#Eval4Action in 2021
Progress from regions presented at the informal dialogue

1 February 2021
Regional presentation: Asia Pacific

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Regional consultation towards regional strategy

- Brainstorming ideas for the Regional Evaluation Strategy - Asia Pacific Regional Consultation – 25 June 2020
  - 170 people (VOPEs, parliamentarians, UN, development partners, academia, private sector, govt) attended the consultation

- Development of the strategy as follow up - Setting up a Committee to develop the content

- Feedback for the draft - Asia Pacific Stakeholders Consultation – 9 October 2020

- Finalization based on feedback and launch – 10 December 2020

- Partnership with EvalYouth regional chapter/national chapters, parliamentarians, VOPEs, academia, private sector, NGOs
Regional strategy highlights

- First time in the region
- Eight themes
- Eight volunteer groups to implement it
- Any organization or individual can implement any part of the strategy
- APEA/ EvalYouth Asia/ PFDE-SA role is to mobilize partners and coordinate
- Continue to implement the strategy in 2021 and beyond
EvalVision Asia and highlights

Events
● Virtual Regional dialogue on national evaluation policies and systems (NEPS)
● Launch of Inter-Regional Initiative for Professionalization of Evaluation.
● Talk show on use of evaluation for SDGs
● First anniversary celebration of EvalYouth Sri Lanka

Product launches
● Asia Pacific Regional Evaluation Strategy
● Guide on use of evaluation for SDGs
● Competency framework for evaluators
● Competency assessment pathway

Other key achievements
● Asia Pacific Communication Hub (APC Hub)
● Promote national EvalYouth chapters together with EvalYouth Asia
Shared our Commitments to Eval4Action Campaign and joined the Twitter Chat

Two National VOPEs—Palestinian Evaluation Association and EvalJordan, joined the Eval4Action campaign. In addition to EvalMENA and EvalYouth MENA.

As a result of the Eval4Action Campaign, we aim to activate the role of the other less active national VOPEs to join the Campaign.
MENA Eval4Action Regional Consultation

Launched the MENA Region’s Commitment to Action Plan to Eval4Action Campaign Consultation on July 10, 2020

Speakers from Eval4Action leaders, EvalMENA and EvalYouth MENA leaders, UNFPA ASRO Regional Director, Member of Parliament and IOCE Vice President
MENA Regional Consultation Outcomes

21 Global Facilitators
3 Questions
100 Global Participants
9 Breakout room notes
MENA Regional Consultation Outcomes

Building on years of a strong partnership with UNFPA ASRO, meeting and working together on the Regional Consultation Action Plan.

Developed a TOR with UNFPA ASRO titled “Research on MENA Eval4Action Action Plan and Strategies to Promote and Utilize Evaluation for Agenda 2030”.

Utilizing a strong focus on youth led initiatives with youth actually leading the process and coordinating with UNFPA ASRO, building on previous experiences including developing the Winter School later this year as part of Eval4Action Campaign.
Regional presentation:
Latin America and the Caribbean

Claudia Olavarría
Co-chair
EvalYouth LAC
Our Commitment

1. We actively participated in the twitter Chat and promoted other partners involvement.

2. We actively participated in the Commitment Drive and motivated partners involvement.

3. We implemented a Regional Evaluation Consultation and motivated partners commitment to be and keep involved.

4. We are planning to host a set of activities to install a working group and a regional agenda.
October 1, 2020
Regional Eval4Action Consultation LAC Participants

CHARACTERISTICS

347 people registered
22 moderators
10 presenters

LANGUAGES
The consultation was conducted in three languages: Spanish, English and Portuguese

347
249
38

EXPERIENCE

57
6 - 10
11 - 15
16 - 20
21 - 25
+ 25

59
53
36
34
26
5

34% Less than 35 yrs old
28% 36 to 45 yrs old
25% 46 to 55 yrs old
13% 56 or more

62
Third sector

16% of the registered people belong to a minority

Most people registered were female gender

1% I prefer not to answer

All of them were women
Regional Eval4Action Consultation

LAC Results

**THEMES AND RESULTS**

Regional Evaluation Consultation in Latin America and the Caribbean

The regional consultation enabled a discussion space consisting of 13 sub-groups.

**THE GOAL**

was to discuss the challenges and the strategies in Latin America and the Caribbean to assure that evaluation contributes to achieving the SDGs.
1. Invite a Regional Multi stakeholder Working Group (RMWG).

