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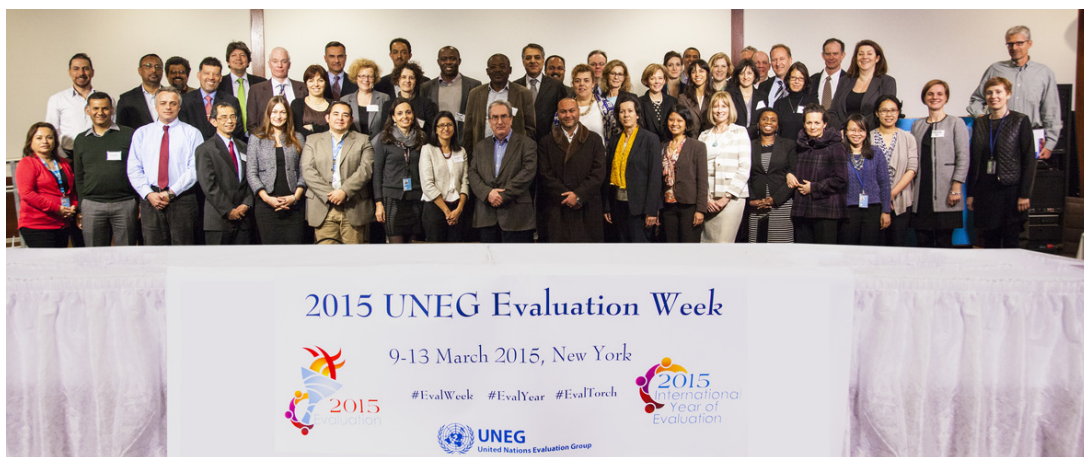
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A UNEG Fit for Post-2015

2015 UNEG Evaluation Week was organized in New York, UNHQ from 9 to 13 March 2015 with evaluation office representatives from 35 UNEG member agencies and evaluation partners such as IOCE, EvalPartners, OECD/DAC EvalNet, ECG, and ALNAP. Participants strategized on the importance of evaluation for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and ways in which to contribute to the inter-governmental processes shaping the agenda. Conference participants explored innovative ways in which to make UNEG fit for the Post-2015 Agenda and leverage the International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear).

[Please click here for 2015 UNEG Evaluation Week Session Documents & Videos.](#)

[Please click here for photos of 2015 UNEG Evaluation Week.](#)



2015 UNEG Evaluation Week, UNHQ, NYC March 9-13

A UNEG Executive Group transition took place at the 2015 AGM and current UNEG Executive Group members include:

Click below photos for more information on each of the UNEG Executive Group Members



Marco Segone, UNEG Chair & Director of Office of Evaluation, UN Women



Indran Naidoo, UNEG Vice Chair for Evaluation Function, SO1 & Director of Independent Office of Evaluation, UNDP



Robert Stryk, UNEG Vice Chair for Use of Evaluation, SO2 & Chief of Evaluation Division, UNRWA



Helen Wedgwood, UNEG Vice Chair for System-wide Initiatives, SO3 & Director of Office of Evaluation, WFP



Colin Kirk, UNEG Vice-Chair for Partnerships, SO4 & Director of Office of Evaluation, UNICEF



Oanh, Nguyen, UNEG Executive Coordinator, a.i. & Evaluation Specialist for the Independent Evaluation Office, UNDP

UNEG greatly values and appreciates Deborah Rugg (UNEG Chair 2013-2015, former UN OIOS Director, Inspection and Evaluation Division) and Scott Green (vice-Chair for system-wide initiatives, SO3, 2014-2015, Coordinator, Independent System-wide Evaluation (ISWE) Secretariat) for their dedication and contribution to UNEG.



Deborah Rugg (UNEG Chair 2013-2015, former UN OIOS Director, Inspection and Evaluation Division)



Scott Green, Former Vice-Chair for System-wide Initiatives, SO3 (2014-2015) & Current Coordinator for Independent System-wide Evaluation (ISWE) Secretariat

“A UNEG fit for purpose is an inclusive UNEG where its diversity is its richness. Therefore, a UNEG fit for purpose should contribute to the consolidation of the evaluation functions in the United Nations”, Mr. Segone stated in his remarks at the end of Evaluation week. “UNEG will continue to update UNEG Norms and Standards, professionalize the evaluation functions and carry out Peer Reviews, while sustaining the new frontiers and opportunities offered by the post-2015 agenda, [the recent UN Resolution \(A/RES/69/237\)](#) and the Independent System Wide Evaluation.” Furthermore, “UNEG will work in partnership with Member States, UN, EvalParnters, EvalNet, ECG, ALNAP and other partners to sustain and strengthen initiatives to address the expectations of all stakeholders, and leverage strategic opportunities raised through the EvalYear and the UN Resolution.”



