



IEO | INDEPENDENT
Evaluation Office
United Nations Development Programme

Independent Evaluation Office Support to Evaluation Capacity Development

UNDP Executive Board, 18 January 2018



/IEOUNDP

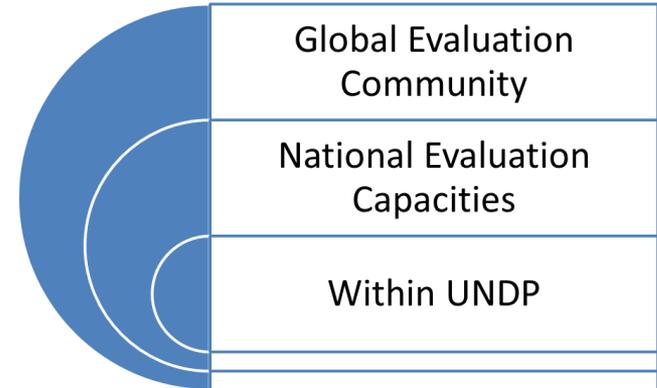


/UNDP_Evaluation

Overview



- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development & theory of change for evaluation capacity development
- Strengthening evaluation capacities within UNDP
- National evaluation capacity development
- Contributing to the global evaluation community
- Next steps



II The SDGs, UNDP & Evaluation Capacity Development

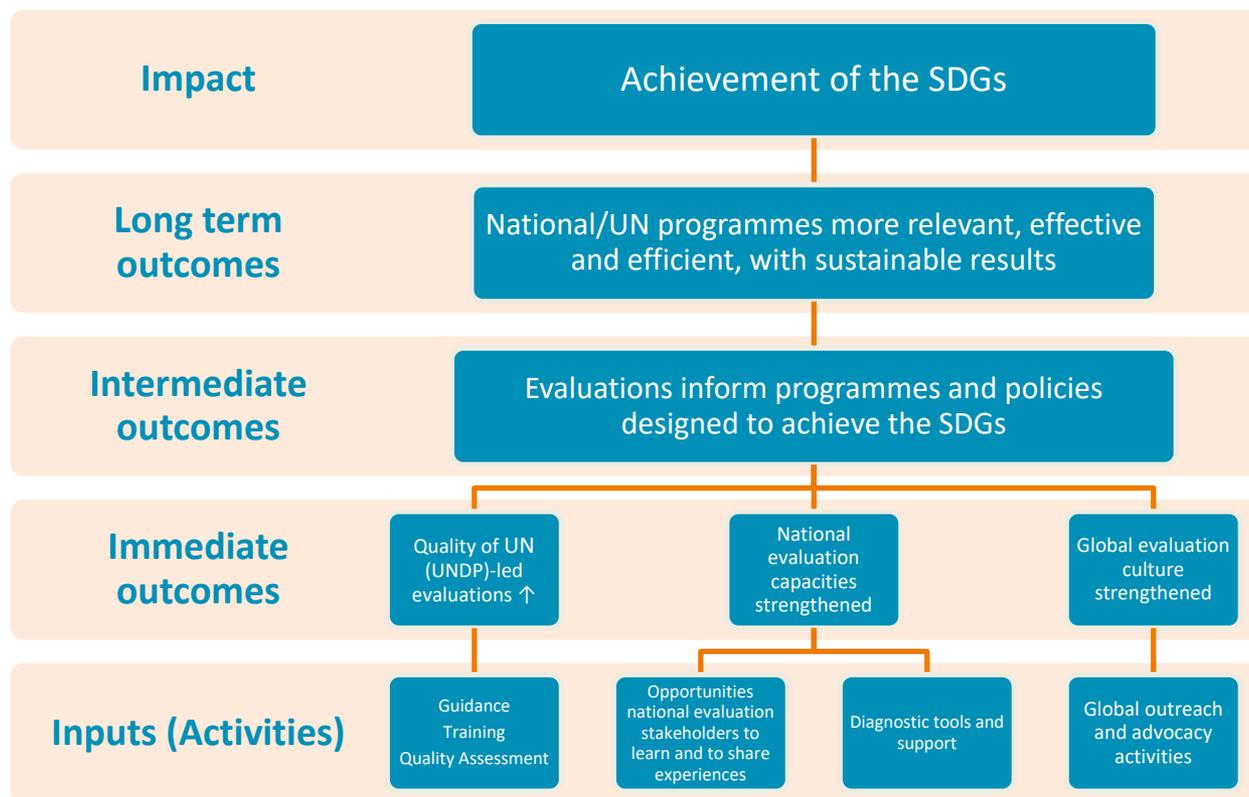


...the evaluation function is an effective country-led vehicle for greater citizen accountability that can accelerate progress towards national Sustainable Development Goals...

