Engaging Parliamentarians in Evaluation and Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation

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Objectives of the presentation

Context and history of engaging parliamentarians in evaluation.

To share experience of engaging parliamentarians in evaluation in other regions.

To highlight role of parliamentarians in demand and use of evaluation.
Engaging parliamentarian in Evaluation
Parliamentarians have a vital role in achieving SDGs

• Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) based on “No one left behind” principle.
• Equitable development is important to achieve SDGs.
• Evaluation of SDGs in equity and gender lens helps to strengthen equitable development.
• Parliamentarians have a vital role in this.
Role of parliamentarians in evaluation

- Advocate for national evaluation policy and systems
- Promote demand and use of evaluation
- Make the parliament a platform to promote evaluation culture
- Use evidence for national policy making
- Use evidence from evaluations for parliament debates
Emerge of Parliamentarians Initiative


• In early 2013 first ever parliamentarians panel was held at Evaluation Conclave in Kathmandu.

• Immediate after, the Parliamentarians Forum for Dev Evaluation was initiated in South Asia.
Literature developed

The Forum has conducted panels/presentation in many international evaluation conferences to increase awareness on “political participation and role of parliamentarians in evaluation”. The Forum also

- Established Forum website which also creates awareness on NEP [www.pfde.net](http://www.pfde.net)
- Conducted South Asia Regional Consultation on NEP in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 18-19 September 2014.
Parliamentarians Forum for Development Evaluation was initiated in March 2013 by three parliamentarians from Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. Parliamentarians from other South Asian countries joined shortly making the Forum well represented.
Experience from Africa

African Parliamentarians Network On Development Evaluation (APNODE) was initiated in March 2014 at the AfrEA conference held in Yaounde, Cameroon supported by African Development Bank, UNICEF, EvalPartners etc. APNODE is the largest parliamentarians group related to evaluation. AfDB is hosting the secretariat.
First MENA group of parliamentarians’ meeting was held in Amman, Jordan in April 2014, in conjunction with EvalMENA General Assembly. MENA regional Parliamentarians Forum meeting was held on 26 and 27 October 2015 in Cairo, Egypt with support from UN Women Regional Office.
Experience from East Asia and Latin America

East Asian regional Parliamentarians Forum meeting was held in August 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Latin American Parliamentarians Forum meeting was held in September 2015 in Panama.

Both meetings were held with support from UNICEF, UN Women, UNEG, CLEAR and UNDP.
GPFE Objectives

To **enhance** evaluation **technical capacity of parliamentarians** and national parliaments to promote evaluation culture.

To **advocate more parliamentarians** and national parliaments **to create enabling environment** for evaluation.

To **promote evaluation function** for Sustainable Development Goals in the framework of “No one left behind”.

To **mobilize and advocate** for international community including United Nations **to strengthen evaluation capacity of national parliaments**.
GPFE advocacy tools

To **reach more parliamentarians** with the evaluation community to improve the use and demand of evaluations

To **facilitate information** about parliamentarians labor to promote use and demand of evaluation

To **share experiences and knowledge** regarding National Evaluation Polices and Systems
Advocacy Tools

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GPFE Website:
www.globalparliamentariansforum.wordpress.com

Campaign:
www.parliamentariansforevaluationcampaign.wordpress.com
Parliamentarians Evalstories Campaign

• The Parliamentarian For Evaluation campaign takes place in the continuity of the EvalStory campaign which contributed to celebrate the International Year of Evaluation in 2015.

• The campaign aims at encouraging parliamentarians to take a stronger leadership in promoting evaluation culture showcasing their commitment to sustainable development, in the context of Agenda 2030 (SDGs) and the Global Evaluation Agenda 2016-2020.

• Parliamentarians are invited to record a 3-minutes long video, sharing insights and lessons learnt about use and demand of evaluation.
It has become a norm that parliamentarians emphasize importance of evaluation in international events. Parliamentarians advocate for national evaluation policy/provisions and systems. Parliamentarians need support from evaluation community to strengthen them towards this journey.
Historical Evaluation Session at the Parliament of Tunisia
In Tunisia

• Parliamentarians emphasized evidenced based policy making at the 5th EvalMENA conference held in Tunis.

• Parliamentary Committee on Evaluation was launched at the parliament during the conference.

• A project is going on to promote Equity Focused and Gender Responsive Evaluation in Tunisia in line with SDGs.
This is an unique opportunity

Let’s discuss how we can strengthen demand and use of evaluation for evidence based policy making.

We as parliamentarians committed to strengthen evaluation function at this moment of new era of SDGs.
Thank you....

Thank you for the attention

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