

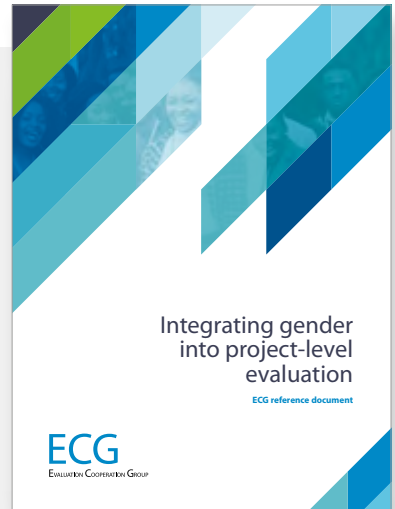
Integrating Gender into Project-level Evaluations: The Evaluation Cooperation Group provides guidance

On 6 October 2017, the Evaluation Cooperation Group (ECG) published a reference document which provides practical approaches for Independent Evaluation Offices to strengthen gender equality and women's empowerment in their evaluation programs, and more specifically in evaluations of projects. The document was prepared by a task force led by IDEV.

The ECG also organized a workshop on 27–28 September

2017 in Washington DC on the theme of “Gender in evaluation”.

<http://idev.afdb.org/en/document/integrating-gender-project-level-evaluation>



Third knowledge event on Private Sector Development 30–31 October 2017

More than 70 representatives from the private sector, governments, multilateral agencies, regional and sub-regional development banks, development institutions, academia, civil society, and the media from across the continent gathered in Pretoria, South Africa to participate in a two-day knowledge sharing event hosted by IDEV and the Evaluation Department at Norad (NoradDev).



Nhlamhla Nene, former Minister of Finance of South Africa and keynote speaker at the PSD event in Pretoria.

The two-day learning event, titled *Financing Private Sector Development: what works, what does not and why?* concluded the hosting institutions' three-part knowledge series based

on the findings of their synthesis report [Towards Private Sector-Led Growth: Lessons of Experience](#). The press release and event materials can be found here.

<http://idev.afdb.org/en/news/idev-and-norad%E2%80%99s-evaluation-department-host-third-knowledge-event-on-PSD>

CLEAR Global Forum

From 22–24 October 2017, the CLEAR (Centres for Learning on Evaluation and Results) Global Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa, brought together the heads and staff of the 6 CLEAR regional centres and the CLEAR Global Hub as well as donors (OVE/ IaDB, DFID, SIDA and IDEV).

IDEV Division Manager Karen Rot-Munstermann participated in the Forum, whose main objectives were to take stock of the CLEAR initiative, what it has achieved to date, and what is planned in each of the centres for the coming year. Participants also discussed the strategic directions

and operationalization of the “CLEAR 2021” vision, and the sustainability of the initiative. On the third day of the Forum, Twende Mbele presented its work on South-South cooperation in evaluation, in view of starting a knowledge-sharing dialogue between regions.



CLEAR participants at the forum in Johannesburg.

Twende Mbele

On 23 October 2017, Twende Mbele organized a knowledge sharing workshop on National Evaluation Policies in Johannesburg, South Africa, with the participation of government representatives from 14 countries (Benin, Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe). Presentations from Benin, South Africa and Uganda on developing a national evaluation policy and its content were interspersed with group work in which participants reflected on the situation in their own



Twende Mbele workshop on national evaluation policies in Johannesburg.

countries and discussed possible ways forward.

On Wednesday 25 and Friday 27 October, the Twende Mbele Management Committee met to discuss ongoing and future business. Following up on the scoping visits to Ghana, Kenya and Niger, the

main discussion was on how best to engage with these countries and through which Twende Mbele activities.

IDEV will host the next Management Committee meeting (Feb. 2018).

<http://www.twendembele.org/>



Laila Smith, Director of the CLEAR Anglophone Africa centre; Abdoulaye Gounou, Director General for Evaluation, Office of the Prime Minister, Benin; Timothy Lubanga, Acting Commissioner for Evaluation, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda

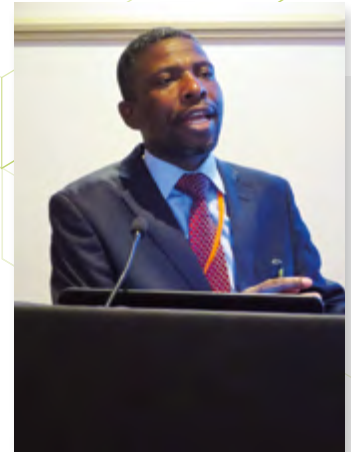


SAMEA Conference

The 6th Biennial SAMEA Conference was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, during the week of 23–27 October 2017, on the theme of “purpose-driven monitoring and evaluation”. On 25 October, Hon. Dexter Nduna from Zimbabwe, designated by the African Parliamentarians’ Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE) Executive Committee to represent APNODE at the conference, made a presentation on “The use of evidence-based

evaluation for policy and decision-making”.

The presentation, richly illustrated with real-life examples taken from Hon. Nduna’s work as Chair of the Transport Committee in his parliament, was well received by the participants. He intervened again later in the week in a session on “Lessons from national evaluation systems”, during which Ian Goldman and Timothy Lubanga also presented their national experiences.



Hon. Dexter Nduna from Zimbabwe speaking at the SAMEA Conference.

Evaluation Cooperation Group Meeting

The ECG met on 2–3 November 2017 at the IFAD Headquarters in Rome, Italy to share recent work and exchange views on issues of common interest. Themes discussed included private sector engagement; partnerships; gender; and evaluation for corporate management. IDEV presented its formative evaluation of the AfDB’s human resources policy and strategic directions (see article). Work is ongoing



The ECG meeting in Rome

on topics such as gender equality in evaluations; peer reviews of evaluation functions; good practice standards; enhancing self-evaluation; and follow-up to evaluation recommendations.

Kenya Evaluation Week

At the request of the Kenyan government, CLEAR-AA through the Twende Mbele programme organized a whole day training at the Kenya Evaluation Week (on 23 November 2017) targeting members of parliament from Kenya, staff of the Parliamentary Budget Office of Kenya, and other strategic partners including the Kenya Institute of Public Policy and Research Analysis (KIPPRA). Presentations were made by

CLEAR-AA facilitators, the Parliamentary Budget Office, and Hon. Evelyn Mpagi, Vice-Chairperson of APNODE.

Following the training, the MPs from Kenya agreed to join the parliamentary caucus on evidence based policy making, to lobby for the enactment of the Kenya National M&E policy and to champion M&E at all levels of government. They requested CLEAR-AA to

organize M&E capacity building programmes for MPs and strategic Committees of the National Assembly and the Senate to inculcate the culture of use of evaluation evidence by MPs.



Training session for MPs and government officials at Kenya Evaluation Week 2017.

Hot Off the Press: The African Development Bank's Human Resource Management Policy and Strategic Directions: A Formative Evaluation

IDEV has presented its evaluation of the AfDB's Human Resources Management System, its first formative evaluation. The evaluation was designed not only to assess the current state of the Bank's institutional environment with respect to HR management and identify lessons from the implementation of the Bank's 2013–2017 People Strategy, but also to provide conclusions and recommendations to inform the development of the Bank's next Human Resources Strategy. The evaluation assessed both the current state of the Bank's HRMS relative to industry best practice and traditional comparators, and how the Bank has organized itself to deliver on its strategic objectives for HR management.



<http://idev.afdb.org/en/document/african-development-bank%E2%80%99s-human-resource-management-policy-and-strategic-directions>