UNDP Evaluation Policy

- Evaluation has a key role to play in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and in UNDP support to them
- Agenda 2030 ¶ 74 calls for a robust, voluntary, effective, participatory, transparent and integrated follow-up and review framework
- UNDP's vision: achieve sustainable development
- UNDP transformations and innovations -> evaluations to confirm relevance, effectiveness & efficiency

Evaluation Capacity Development Theory of Change



III Strengthening the quality and relevance of UNDP Evaluations

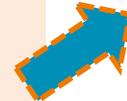


UNDP's evaluation function

Independent evaluations



Decentralized evaluations



Relevant and
effective UNDP
programmes
and projects

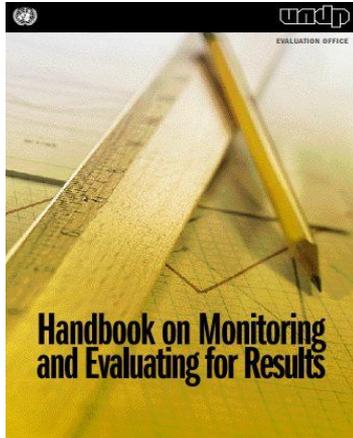


Sustainable,
people-centred,
planet sensitive
results

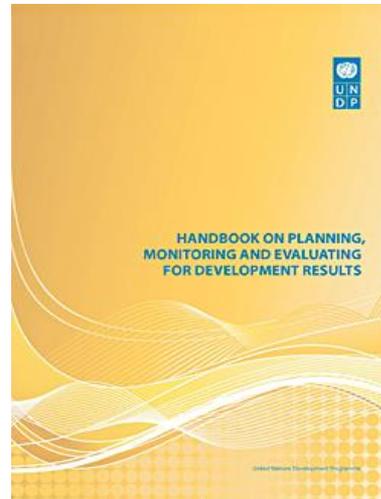
UNDP Evaluation Guidelines



IEO INDEPENDENT
Evaluation Office
United Nations Development Programme



2002



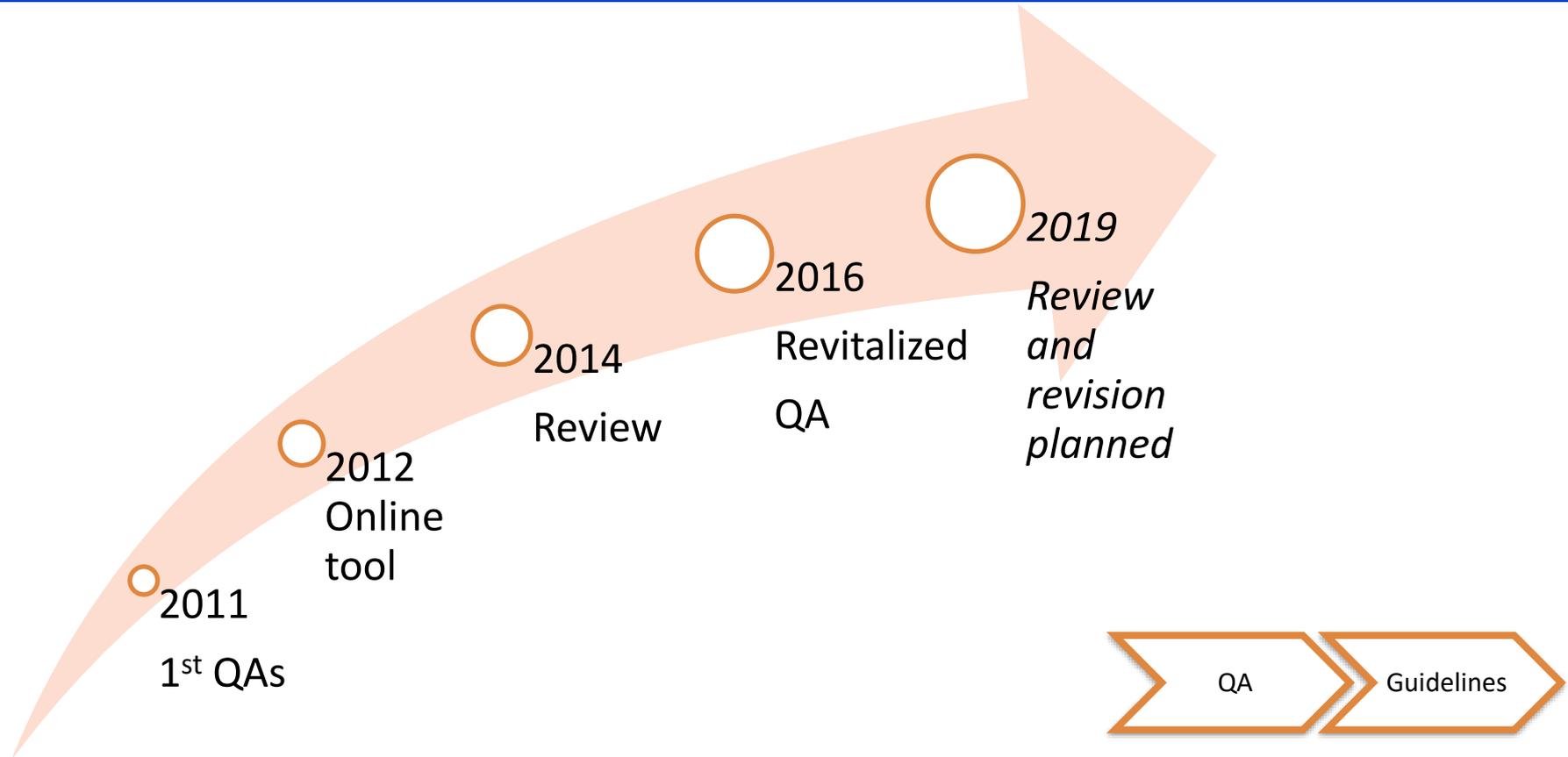
2009



2019

<http://web.undp.org/evaluation/guideline/index.shtml>

Quality Assessment of Decentralized Evaluations

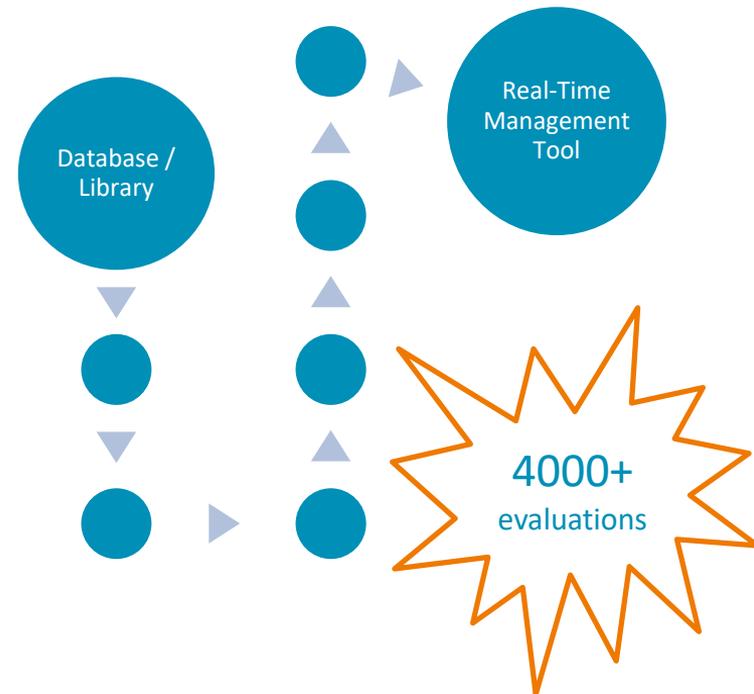


Evaluation Resource Center



IEO | INDEPENDENT
Evaluation Office
United Nations Development Programme

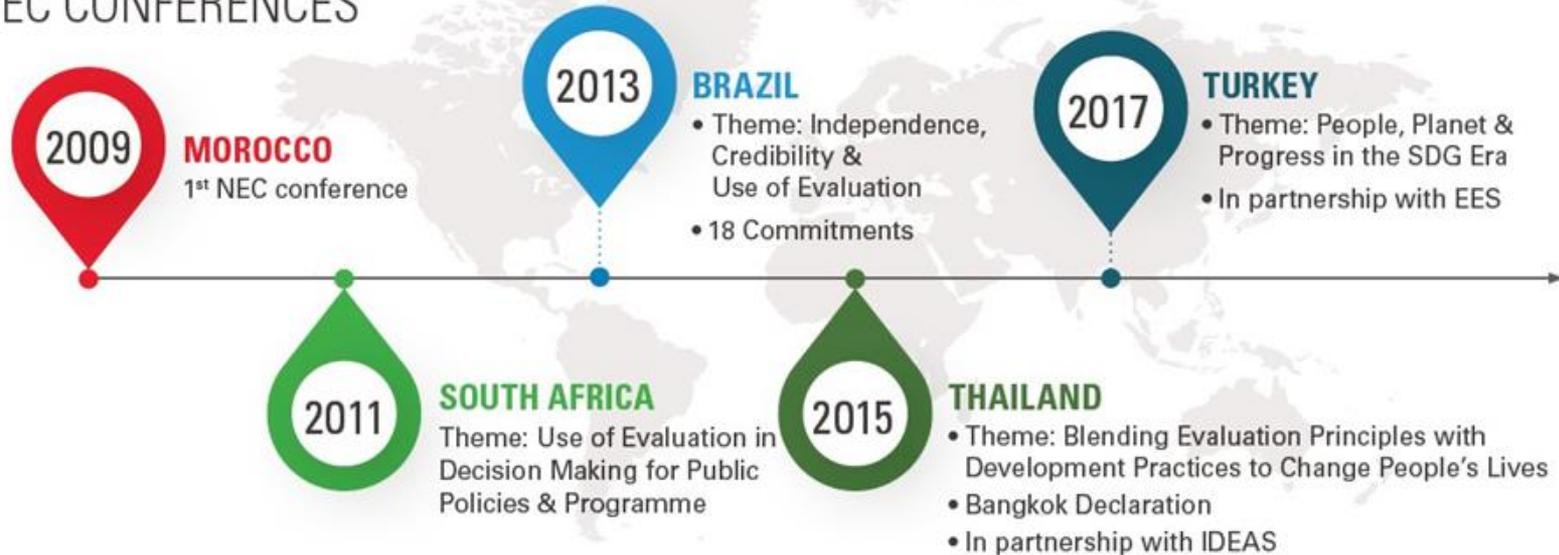
The screenshot shows the Evaluation Resource Centre website. At the top left is the UNDP logo. The main header includes the title 'Evaluation Resource Centre' and a navigation menu with links for HOME, PROGRAMME UNITS, INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OFFICE, FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES, GUIDANCE, and REPORTS. A large world map displays 'UNDP Evaluation Coverage'. To the right of the map are filters for 'COUNTRY OFFICES' (with a search box), 'COMPLETION YEAR' (with 'FROM' and 'TO' dropdowns), and 'GEF EVALUATIONS' (with a 'SEARCH GEF EVALUATIONS' checkbox). Below these filters are buttons for 'MAP', 'REPORTS', and 'RESET'. The lower section features a 'SEARCH EVALUATION REPORTS' area with a 'Keyword Search' field and 'Submit' and 'Advanced Search' buttons. Below that is a 'RECENT PUBLICATIONS' section showing four document covers, including one titled 'JOINT ASSESSMENT'. A 'RECENT SHOWCASE' section features a video player with a play button and the text 'May 24, 2018' and 'Evaluation Snapshot: Anti-corruption'.

