policies, development plans, programmes and projects. There is an increasing awareness in the discourse and practice of M&E that the veracity and accuracy of M&E data is improved when the voices of intended beneficiaries (i.e., citizens or targeted social groups) are adequately captured. The key question that this panel discussion seeks to address is: what are key citizen/beneficiary-based monitoring and evaluation forums that have been established and inform public policy and development decision-making in the Governments of South Africa and Uganda respectively? This panel discussion uses the South African *Imbizo* and Ugandan *Baraza* as case studies of beneficiary-based intervention performance data collection and engagement mechanisms through which the Governments of Uganda and South Africa enable dialogue and a feedback mechanism between policymakers and policy beneficiaries. The panel discussion is to be led by an official from the Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda, and the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in South Africa. Both officials lead the planning, implementation and post-*Imbizo/Baraza* performance evidence uptake phases. The methodology regarding the planning (including stakeholder mapping of who attends), hosting and post-event phases of the *Imbizo/Baraza* is expanded upon. The aim of this panel discussion is to share key lessons learnt from *Imbizo* and *Baraza* engagements (policymaker-beneficiary feedback sessions), and key recommendations to establish these beneficiary-based M&E forums as key sources of evidence on which to formulate, re-design and implement public policies that lead to intended social change outcomes. Some examples of key consequences or actions resulting from an *Imbizo* and *Baraza* are also shared, highlighting the key post-event decisions and actions that result from these beneficiary-policymaker feedback platforms. These two beneficiary-based M&E forums contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 16: peace, justice and strong institutions, ensuring that state institutions are responsive to citizens' needs for basic services. The forums also prioritize inclusivity by actively incorporating diverse gender perspectives and addressing disability rights to ensure comprehensive representation.

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