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[UNEG Chair, Marco Segone's remarks on building a UNEG fit for the Post-2015 Agenda](#)

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Evaluation Changes Lives

At the end of Evaluation Week, on 13 March, a Press Conference was organized at the UN Headquarters, where the outgoing Chair, the new Chair and the Vice-chair on Partnerships informed journalists on the outcome of Evaluation Week and launched a new publication entitled, ***“Evidence Changes Lives – Realizing Evaluation’s Potential to Inform the Global Sustainable Development Goals.”*** The publication reiterates the critical role of evaluation in offering credible evidence to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.



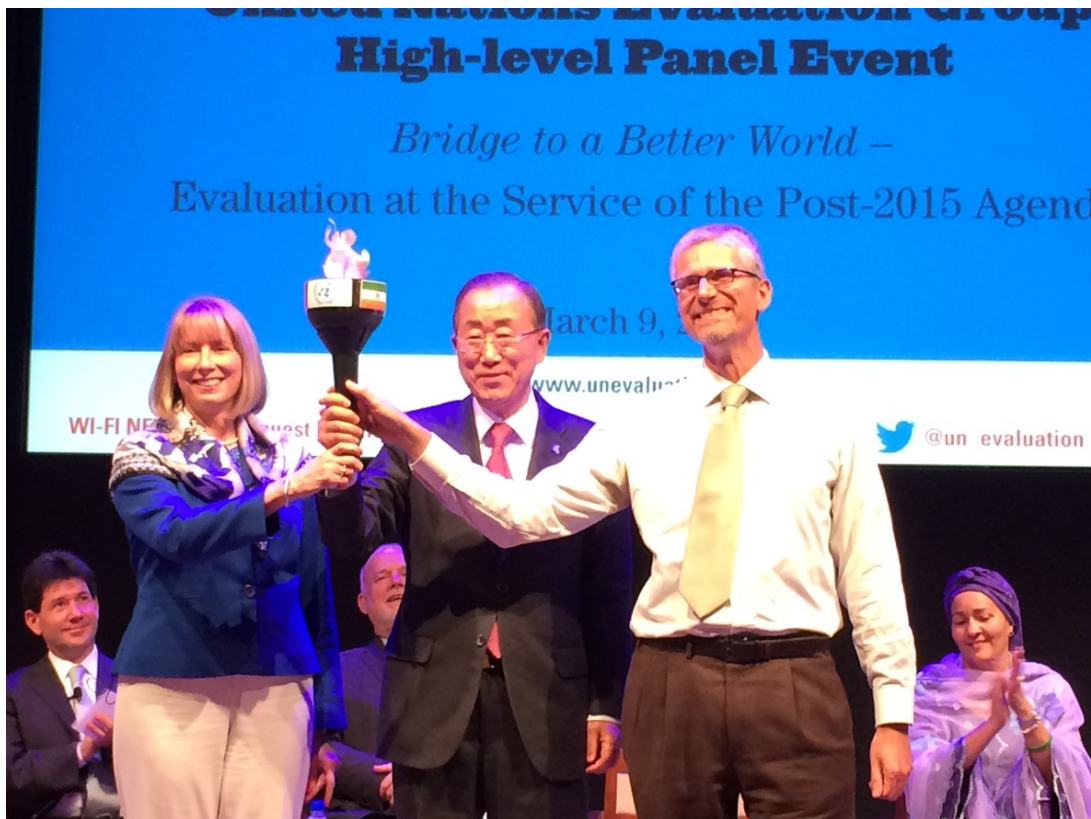
Press Launch for UNEG Report, *Evaluation Changes Lives*, March 13 2015

[Please click here to view the press launch](#)

[Please click here to read the report, "Evaluation Changes Lives"](#) (note that the report title has been updated)

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Ban Ki-moon: “Evaluation everywhere, and at every level, will play a key role in implementing the new development agenda.”



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Mr. Marco Segone and Ms. Deborah Rugg light the Evaluation Torch

Under the framework of the UNEG Evaluation Week, on 9 March from 3 to 5 PM New York time, UNEG organized a High-level Panel Event, entitled, "Bridge to a Better World - Evaluation at the Service of the Post-2015 Agenda."

Two hundred participants at the event explored how building evaluation capacities can empower countries to put development policies and programmes in place which are appropriate, effective and responsive to the needs of their citizens; and, in turn, how stronger national evaluation systems can be a part of an inclusive, robust global accountability framework.