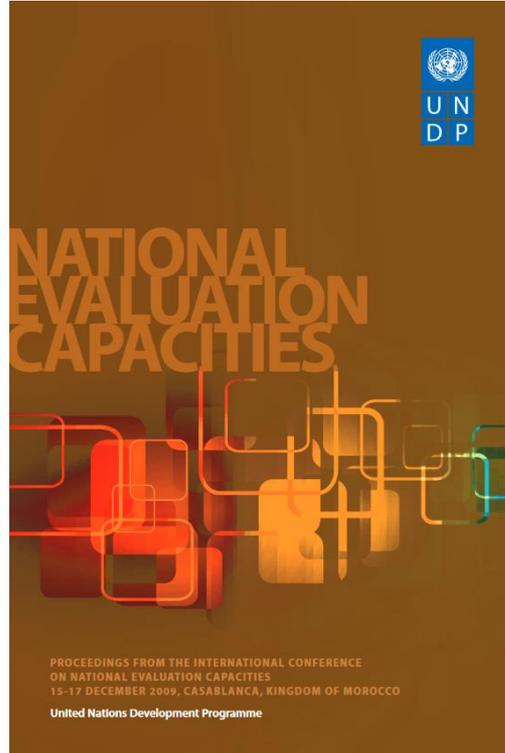


IV National Evaluation Capacities



History & Evolution of NEC CONFERENCES





The first NEC Conference: a response to a request from the UNDP Executive Board to support national evaluation capacity development



2009

55 participants from 30 countries

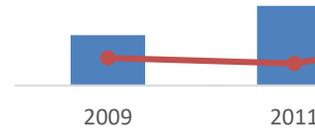
2011 South Africa



IEO INDEPENDENT
Evaluation Office
United Nations Development Programme



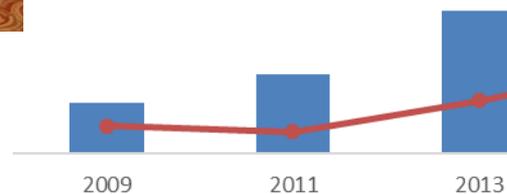
“Use of evaluation in decision-making for public policies and programmes”



87 participants from 34 countries



“Solutions related to challenges of independence, credibility and use of evaluation”

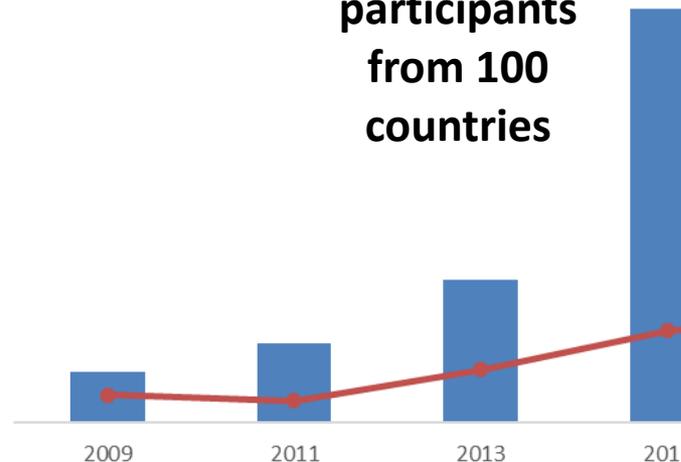


156 participants from 58 countries



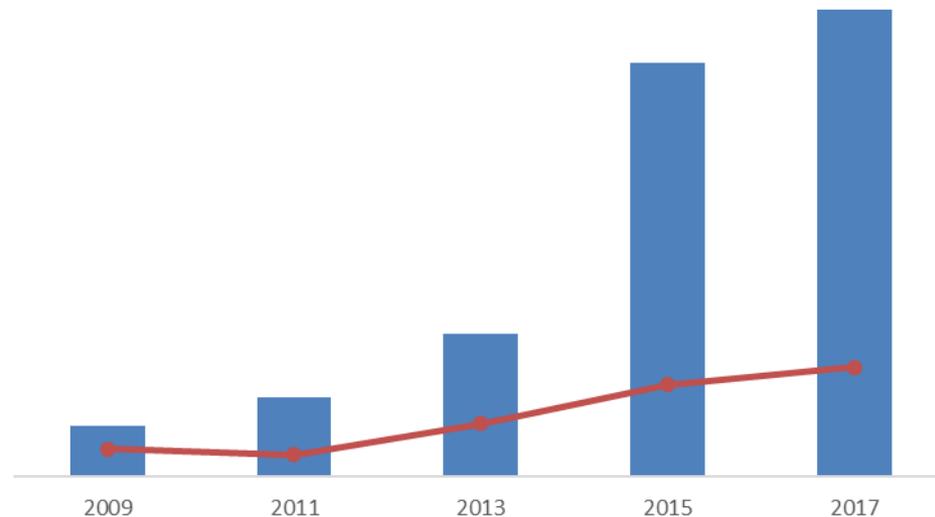
“Blending Evaluation Principles with Development Practices to Change People’s Lives”

450
participants
from 100
countries





508 participants from 119 countries



2017 Istanbul



The evaluation community is key to keeping countries on track to make the promise of this most far-reaching global development agenda a reality.

