



AGENDA

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

8:30 - 9:00. Registration - Reception

9:00 - 9:30. Opening remarks – Auditorium

- **Anis Ben Brik**, Chair of EvalSouth Conference, College of Public Policy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University
- **Leslie A. Pal**, Founding Dean, College of Public Policy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University
- **Marco Segone**, Director, Evaluation Office, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- **Ashwani Muthoo**, Director General, Independent Evaluation Office, New Development Bank (NDB)
- **Hon. Kabir Hashim**, Member of Parliament - Sri Lanka, Chair - Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation
- **Ahmed Saad AlRumaihi**, Director of External Affairs Office, Acting Director of Monitoring and Evaluation Department, Qatar Charity

9:30 – 10:30. High Level Panel: Navigating a New Normal: Setting the Agenda for Evaluation in the Global South - Auditorium

This panel aims to identify the urgent challenges and opportunities in the Global South's evaluation and development landscape. It will explore the influence of international norms and policies, discuss the need for adaptive frameworks, and highlight the role of transformation and global trends in shaping evaluation methods.

Chair: **Marcia Joppert**, Director, Brazilian Monitoring and Evaluation Network

- **Ashwani Muthoo**, Director General, Independent Evaluation Office, New Development Bank
- **Zenda Ofir**, South African Representative, New Development Bank (BRICS) High-Level International Evaluation Advisory Committee
- **Halime Kaakour**, Member of Parliament, Lebanon
- **Hon. Kabir Hashim**, Member of Parliament - Sri Lanka, Chair - Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation
- **Marco Segone**, Director, Evaluation Office, United Nations Population Fund

10:30 – 11:00. Break and Group Photo – Exhibition Area



Parallel Sessions

11:00 – 12:30. Session 1: Evaluation Policy Frameworks – Room 2

The session aims to discuss policies and regulations frameworks that govern the field of Evaluation in the global south. It will trace the historical evolution of these legislative frameworks, identifying key milestones that have shaped the adoption and diffusion of evaluation policies, while also critically assessing the gaps and challenges that hinder effective implementation.

Chair: **Henrique Pissaia de Souza**, Principal Professional, Independent Evaluation Office – NDB

- **Celeste Ghiano**, Chair, Latin American and Caribbean Monitoring, Evaluation, and Systematization Network (ReLAC)
- **Asela Kalugampitiya**, National Evaluation Capacity Development Specialist, Evaluation Office/ United Nations Population Fund, Sri Lanka
- **Adeline Sibanda**, Senior Advisor Impact and **Seirah Ngcobo**, Deputy Director, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, South Africa
- **Rachid Essedik**, Secretary General, Moroccan Evaluation Association, Morocco

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Chair: **Joseph Assan**

- **Takunda Chirau**, Deputy Director, Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results Anglophone Africa (CLEAR-AA)/ Wits University, South Africa
- **Marcelo Clavijo Donoso**, Vice-president, Bolivian Monitoring and Evaluation Network, Bolivia
- **Rashmi Agrawal**, Director Retd. (Govt. of India), Independent M&E Consultant, India
- **Mahmoud Ghouil**, Senior International Trainer -Strategic Planning, RBM, M&E, Gender and SDG, Tunisia

12:30 – 13:30. Lunch Break – Exhibition Area



13:30 – 15:00. Panel 1. Artificial Intelligence: How AI can revolutionize evaluation in the Global South: the promise and pitfalls (Organized by UNFPA) - Auditorium

The panel aims to delve into the complexities and potentials of AI-powered evaluation in the Global South. It will address crucial questions surrounding the ethical implications, responsible usage, and the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships in successfully integrating AI into evaluation frameworks.

Chair: **Rashmi Agrawal**, Evaluation Community of India

- **Marco Segone**, Director - UNFPA Evaluation Office
- **Rajib Nandi**, Vice President, Sambodhi Research and Communications, India
- **Zenda Ofir**, South African Representative, New Development Bank (BRICS) High-Level International Evaluation Advisory Committee

15:00 – 15:30. Break – Exhibition Area

Parallel Sessions

15:30 – 17:00. Session 3. Culture of Evaluation in the Global South – Room 2

This session spotlights the pivotal role of a culture of evaluation in driving the adoption of evaluation practices within policy-making. The session will delve into the complexities, challenges, and opportunities associated with nurturing an evaluation culture in the Global South.

Chair: **Sebastian Codas**

- **Isha Wedasinghe Miranda**, Independent Senior Consultant Evaluation, Sri Lanka
- **Nadini Persaud**, Lecturer, the University of the West Indies, Barbados (Online)
- **Phuntsho Choden**, Chairperson, Evaluation Association of Bhutan, Bhutan (Online)
- **Rana Tawfik**, MEAL Evaluator, Egypt
- **Caitlin Blaser Mapista**, Associate Professor, Research Director, Wits School of Governance

15:30 – 17:00. Session 4. Evaluation Advocacy Coalitions – Room 3

This session will shed light on the influential role of advocacy in promoting the adoption and diffusion of evaluation in policy-making. It will delve into the experiences of both local and international organizations in strengthening evaluation capacities and practices.