2. Install the RMWG and plan a Regional LAC Agenda in that space.

3. Jointly implement the Regional LAC Agenda.

**CONCLUSIONS**

**THE CONSULTATION IDENTIFIED**

**MAIN CHALLENGES**

- The issues identified can draw a Road Map to generate an Evaluation Agenda.

- Main challenges faced by evaluators in the region.

- Along with the diverse regional actors, to accelerate the progress towards the SDGs.

**Regional Eval4Action Consultation LAC Next Steps**
Regional presentations: Europe

Weronika Felcis
Board member
EES
Regional consultations stats and outcomes

As part of Eval4Action’s ongoing series of regional consultations, EES, along with NESE and yEES, hosted the European consultation on October 21st, 2020 at 15:00 CEST.

• Nearly 200 participants
• 7 speakers in plenary
• 12 breakout rooms
• 24 facilitators
Reflections from Eval4Action consultation

1. Individual capacities for evaluation
2. Interdisciplinary cooperation is a key to transformative evaluation.
3. Open data storage, sharing and use
4. Evaluation professionalization
5. Innovative methods
6. Institutional capacities for evaluation
Follow up activities

EES has decided to focus on:

1) To highlight the launch of TWG 7 on EU Policies, as this was introduced during the Eval4Action webinar – first event in February 2021

2) A working group in combination with the outcomes of the Good Anthropocene webinar to focus on developing principles and guidelines/standards for ensuring that natural systems and sustainability and integrated across evaluation practices.
Regional presentations: Eurasia

Dmytro Kondratenko
Chair
EvalEurasia Network
November-December 2020: Agenda and promo materials developed, 2 promo video created (English and Russian), over 25 promo publications in English and local languages published in regional and international community sources

Event on December 16, 2020: 20+ recommendations developed how to develop a widespread recognition of evaluation as one of critical and influential tools in Eurasian region (Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus) for accelerating progress toward the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda

54 participants attended
What the Eurasian alliance has done also as a part of Eval4Action campaign in 2020:

Russian-language site for Eval4Action:
https://sites.google.com/view/eval4action

Russian-language webinars on Evaluation Decade and SDGs in the region:
- **May, 21, 2020** - Start of the EVALUATION Decade in support of action to achieve the Global Goals in the Eurasian region
- **June, 4, 2020** - Evaluation: linking national priorities to the SDGs
- **June, 18, 2020** - Using the assessment and its results in the preparation of voluntary national reports on the implementation of the SDGs
- **July, 2, 2020** - How to understand how your social project contributes to the implementation of the SDGs
- **July, 16, 2020** - Assessment of the contribution of the state social order to the implementation of the SDGs
FOLLOW UP & FUTURE INITIATIVES FOR 2021

Action plan development initiated
(Jan., 2021 – working discussions with members of Eurasian Alliance of National Evaluation Associations)

Among key priorities for future Eval4Action initiatives in Eurasia defined the following:
- Regional awareness raising activities or events for professionalization of evaluation
- Regional dialog/workshop/s on the use of evaluation for SDGs
- Regional dialog/s with government to strengthen legislative framework for evaluation
- Capacity building event/s for YEEs with exchange of best practices and experience through the region
Regional presentation: Africa

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Co-chair
AfrEA YEE Network
Africa Regional Consultation
toward an African Evaluation Community’s Action Plan to SDGs

- Reenergize the global evaluation community into action to advocate for influential evaluation
- Discussion to identify ideas and actions:
  - Professionalization of Evaluation including young and emerging evaluators (competencies, mentorships etc)
  - Evidence informed decision building robust national M&E policies & systems
  - Nurture the Made in Africa Evaluation approaches that support SDG implementation and the achievement of the Africa we want
Way forward: Develop an Africa action plan for influential evaluation

Rally other partners for influential evaluation on the continent

2 sub-regional consultations to gain further action points to inform action plan (March 2021)

Launch the Africa Action plan for influential evaluation (May 2021)

Initial actions to be implemented (June 2021)

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**Benefits**

1. **Raising awareness** of the importance of evaluation in accelerating achieving SDGs

2. **Reviving stakeholder, partner & all interested party engagements** to advance the evaluation agenda in the region to accelerate achieving SDGs

**Challenges / Suggestions**

- Eval4Action information is predominately in English. Consider sharing information in other widely used languages to reach a wider audience.

- Engagements at regional level (due to COVID-19) are taking place predominantly online, which will limit or exclude the reach of partners and interested parties. Aim to use different forms of engagement regionally & nationally to ensure we Leave No One Behind.