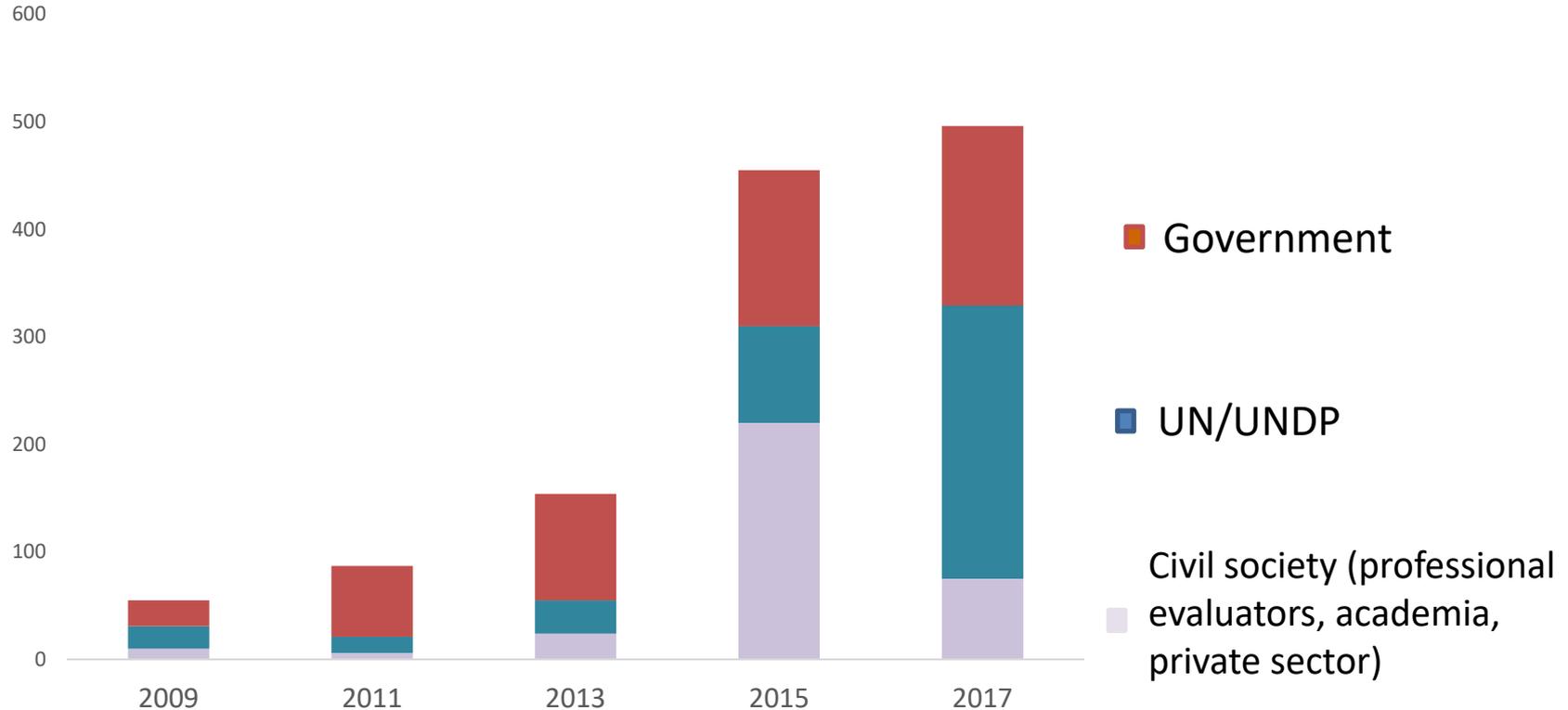
*Michelle Gyles-McDonnough
Director, Sustainable Development Unit
Executive Office of the Secretary General*

