

9<sup>th</sup> EvalMENA Conference - Programme

Friday May 6 Professional Development Workshops					
09:00 – 13:00	<b>PDW 1:</b> Remote M&E approaches: the full story <b>Marco Lorenzoni</b>	<b>PDW 2:</b> Qualitative evaluation methods (deep dive into Outcome Harvesting) <b>Rania Fazah</b>	<b>PDW 3:</b> Theory of Change <b>Addi Qatamin</b>	<b>PDW 7:</b> Evaluation quality assurance throughout the evaluation (With a focus on Evaluability)  <b>UNICEF</b>	<b>PDW 8:</b> EvalYouth Spring School  <b>UNFPA / YEE</b>
15:00 – 17:00	<b>PDW 4:</b> Open Dialogue: addressing Young Evaluators challenges <b>Mohamad Fouly</b>	<b>PDW 5:</b> Everything you always wanted to know about indicators <b>Ziad Moussa</b>	<b>PDW 6:</b> M&E function: Localization and Utility <b>Daniel Delati</b>		
18:30 till late	Walk along the old green line of Beirut, site of the port blast, play and dinner at “blast” a youth-led cultural center in Mar Mkhael with food from the Lebanon Food Heritage foundation				
	<b>Saturday May 7</b>			<b>Sunday May 8</b>	
08:30 - 09:00	Fayrouz, coffee & networking				
09:00 - 10:30	Opening ceremony (keynote, VIP addresses, group photo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister (Ministry of Environment): <b>Nasser Yassin</b></li> <li>Regional Evaluation Advisor (UNICEF MENARO): <b>Robert Stryk</b></li> <li>EVALMENA Past Chair: <b>Ali Khatib</b></li> <li>LebEVAL Chair/ EVALMENA Chair: <b>Ziad Moussa</b></li> <li><b>Host: Dana Shdid</b></li> </ul>		<b>Shaping our future together:</b> The youth in evaluation movement in the MENA region and the power of transformation including emerging approaches, tools and techniques. A panel that looks into the experiences and perspectives of eight young and emerging evaluators (YEE) from different MENA countries <b>Moderator:</b> Rami Assaf		
10:30 - 11:00	Health break				

<p>11:00 - 11:30</p>	<p align="center"><b>National Evaluation Capacity</b></p> <p>Joint Plenary (pitches capturing the national, regional and global perspectives to set the tone and frame NECs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNICEF MENA RO:</b> Building the case for NEC</li> <li>• <b>Mohamad El-Fouly:</b> Key Issues/ perspectives of NECs</li> <li>• <b>Kassem El Saddik:</b> Framing the NEC (components and)</li> </ul>		<p align="center"><b>Looking back at 10 years of Evaluation Practice in MENA</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Daniel Delati</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hideyuki Tsuruoka (ILO):</b> Use of evaluation</li> <li>• <b>Mohamad Qariouti (EvalJordan):</b> Supply of evaluation/ M&amp;E practitioners</li> <li>• Demand for evaluation</li> </ul>
<p>11:30 - 13:30</p>	<p align="center"><b>Regional NECs</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Exploring and learning from the different MENA country context</b></p> <p>Moderated plenary session <b>Moderator:</b> Dana Shdid <b>Contributors from Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen are confirmed, covering:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The evolution/development in the M&amp;E practice</li> <li>• The governance and policy levers if applicable</li> <li>• Quick mapping of the current M&amp;E landscape (who are the key players)</li> <li>• what is working /not work in the field</li> <li>• Key ingredients to nurture NECs</li> <li>• What opportunities exist to support M&amp;E practice</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Exploring the National NEC in Lebanon</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Kassem El Saddik</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ola Sidani (PMO):</b> Why we need to strengthen NEC?</li> <li>• <b>Wassim Abou Chakra (OMSAR):</b> What has the Gov done?</li> <li>• <b>Assaad Thebian (Gherbal):</b> What role non-state actors contribute to?</li> </ul> <p align="center">Statement for a consolidated support to strengthening NEC in Lebanon</p>	<p>Working Groups to discuss preliminary the following/ or emerging issues emanating from the pitches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Localization/ Talent/ Supply (VOPEs, Academia, ...)</li> <li>• Evaluation Culture in MENA (Demand by Government, INGOs, NGOs, partners...)</li> <li>• Explore the utility of evaluation findings in MENA</li> </ul> <p align="center">Plenary with 3 practical suggestions from each session (Contribution to EvalPartners EvalAgenda 2030)</p>
<p>13:30 - 14:30</p>	<p align="center">Lunch (can start later if the sessions before need more time)</p>		

14:30 - 15:00	<b>Lessons learned from COVID and beyond</b> Plenary (quick pitches from countries/organizations)		<b>Looking forward: What do we want to achieve in the next 10 years</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ziad Moussa <b>Facilitators:</b> Dana Shdid, Daniel Delati and Kassem El Saddik  Plenary (pitches from VOPEs)
15:00 - 16:30	Hand-on Experiences in evaluating humanitarian projects during COVID  <b>Facilitator:</b> Rami Assaf	Methodological implications on evaluating during COVID  <b>Facilitator:</b> Rania Fazah	Split into the sessions to re-examine and reconstruct EVALMENA TOC relying on EVALMENA Outcome Strategy developed 10 years ago and identify relevant progress markers
16:30- 17:00	<b>Plenary</b> Reconvene with 3 practical suggestions from each session		<b>Closing Plenary</b>
The happy hour @five O'clock	Close and personal with resource persons of the professional development workshops	Reaching the hardest to reach: a chat about the situation and M&E needs in Yemen	EVALMENA Board Meeting
19:00 till late	Dinner @ Dar El Gemayzé		Karaoke night @Hayden (the Hotel de Ville restaurant)