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Strengthening National Monitoring and Evaluation Capacities: National Evaluation Societies as a Driving Force

2020 Evaluation Capacity Development Seminar

From 19 to 30 October 2020, the **Belgian Development Cooperation's Special Evaluation Office** and the **Institute of Development Policy (University of Antwerp)** will be joining forces to organise the

2020 Evaluation Capacity Development Seminar: Strengthening National M&E Capacities: national evaluation societies as a driving force.

This two-week capacity development seminar aims to bring together leading evaluation experts (members¹ of national evaluation societies, VOPEs) in developing countries to strengthen those evaluation societies in taking up the role of developing national M&E capacities and use. More specifically, this seminar will enable **25 evaluation experts** to become driving forces in **strengthening** both their **national M&E systems** and their own **evaluation societies**.

The capacity development seminar aims to attract evaluation experts from the government sector, civil society, parliament, audit offices, donor agencies, the private sector and academia. All participants should have a university degree, professional expertise in M&E (mid-level to high-level professionals) and be members¹ of national evaluation societies in countries with which Belgian non-governmental actors (NGAs) have signed Common Strategic Framework Agreements². Applicants must also be proficient in English and scholarship applicants should be aged under 50.

Eight to ten country teams, each composed of a maximum of three M&E experts ideally from different sectors (government, civil society, academia, etc.), will be selected and granted a scholarship funded by the Belgian Development Cooperation's Special Evaluation Office. Evaluation societies should therefore encourage several of their members to apply! In total, around 25 participants will be allowed onto the programme.

Twenty scholarships are available.

More **detailed information** on the seminar programme and previous edition can be found at: <http://www.uantwerp.be/evaluationsocieties>

¹ outstanding experts who are not members yet can be accepted if they commit to become active members

² Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cuba, DRC, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, the Palestine Territories, the Philippines, South Africa, Uganda, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.



PROGRAMME

The programme consists of five main modules.

- Module I reviews the basics of M&E, discusses the importance of M&E in national development and different aid modalities.
- Module II helps participants produce a comprehensive and sound analysis of the main strengths and weaknesses of the national/sectoral M&E system and arrangements. This analysis captures six key M&E areas, namely policy, methodology, organisation, capacity, participation of non-government actors and use in accountability and learning.
- Module III enables participants to explore how evaluation societies (VOPEs) can contribute to mitigating the flaws and structural weaknesses of existing M&E systems and arrangements.
- Module IV reviews strategies for redressing the organisational weaknesses of VOPEs.
- Module V expands and deepens the evaluation methodology capacities of the participants and, by extension, of their VOPEs.

The full programme of the training is available at <http://www.uantwerp.be/evaluationsocieties>

Various evaluation experts will feature as guest speakers in the seminar. Throughout the seminar, we focus on peer-to-peer learning among different evaluation societies while simultaneously facilitating collaboration between members of the same evaluation society through online interaction with the other members of the VOPE at home. This networking within and across evaluation societies strengthens VOPEs' capacity to contribute to upgrading national/sectoral M&E systems and arrangements. Additionally, visits will be organised to the M&E office of Europeaid and the Belgian Audit Office.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Registration fee

The registration fee for the seminar is €250. This fee covers registration, seminar materials and activities. Self-supporting participants from low- or middle-income countries pay a registration fee of €80. Scholarship students are exempt from paying the registration fee.

Practical Arrangements

The organisers will take care of accommodation and travel arrangements for scholarship participants. Non-scholarship participants are required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. If necessary, the Institute of Development Policy (IOB, University of Antwerp) can provide information about accommodation options.

How to apply?

Apply online through the [online application form](#) on the website
Deadline online application (scholarship): 27/03/2020
The selection results will be communicated at the latest by 8 June 2020.

Further Questions?

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