It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Evaluation Advisory Panel (EAP) of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The members of the panel bring together formidable experience from across the globe, which resonates with the mandate of the IEO of the UNDP. This eminent group of experts, drawn from the fields of evaluation and development, provide critical intellectual insight into the work of the IEO, and help advance its strategic impact.

Kind regards,
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