

## EVALSDGs General Assembly (GA)

4 June 2020, 9.00–10.30 am EDT

Discussion Note: EVALSDGs – the pathway forward

The EVALSDGs Executive value your views on the network and seek your assistance to discuss options for taking the network forward.

Regarding the network's activities, please click on these links for the latest [news](#) and [webinars](#).

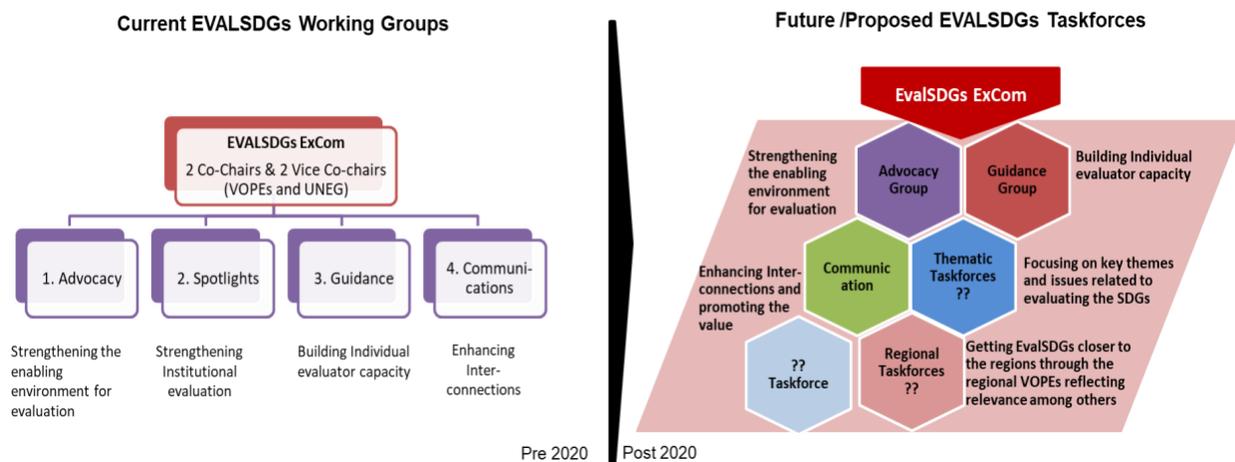
### 1. Background

EvalPartners established EVALSDGs in response to the need to embed effective monitoring and evaluation in the SDGs. EVALSDGs seeks to promote evaluation activities around the SDGs. It aims to orient and support the review and follow-up process on the [2030 Agenda](#) by adding value through evaluation. See <https://evalsdgs.org/about/> for more information.

There are no formal membership requirements for EVALSDGs apart from agreeing with the stated purpose and objectives as well as abide by the EVALSDGs Code of Conduct.

### 2. A dynamic process towards 2025

The following provides a brief summary of EVALSDGs to date and a proposed shift from Working groups to a more agile taskforce modality. Ideas for the future will be discussed at the upcoming General Assembly.



The proposal for 2025 is to have:

- **Core (on-going) functions** e.g. coordination, communications, events
- **Task (temporary) groups** for example: contribution to EvalAgenda 2020–2025; Critical input/ review of the VNRs; contribution to the UN Resolution and HLPF activities; contribution to knowledge production; social media engagement, E-learning.

Activities to date and possible changes are proposed for consideration below:

2015–2020	Proposed 2020–2025
<p><b>Advocacy</b> – mainly focussed on Briefings in partnership with IIED; and others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 12 Briefings produced to date with excellent uptake and feedback</li> <li>○ Final two Briefings are in progress</li> <li>○ IIED now interested more in research so unlikely to continue to support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Briefing publication has been successful and could be continued in similar/different format with different partner/s</li> <li>○ Advocacy is broader concern that may be continued as integral to other activities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Guidance</b> – generating EVALSDGs Insights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Active with 2 Insights in process</li> <li>○ On-going workplan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May need re-branding to “Insights Group” or other?</li> <li>○ Supported by UNITAR with in-kind coordination and technical expertise</li> </ul>
<p><b>Spotlights</b> – country level sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Produced good learning and publication</li> <li>○</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EvalPartners Flagship program aiming at strengthening national evaluation capacities that is now building on the group’s actions so WG no longer required.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evaluation Post-Covid-19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Temporary group emerging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Group will meet soon and self-organise. Likely to be short-term.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communications – centred in UNICEF; leads website, briefings, dissemination and webinars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Likely to continue</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Short term initiatives e.g. for events, conferences, webinars</li> <li>○ Self-organised amongst members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continue short term initiatives e.g. for events</li> <li>○ Self-organised amongst members</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Potential thematic groups?</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regional groups? If this was considered, should be in coordination with EvalPartners and IOCE with regional VOPEs.</li> </ul>

Your ideas and contribution are much appreciated both through the pre-assembly survey and during the GA.