"We must review what we learned implementing the Millennium Development Goals – what worked what didn't work," said Deborah Rugg, UNEG Chair 2013-2015 who facilitated the event. "As evaluators, we offer evidence-based learning to figure out what delivered results and what needs to be done differently."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, in his opening remarks, welcomed the **adoption of the new UN Resolution on national capacity development**, and the designation of 2015 as **the International Year of Evaluation** in the same year in which the United Nations marks its 70th anniversary, and will take momentous decisions about the future prosperity, safety and well-being. “Evaluation everywhere, and at every level, will play a key role in implementing the new development agenda”, the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said. He also added, “Evaluation is not easy. Nor is it popular. But it is essential. The current constrained budgetary climate makes it more important than ever. All of us share a responsibility to strengthen this important function. I look forward to working with all of you to strengthen evaluation capacity so that it can play its rightful role in building lives of dignity for all.”



Other prominent speakers took the floor during the event.

Ms. Amina Mohammed, Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning, discussed what can be done, from a global perspective, to make the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda more evidence based.

Ambassador Peter Thomson, Fiji Representative to the UN, informed guests on what has encouraged Fiji to take a lead role in the passage of the new Resolution, and provided his views of how this normative document can support countries in their efforts to strengthen national evaluation capacities to implement the sustainable development agenda.

Ms. Nancy MacPherson, Managing Director, Evaluation, Rockefeller Foundation, underlined a number of practices foundations are applying to promote evaluation as a learning tool in the post-2015 context, and what philanthropic organizations see as the new frontiers for evaluation, new players, new roles in the sustainable development area.

Mr. Miguel Szekely, Director of the Center for Education and Social Studies in Mexico, presented his views of what can be done, from the country perspective, to make the implementation of the sustainable development agenda more evidence based. He provided several recommendations to UNEG and evaluation partners on how to build effective evaluation capacities at country level to support development processes to improve people lives on the ground.

Representatives of Member States to the UN, heads of evaluation offices, and other UN high-level managers from UN had a chance to ask questions and debate on issues of importance, particularly on the diversity of readiness of countries and regions, and opportunities and challenges ahead in implementing the new agenda at the country level. It was widely agreed that building evaluation systems can empower countries to adopt development policies and programmes that are appropriate, effective and responsive to the needs of their citizens.

[Event details, documents & video of the High-level Event may be found here.](#)

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UNEG Priorities for 2015/2016



The UNEG Annual General Meeting, held from 9 to 12 March, in the UN Headquarters in New York, was a platform in which representatives of the UNEG members reviewed progress and results of the work programme during 2014/2015 and decided on strategies and work areas for the following years.

UNEG will continue to work on and create greater synergies between the four Strategic Objectives included in the UNEG Work Plan as follows:

Strategic Objective 1: Evaluation functions and products of UN entities meet the UNEG Norms and Standards for evaluation (work includes three areas: peer reviews, professionalization of evaluation, and update of Norms and Standards);

Strategic Objective 2: UN entities and partners use evaluation in support of accountability and programme learning;

Strategic Objective 3: Evaluation informs UN system-wide initiatives and emerging demands (priorities for 2015/2016 include integrating evaluation into SDGs; evaluability of SDGs, systemic review to inform implementation of SDG; ISWE);

Strategic Objective 4: UNEG benefits from and contributes to an enhanced global evaluation profession (priorities for 2015/2016 include International Year of Evaluation; national evaluation capacity development; 2016-2020 Global Evaluation Agenda)

Mr. Segone confirmed that UNEG will be committed to its diverse membership, will enhance internal communications between members and will strengthen its work on partnerships. He asked all the members to be “ambassadors of UNEG”, to actively advocate for evaluation functions and national evaluation capacity development, and create synergies not only within organizational structures, but also outside the UN with national evaluation partners, in order to ensure impact of UNEG activities at different levels.

[Documents from the Annual General Meeting may be found here.](#) *(Note that you must be logged in to view AGM session documents.)*

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130 UN Evaluators Exchanged Evaluation Practices

The Evaluation Practice Exchange seminar was held from 11 to 13 March and organized by the evaluation offices of UNICEF and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).



This was an important opportunity for members to come together to share experience, knowledge and expertise related to evaluation approaches and methodologies. Its purpose was to: a) facilitate learning and exchange of experiences amongst UNEG members b) improve the credibility and utility of UN evaluations, and c) contribute to the advancement of the evaluation function in the UN system.

During three days UNEG members shared their experiences on a range of evaluation topics, such the importance of the use of evaluation, why innovations matters for sustainable development evaluation, the importance of communications and knowledge management, etc.

[Documents & Videos of the Evaluation Practice Exchange may be found here.](#)

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