

High Level Political Forum - Side Event

Accelerating SDG implementation through evaluation: Case of SDG - 6

Location: Church Center for the United Nations, 2nd Floor Conference Room
777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Date: 11 July 2018, 12:30 - 2:00 pm



Background:

The [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) sets ambitious targets for development. Follow-up and review processes at the global and national levels are to provide evidence, including from country-led evaluations, on the progress to achieve the [17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).

Evaluation is however absent in Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of 2016 and 2017. What is the way forward to make evaluation fit-for-purpose to the Agenda 2030?



In the occasion of the High Level Political Forum, the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) has organized a side event on **“Accelerating SDG implementation through evaluation: Case of SDG – 6 (WASH)”**.

- 🌐 The event aims to promote a multi-stakeholder dialogue to reflect on the importance of evaluation for demonstrating progress towards the SDGs.
- 🌐 In line with this year’s HLPF theme, the side event will focus on SDG-6 and more concretely on WASH evaluations. Building upon WASH evaluation experiences, the presenters will discuss ways to better position evaluation in the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

Objectives:

- 1) Raise awareness on the importance of evaluation to support follow up and review processes towards the SDGs, with especial focus on SDG - 6;
- 2) Generate a dialogue on how best UN agencies and other stakeholders can support countries to use evidence from evaluation to inform WASH policies and programmes;
- 3) Share lessons and good practices from WASH evaluation experiences.

Content: The meeting will discuss how evaluation can reinforce follow-up and review processes at the national level towards evidence-based Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). More specifically, it will discuss how evaluation can be adapted and used to better assess and guide efforts towards SDG –6. Questions that will guide the discussions are, among others:

- 1) Is evaluation fit-for- purpose to advise member states on progress towards the SDGs? What are the potential roadblocks?
- 2) What needs to be done to ensure that evaluation will generate systematic and timely evidence for HLPF progress reviews?
- 3) Are current approaches to national evaluation capacity development adequate to contribute to the follow up and review processes at the country level?
- 4) How to make the case for country-led evaluations of WASH “fit for purpose for the SDGs”?

Opening remarks and Introduction

George Laryea-Adjei – Director, Evaluation Office, UNICEF

Conclusions and closing

Indran Naidoo – Director, Independent Evaluation Office, UNDP

Panel:

Panel Chair: **Susanne Frueh**, UNEG Chair

- ✓ **Sugath Yalegama** – Additional Secretary Ministry of Sustainable Development, Government of Sri Lanka
- ✓ **Savio Carvalho** – Global Campaign Director, WaterAid
- ✓ **Luis A. Andrés** – Lead Economist, Water, The World Bank
- ✓ **Jeremie Toubkiss** – Evaluation Specialist, Evaluation Office, UNICEF

Who should attend:

- Policy makers
- Civil society organizations
- Foundations
- Media
- Private sector
- International organizations
- VNR Secretariat



Contact Details and Further Information

Ada Ocampo
Senior Evaluation Specialist, Evaluation Office, UNICEF
aocampo@unicef.org, + 1-917-971-6918

Lovemore Mhuriyengwe
Knowledge Management Specialist, UNICEF
lmhuriyengwe@unicef.org, + 1-917-265-4592

For questions regarding the event please contact: unegsideevent@gmail.com

Participants are encouraged to arrive early as there is limited seating. Food will be served 45 minutes before the session.