

10th EVALMENA Annual Meeting

and

1st National EgEval Meeting

In Cooperation with
Institute for National Planning (INP)
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Introduction:

The Egyptian Association for Evaluation (EgyEval) will host the 10th EvalMENA annual meeting in Cairo from 12.-15. February 2024. This theme year is “**Institutionalization of Evaluation in Arab Countries: An Approach to Realize SDGs Based on Evidence, and the Role of National Evaluation Associations**”.

Premeeting training workshops for will be held on 12 February 20234

Purpose of the Meeting:

The primary objective of the meeting is to share the experiences of Arab Evaluation Associations regarding the institutionalization of program, projects, and policy evaluation for development. The meeting aims to explore ways in which development partners can support national efforts and generate recommendations at both regional and national levels.

The recommendations will focus on enhancing planning, strategic management, and development performance through evidence-based evaluation. A roadmap will also be developed to ensure proper follow-up of the recommendations produced during the meeting.

Topics to be discussed include:

- The existence of national evaluation policies through which the projects/programs implemented to achieve sustainable development within the framework of the state's vision and SDGs are evaluated and the institutions that do so are evaluated.

- The evaluation of policies adopted by the State as a basis for guidance when developing development plans. This includes institutional and policy evaluation and communicating and using the evaluation results at all levels.
- The legislative frameworks governing the evaluation process, the structures responsible for it, the enabling environment for the realization of national evaluation policies and the role of key stakeholders in all these components, the role of government bodies, development partners, evaluators, academics and youth in each of these axes and building cadres and developing its competence. Spreading the culture of evaluation in the community.
- Evaluations in times of crises.

The working papers prepared by National Evaluation Associations shall cover the following pillars:

1. Legal aspects and policies for the Institutionalization of M&E on the national level:
 - National policy for evaluation
 - Laws, regulations, and decrees governing M&E process
 - National M&E system and structure
 - Role of parliament in M&E
2. National structure and organizations involved in M&E on different levels:
 - Projects and programs
 - Objectives and goals of National Sustainable Development plans and SDGs
 - Evaluation of development policies
 - Institutional evaluation
 - Evaluation of social responsibility and role of private sector in development
3. Building and developing institutional and human capacities:
 - Building capacities (Academic, professional)
 - Developing capacities (Academic, professional)
 - Using the Arabic Language in Evaluation
4. Evaluation environment:
 - Evaluation culture
 - Good governance

- Increasing demand for evaluation
- Media and civil society and evaluation and reporting based on evidence
- Financing evaluation processes on the national level
- Use of evaluation results in realizing SDG's indicators
- Evaluation in the Arab context

Each pillar will address:

- a) Present situation in the country
- b) Future objectives
- c) Gender aspects and role of youth
- d) Recommendations for future activities:
 - In the short and long term
 - On national level
 - On regional level
 - Evaluation in times of crises

We kindly request from the National Evaluation Association and countries representative (where no national evaluation associations are available) and representatives of civil society organizations to prepare national working papers - in Arabic:

Submission Dates:

• **Until end December , 2023**

- Registration
- title of the working paper, and
- title of the proposed training workshop

with passport copies of the trainers/presenters through the registration link

• **January 07, 2024**

Final date for abstract submission

Content for the proposed training workshop

• **January, 15, 2024**

Notification of approval for the working papers and training workshops

• **By February, 12 2024**

Sending final working papers of max 12 pages A4 to be included in the meeting proceedings (Times New Roman, 12 pt, 2.5 cm margin, line spacing 1.5)

Meeting language

- Arabic
- with English with interpretation

Participation formats:

- Invited presentations
- Presentations by National Evaluation Associations
- Panel discussions
- Working groups
- Training workshops

Participants:

- Representatives of National Evaluation Associations in the Arab Countries
- Civil Society Representatives
- M&E staff in line ministries, National Council for Women, National Council for Motherhood and Childhood, and The General Authority for Media.
- Representatives of the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS)
- Corporate Social Responsibility Staff in the Private Sector
- M&E Academia (Universities / Research Institutions)
- Staff of International development partners particularly those responsible for M&E in projects and programs
- Freelance evaluators and consultants

For registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScz7V0n1GO6UyrhmPud8UWXmmuxVlpdJHza1daz8oZS_luRog/viewform

The invitation is open to all interested in M&E and wish to attend and take over all expenses related to their participation

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