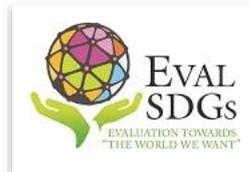


# EVALS DGs

**EVALS DGs IS A NETWORK FORMED TO ADD VALUE AND LEARNING TO SDGs, AS WELL AS SUPPORT PROCESSES TO INTEGRATE EVALUATION INTO NATIONAL AND GLOBAL SDGs REVIEW SYSTEMS. THE NETWORK IS MADE UP OF SKILLED POLICY MAKERS, INSTITUTIONS AND PRACTITIONERS WITH A SHARED INTEREST IN EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. THE EVALS DGs ONE-PAGER HAS BEEN TRANSLATED IN MORE THAN 15 LANGUAGES.**

## EVALS DGs BACKGROUND



From 2000-2015, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) focused global efforts and spurred progress towards achievement of human development goals around the world. Much has been achieved, but a key criticism of the MDGs was that there was insufficient attention paid to generating evidence on achievements and learning from challenges.

In September 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by world leaders. Progress towards "*The world we want*" – the headline of the SDGs extensive consultative process – requires efforts at every level to turn aspirations into realities. The SDGs have a strong emphasis on each national government defining and measuring their own objectives and targets. Evaluation practice provides a means to raise the voice of stakeholders and local people in SDG initiatives. It helps to measure and demonstrate achievement and challenges, ultimately contributing to improved accountability and decision-making, stronger leadership, as well as learning and innovation.

## WHY EVALS DGs?

[EvalPartners](#) has established EVALSDGs in response to the need to embed effective monitoring and evaluation in the SDGs. EVALSDGs aims to form a strong evaluation partnership to inform, support, measure and assess development efforts around the SDGs. As a network of interested and skilled policy makers, institutions and practitioners who advocate for the evaluability of the performance indicators of the new SDGs, EVALSDGs can add value to both the evaluation sector and to the SDG implementation and review processes.

## PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

### Purpose

EVALS DGs seeks to:

- Promote evaluation activities around the SDGs
- Orient and support the review and follow-up process on the SDG Agenda2030 by adding value through evaluation

### Objectives

- Contribute to create an enabling environment for evaluation relevant to the SDGs
- Provide a platform for dialogue, advocacy and knowledge generation in relation to evaluation and the SDGs
- Assist in strengthening the institutional capacities of evaluators to conduct evaluations in support of SDG implementation and review processes
- Support national initiatives to build evaluation initiatives in relation to national planning and SDGs implementation
- Foster inter-linkages and interaction between initiatives to strengthen evaluation and implement and review the SDGs

## How we work?

EVALSDBGs is organized around the following working groups:

- **Management group** – overall planning and organization
- **Guidance/training group** – evaluation community and national evaluation capacity development
- **Advocacy brief group** – publications and advocacy opportunities for evaluation and the SDGs; Partnership with [IIED](#) and other organizations
- **Case studies/spotlights group** – systematization of experiences and good practices in evaluation related to the SDGs
- **Communications/knowledge sharing** – web platform and social media

## What have we done so far?

- Two-page EVALSDGs overview crafted and translated into eight languages
- [Webpage](#) and social media platform (*website under construction*)
- Series of Advocacy Briefs in association with IIED
  - [Evaluation: a crucial ingredient for SDG success](#) / April 2016
  - [Counting critically: SDG ‘follow-up and review’ needs interlinked indicators, monitoring and evaluation](#) / July 2016
  - [Five considerations for national evaluation agendas informed by the SDGs](#) / Sept 2016
- Side event to the High-Level Political Forum on SDGs and follow-up and review process in New York, July 2016
- EVALSDGs panel at key fora  
*e.g. European Evaluation Association Conference, American Evaluation Association Conference*

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Launch of the EVALSDGs “spotlight” program to showcase good examples of national evaluation systems supporting SDGs follow-up and review processes
- Generation of guidance notes for Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPE)

## [Join or Support EVALSDGs](#)

Ways to participate:

- Joining the EVALSDGs membership
- Contributing to an active working group
- Becoming a national link person for EVALSDGs between the global level and the national government or VOPE
- Supporting EVALSDGs activities with partnership resources to help us to do more

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