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Developing National Evaluation Capacities to Support the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda

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BACKGROUND

The initial phase will include a training-related workshop bringing together 1 to 2 government counterparts from Ministries of Planning (or other agencies responsible for planning and M&E), UN(DP) Country Office staff and members of the evaluation community from 3 to 4 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The selection of countries was determined in close consultation with EvalSDGs and UNDP country offices. This training workshop aims to enhance the capacities of the workshop participants to support a stronger evaluation component for the

implementation of the SDGs at the national level, to identify current challenges and gaps in institutional arrangements and evaluation approaches and propose nationally relevant solutions.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

This workshop proposes a set of initial actions supporting national evaluation capacity development. The approach provides support to country-led processes and prioritizes the exchange of good practices, country experiences and peer-to-peer learning as a source of knowledge and guidance.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Strengthening awareness of the importance of country-led evaluations for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the review and follow-up process;
- Exchanging experiences and discussing which evaluation approaches/ methods may be most appropriate for supporting policy choices related to the 2030 Agenda, in particular for ensuring vertical and horizontal policy coherence across the three dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) and the overall aspiration of ‘leaving no one behind’;
- Exchanging experiences on how countries (with an initial focus on ‘early starters’) are preparing to support country-led evaluations for the 2030 Agenda, including setting up M&E frameworks, institutional frameworks and networks, choosing evaluation methodologies / approaches, etc.;
- Setting up a peer-to-peer network to continue the experience sharing and learning process beyond the workshop

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Day I. Evaluation and the 2030 Agenda

Session I: The 2030 Agenda and the role of national M&E systems

Part 1. Overview/ Context

Part 2. Adjusting national Monitoring and Evaluation as part of the broader national processes to mainstream the 2030 Agenda and SDGs

Session II: Reflecting key principles of the 2030 Agenda in evaluation

Part 1. 'Leaving no one behind' and 'reaching the furthest behind first'

Part 2. Evaluation and integrated approaches: ensuring policy coherence

Day 2 Way Forward

Session III: Addressing national evaluation capacity challenges and learning from each other

Part 1. Assessing national evaluation policies and M&E institutional arrangements

Part 2. Identifying national institutional and capacity challenges and mapping regional capacity development initiatives in the area of evaluation

Part 3. Setting up a peer-to-peer network

METHODOLOGY

Day I delivers by using a combination of presentations with different types of visual aids, exercises and group discussions to introduce key concepts and case studies and improve participants' understanding of the material through practical activities. Day I delivers by using a combination of presentations with different types of visual aids, exercises and group discussions to introduce key concepts and case studies and improve participants' understanding of the material through practical activities.

Day II focuses on the way forward and designs around the specific experiences of participants and their countries. A range of methodologies is used from working group discussions, assessments to mapping and action planning. Day II focuses on the way forward and designs around the specific experiences of participants and their countries. A range of methodologies is used from working group discussions, assessments to mapping and action planning.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Government Officials, UN Country Team, Independent evaluation professionals,
civil society