

National Evaluation Capacities 2017
Pre-conference workshop

Multi-stakeholder approaches for achieving the SDGs: implications for evaluation practice.

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Target level: Intermediate

Workshop content

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for multi-stakeholder partnerships for achieving the SDGs. The importance of promoting diverse partnerships and greater cooperation between Governments, civil society, Parliaments and the private sector to increase awareness and use of evaluations, was one of the key messages from the NEC 2015 Conference. Multi-stakeholder approaches to development are not new, and the SDGs seek to renew and strengthen the emphasis on multi-stakeholder approaches.

Multi-stakeholder approaches to development come with a number of complexities and challenges. What does this mean for evaluation practice? Are our current methodologies and approaches appropriate for dealing with the complexities of multi-stakeholder approaches? What capacities do we need to evaluate multistakholder approaches?

Workshop aims and outcomes

This workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to explore and reflect on the practicalities of evaluating multi-stakeholder approaches to achieving the SDGs. This is a practical workshop where participants will develop terms of reference for an evaluation of a multi-stakeholder partnership. There is no 'right way' to design the evaluation, and so the learning will come from the engagement within the groups. From the discussions we expect to generate principles that evaluators can apply, and that will contribute to the final conference output.

The following learning outcomes are envisaged:

1. An understanding of multi-stakeholder approaches within the context of the SDGs.
2. Awareness of the complexities in evaluating multi-stakeholder approaches.

3. Ability to identify practical considerations in designing an evaluation of a multi-stakeholder partnership or initiative.

Workshop agenda

Introduction and welcome

Session 1: Multi-stakeholder approaches, partnerships and initiatives. What are they?

The aim here is to explore the concept of MSPs/MSIs and obtain clarity on what they are in the context of the SDGs. The session will take the form of a presentation on MSPs/MSIs followed by a plenary discussion. The session may include presentation of a case study. A short paper will be available as part of the resource material. The session will be interactive with participants asked to reflect on the inputs and share their understanding of multi-stakeholder approaches for the SDGs.

Session 2: Practical session: developing TORS as evaluation managers/leaders

Participants will work in small groups to develop Terms of Reference for an evaluation of a multi-stakeholder partnership/initiative. One group will develop the TORS as representatives of the Government, while the other group will be a multi-stakeholder group.

Session 3: Feedback to Plenary

Groups will be asked to present the TORS as well as reflections on the process. They will be encouraged to be creative in their presentation (go beyond powerpoint)

Session 4: Observations from the Panel of Wise Evaluators

A panel of two will be observing the feedback and will share their observations and assist the workshop to compile a list of principles and key considerations in designing and managing evaluations of multi-stakeholder approaches, and using multi-stakeholder approaches to evaluation. The output of the workshop may result in a contribution to the Conference proceedings.