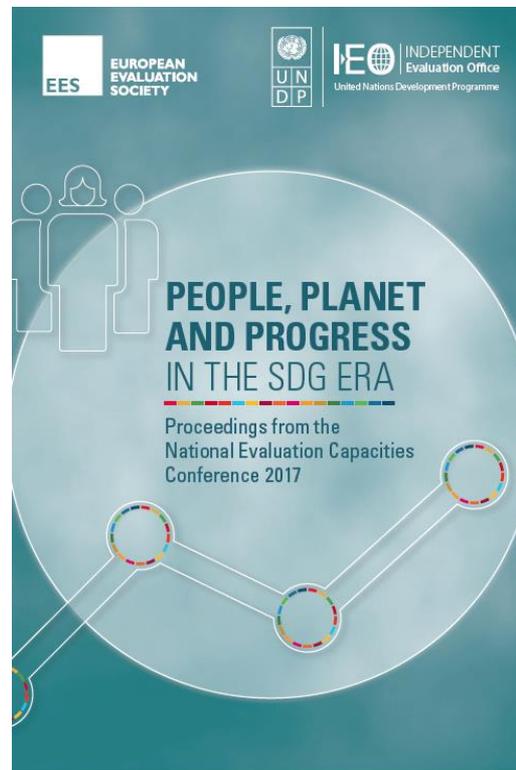
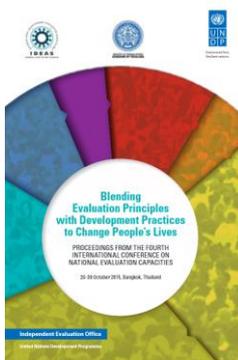
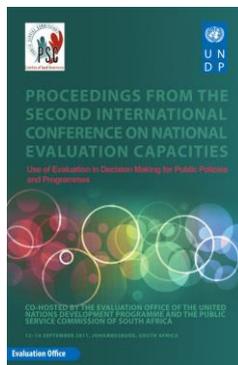
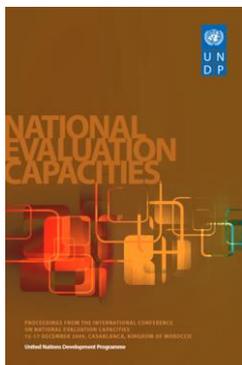


Training Workshops



Participants in the NEC Series of Conferences





2017 NEC Proceedings launched!

- A great resource for those who were not able to attend
- Collective knowledge of more than 70 authors
- More than 46 papers on evaluation capacity development and lessons from around the world

Accessible at www.undp.org/ieo

Reflections on the NEC Conferences



“

Usually evaluation conferences are about academics, evaluators, evaluation consultants talking about evaluation amongst themselves, basically, the supply side. At this conference, we really have a conversation going between the supply side and the demand side, the practitioners and the policymakers. It makes for a very different conversation.



Reflections on the NEC Conferences



The lessons learnt from the NEC 2017 will help in the next round of preparation of my country's SDGs implementation. I would like to incorporate some of the core aspects of evaluation in the report.



The real-life examples of private sector mainstreaming of SDGs were an eye opener and I will bring it to the fore in my country, where the private sector's role is restricted to the health sector.



Reflections on the NEC Conferences



“

The learnings from the conference are helping shape my way of work to bring on board emerging trends in evaluation.



Reflections on the NEC Conferences



“

We are preparing National Strategy on Monitoring and Evaluation and Sustainable Development Goals, the experiences from the conference will help us to foster the process in our country.



