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The evolution of country-led evaluation and the contribution to the SDGs

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Session objectives

Based on a recent UNEG report, explore the evolution of National Evaluation Capacity Development (NECD) and country-led evaluation since the 2014 UN Resolution, and how a possible new UN General Assembly resolution could scale up Country-led Evaluations of the SDGs in the coming years



Agenda

SETTING THE SCENE

Welcome & introduction
Reflections from the UNEG NECD Report

Renata Mirulla
Ian Goldman, GEI/CLEAR/UC

PRESENTATIONS

Uganda

The evolution of country-led evaluation towards

Tim Lubanga, OPM

the SDGs: A country perspective from Uganda

Reflections from WFP working on joint evaluations
with Governments in Eswatini, Lesotho,
Namibia and Benin

Grace Igweta, WFP

Challenges & opportunities for Country-led
Evaluation of the SDGs from the FAO

Olivier Cossée, FAO

Evaluation of SDG2

DISCUSSION

Questions to panel
Questions from audience

Ian Goldman

Facilitated by Renata

CLOSING

Closing remarks from panellists

Panellists



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Session chair



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Highlights from the UNEG NECD report



UNEG
United Nations Evaluation Group

**United Nations
contributions to national
evaluation capacity
development and
the evolution of national
evaluation systems**

An overview of implementation
of General Assembly Resolution 69/237

Box 1. Resolution GA69/237 of December 2014 on building capacity for the evaluation of development activities at country level

Reiterates the importance of building national capacity for the evaluation of development activities.

Reaffirms that national capacity for the evaluation of development activities may be further strengthened by entities of the United Nations Development System upon request and in accordance with the principle of national ownership and with the national policies and priorities defined by Member States.

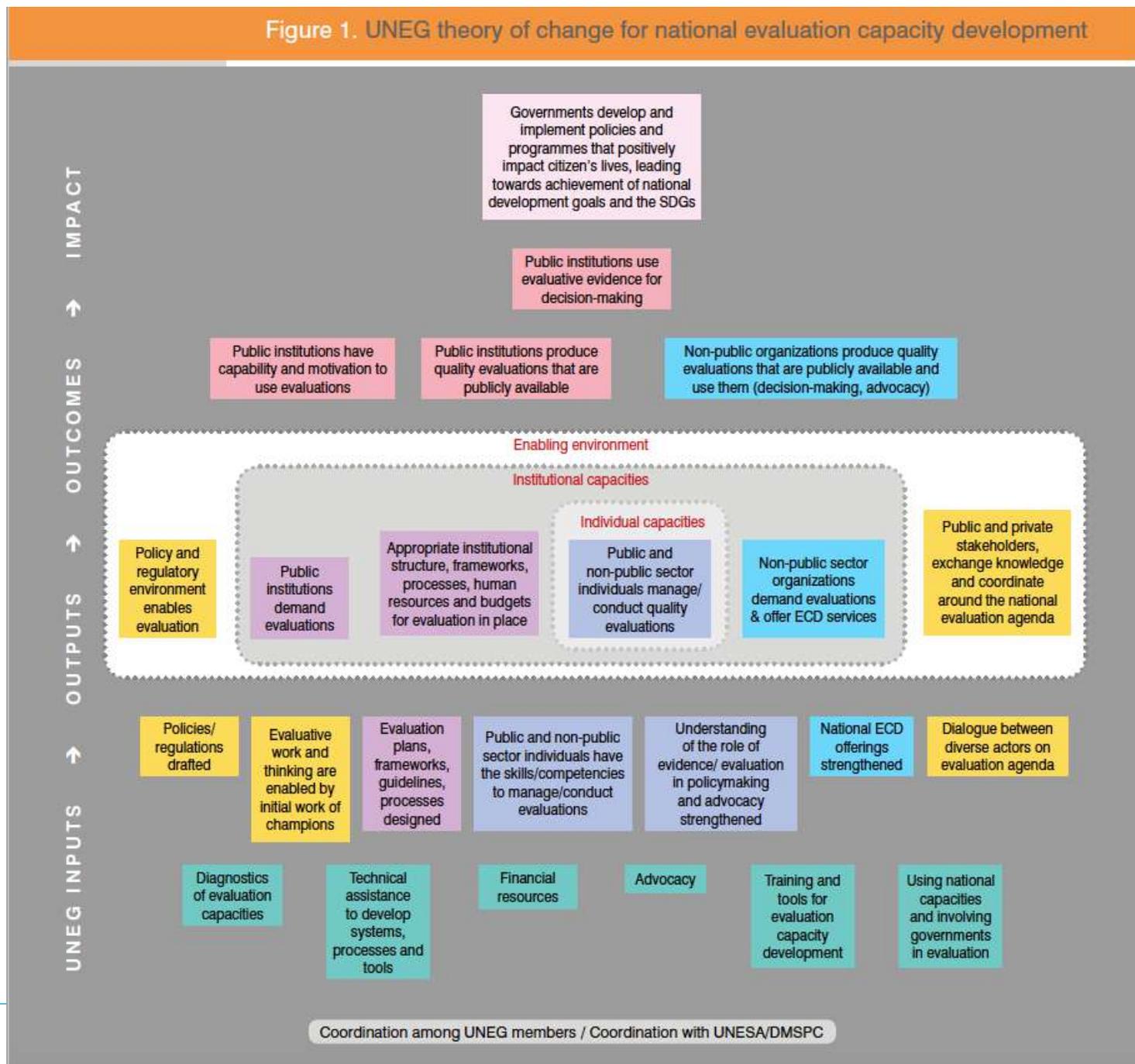
- 1. Notes that evaluation at the country level should be voluntary and carried out upon request by Member States.**
- 2. Invites the entities of the United Nations Development System, with the collaboration of national and international stakeholders to support, upon request, efforts to further strengthen the capacity of Member States for evaluation, upon request, and in accordance with their national policies and priorities.**