Chair: **Isioma ILE**,

- **Ziad Moussa**, Chair, Middle East and North Africa Evaluation Network (EvalMENA)
- **Abdourahamane Dit Baffa Keita**, Senior Evaluation Specialist, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- **Marcia Joppert**, Director, Brazilian Monitoring and Evaluation Network; Independent Consultant

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- **Nashwan Ahmed**, CEO of EvalYemen organization, Yemen
- **Faisal Rashid AlFehaida**, Chief Local Programs Officer, Qatar Charity

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8:30 – 10:00. Panel 2. Youth in Evaluation: Enriching meaningful engagement of Youth in Evaluation in Global South (Organized by UNFPA) - Auditorium

The panel aims to spotlight the transformative power of youth engagement in evaluation processes within the context of the Global South. It seeks to foster an inclusive and respectful dialogue between youth and senior stakeholders, exploring innovative approaches for meaningful youth participation. The discussion will focus on how young people can not only contribute fresh perspectives and creative solutions to evaluations but also enrich their own professional capacities. The session will also delve into the shared responsibilities of all stakeholders in elevating youth engagement in evaluation to greater heights.

Chair: **Anis Ben Brik**

- **Marco Segone**, Director, Evaluation Office, UNFPA
- **Gabriela Renteria**, Chair, EvalYouth Global Network
- **Celeste Ghiano**, Chair, Latin American and Caribbean Monitoring, Evaluation, and Systematization Network (ReLAC)
- Youth voices: **Mohammed Abubakar Metcho, Muhammad Mubashir Ehsan, Sarah Sayed Fazululla**

10:00 – 10:30. Break – Exhibition Area

Parallel Sessions

10:30 – 12:00. Session 5. Evaluation Governance – Room 47

This session will critically discuss governance systems within local governments, emphasizing their pivotal role in promoting the adoption of evaluation practices. The session will explore the dynamics of governance within both local and national contexts, with a focus on the structures and processes that significantly impact the integration of evaluation into the policymaking process.

Chair: **Asela Kalugampitiya**

- **Isioma ILE**, Professor, School of Government, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
- **Everardo Chiapa**, Fellow, El Colegio del Estado de Hidalgo, Mexico (Online)
- **Sebastian Codas**, President, Paraguayan Evaluation Network, Paraguay
- **Hur Hassnain**, Founder, Pakistan Evaluation Association, Pakistan (Online)



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Chair: **Ziad Moussa**

- **Juan Carlos Martínez Andrade**, Professor, National School of Anthropology and History, El Colegio Mexiquense, Mexico
- **Ian Hopwood**, Honorary President, Senegalese Evaluation Association (Online)
- **Abdel-Hameed M Bashir**, Evaluation Consultant, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)
- **Bala Yusuf Yunusa**, Senior Technical Advisor & Head of Policy and Strategy Unit, The Presidency, Nigeria (Online)

12:00 – 13:00. Lunch – Exhibition Area

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13:00 – 14:30. Session 7. Evaluation-Informed Policymaking – Room 47

This session will delve into the essential intersection of evaluation and policymaking, focusing on how evaluations can effectively inform policy decisions across various governmental levels. Participants will explore the current state of evaluation utilization, identify barriers that impede its effective implementation, and discover methods to overcome these challenges.

Chair: **Takunda Chirau**

- **Gabriela Renteria Flores**, Chair, EvalYouth Global Network & Independent Evaluation Consultant, Mexico
- **Zuo Rong**, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology(Guangzhou), China
- **Joseph Assan**, Director and Chair, Masters in Sustainable International Development Program, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, USA
- **Chokri Kooli**, Professor, University of Ottawa, Canada



13:00 – 14:30. Session 8. Evaluation Capacity Development – Room 48

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Chair: **Adeline Sibanda**

- **Mahima Taneja** (Senior MLE Consultant, Thompson and Shankar, India), **Rajib Nandi** (Sambodhi) and **Neeta Goel** (BMGF)
- **Ali Alashwal**, Senior Lecturer and Academic Program Advisor, School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment, Western Sydney University, Australia
- **Sheereen Fauzel**, Professor, University of Mauritius, Mauritius
- **Dacia Leslie**, Senior Research Fellow and Chair, Crime Prevention & Offender Management Research Cluster, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies, The University of the West Indies, Jamaica
- **Sofia Rimawi**, PhD General Director/ National Institute for Educational Training NIET Ministry of Education, Palestine

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- **Breyner R. Oliveira**, Professor, Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto, Brazil; member of the Brazilian Monitoring and Evaluation Network (RBMA) and the Latin American and Caribbean Monitoring, Evaluation, and Systematization Network (ReLAC)
- **Hisham Al Hemyari**, Programs Manager, MEAL Center, Yemen
- **Iván G. Somlai**, Director – Ethnobureaucratica & Associate – CAPI, University of Victoria, Canada (Online)
- **Ana Luisa Guzman**, Costa Rica Evaluation Network, Costa Rica
- **Aref Ben Abdallah** - International Affairs Advisor, M&E Expert | Project Director- TAQYEEM, Consultancy Services Directorate - ENAP

14:30 – 15:00. Break – Exhibition Area

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15:00 – 15:30 Closing Remarks - Auditorium

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15:30 – 16:30 Minaretein Building Tour

19:00 – 21:00 Gala Dinner, Al Wadi Hotel – Le Colonial Restaurant