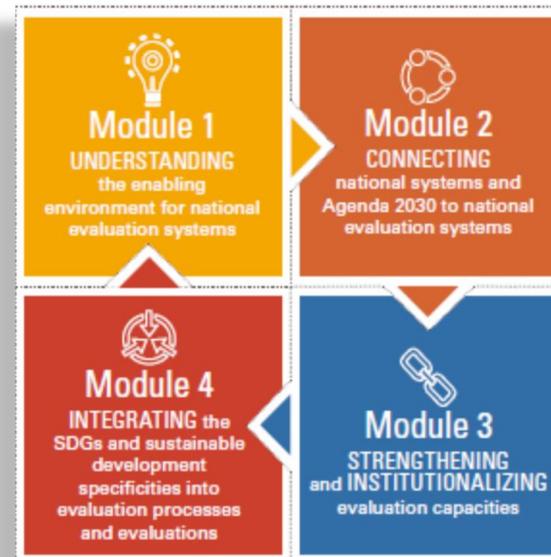
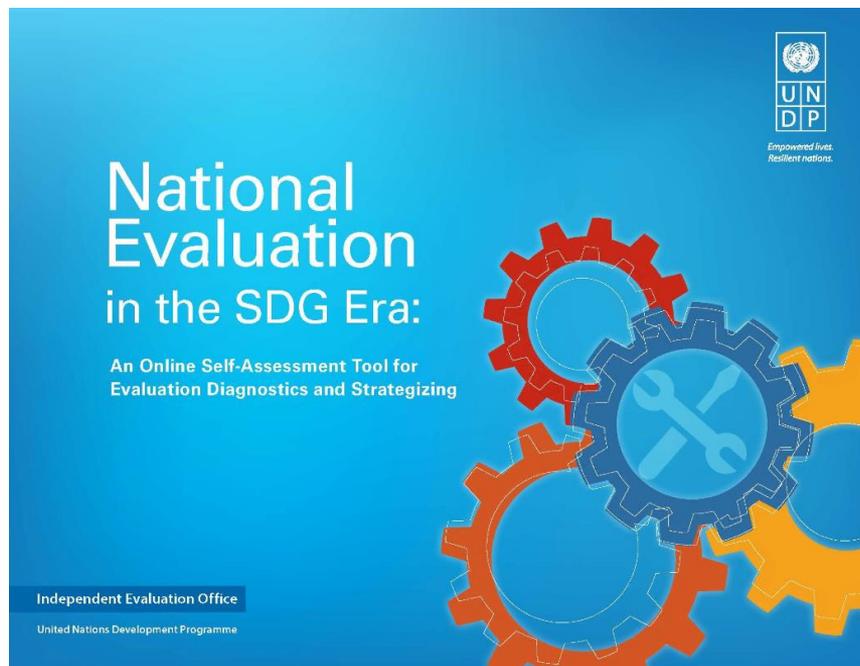
National Evaluation Capacities Conference 2019



IEO | INDEPENDENT
Evaluation Office
United Nations Development Programme

- ❖ *Present and exchange lessons, innovations, experiences & perspectives in developing and strengthening national evaluation systems*
- ❖ *Build bridges and foster existing and new partnerships to strengthen national evaluation systems*
- ❖ *Develop technical skills and deepen understanding of evaluation the context of the multiple and interrelated dimensions of the SDGs*

Evaluation Systems Diagnostic Tool



<http://web.undp.org/evaluation/national-evaluation-diagnostics/>



About NEC



NEC Publications
and Documents



NEC Conference
Information



Country Evaluation
Profile



Capacity Self-Assessment
Tool

National Evaluation Capacities Information Centre

Improved national evaluation capacity enhances progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals

[READ MORE](#)



Strengthening Global Evaluation Culture



IEO | INDEPENDENT
Evaluation Office
United Nations Development Programme



The changing development context makes the evaluation enterprise potentially more complicated and complex as well as provides obvious opportunities and challenges



Wilton Park



Image: Stocknumber2 | Dreamstime.com

Report

Revisiting independence, objectivity and the critically reflective role of evaluation for the SDG era

Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 April 2018 | WP1600

In association with:



Programme des Nations Unies
Développement

The Way Forward



IEO | INDEPENDENT
Evaluation Office
United Nations Development Programme



The Way Forward



Global thought leadership:
strengthening the
understanding of
evaluation, in particular in
the context of the SDGs



NEC Conferences: cutting
edge capacity
development
opportunities and
knowledge sharing



Evaluation guidance and
UNDP evaluations are in
line with international
good practices



THANK YOU!



IEO INDEPENDENT
Evaluation Office
United Nations Development Programme

1 UN Plaza, 20th floor
New York, NY 10017
www.undp.org/evaluation



[/IEOUNDP](https://www.facebook.com/IEOUNDP)



[/UNDP_Evaluation](https://twitter.com/UNDP_Evaluation)



[/evaluationoffice](https://www.youtube.com/evaluationoffice)