UNEG definition of NECD

- National Evaluation Capacity Development is the process whereby state and non-state entities and individuals **expand, reinforce and sustain national capacity to manage, produce and use evaluation**
- NECD supports, through direct or indirect efforts, the **strengthening of a country-owned national system** within a particular cultural, social and political context

Theory of Change

Figure 1. UNEG theory of change for national evaluation capacity development



Research based on

- Survey of all UN agencies, 14 dealing with NECD responded
- Case studies of Philippines, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Kenya, Costa Rica and Benin
- 76 interviews
- Search of the main evaluation repositories to see how many of the evaluations done in each country could be accessed publicly
- Extensive work in the UNEG Working Group

Recommendation 1. All United Nations agencies should conduct their evaluations in a way that fosters national capacity development.

- 1.1 Country to play meaningful role in evaluation governance
- 1.2 Joint and country-led evaluations
- 1.3 Use national evaluation systems if they exist
- 1.4 Use and strengthen local evaluators

Recommendation 2. In line with GA Resolution 69/237, UN agencies and their evaluation functions should continue to support the capacity development of national evaluation ecosystems, including support to the enabling environment, institutional and individual capacity.

- 2.1 Support analysis of S/W of the system and development of capacity development plan
- 2.2 Support engagement of senior policy-makers – use joint and country led evaluations to pilot the system
- 2.3 Involve non-state actors
- 2.4 Advocate for integration of SDGs, climate, gender etc

Recommendation 3. All UN agencies should **coordinate and collaborate on NECD at corporate, regional and country levels, allocating adequate time and resources.**

- 3.1 Include NECD as part of their mandates
- 3.2 Ensure inter-agency information sharing/collaboration at all levels
- 3.3 Include NECD as explicit part of country programmes, ideally jointly with other agencies



Panellists



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Uganda: developments in the national M&E system evolved since 2014

- Preparation of a National Operation Plan for the M&E Policy (2013)
- Establishment of new performance Assessment Framework
 - From the Joint Assistance Framework (JAF)
 - To Government Performance Assessment Framework
- Development of a Government Evaluation Agenda
 - Scaled up National evaluations from 3 – 5 Evaluations annually
- Harmonisation on National Development Plan to the SDGs
 - Alignment of SDG indicators to the National Development Plan up to 72.8 percent
- New M&E Strategy adopting a Programme-based approach
 - New Evaluation Agenda under construction

Uganda: Partnership with UN Agencies

- Impact Evaluation of a Nutrition intervention with WFP in Refugee camps under DRDIP (WB-funded)
- Partnership with UNICEF developing the National M&E Policy
 - New partnership on Capacity development on evaluations
 - M&E Strategy for NDP 3
 - New Evaluation Agenda for NDP 3
- Partnership with UNDP to developing Operational Plan for M&E Policy
- SDGs secretariat hosted in Coordination and M&E Directorate of OPM – operational plan linked to the national M&E policy & NDP
- Pursuing new areas like Gender mainstreaming in M&E and Statistics with UN Women

New UN Resolution that promotes country-led evaluation of the SDGs?

- Uganda supports a new resolution on Country-led evaluations of SDGS
 - International commitments provide basis and justification for National reforms
 - Strengthens our systems and challenges quality and capacities
 - Enhances collaboration



For the UNEG report go to
<http://www.unevaluation.org/document/detail/3053>

