



AFRICA EVALUATION INDABA

ONLINE SERIES

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

WHAT IS THE AFRICA EVALUATION INDABA? “Indaba” is an isiZulu and isiXhosa word for an important meeting held by leaders in South Africa to discuss critical matters. We have critical matters to discuss. We need to talk about transforming evaluation – about gender, race, colonialism, politics and money and science and evidence. We can’t keep quiet anymore about indigenous knowledge generation and its use in evaluation in Africa. The Africa Evaluation Indaba is an online webinar series that will bring us together to understand these issues in the evaluation field and to formulate deliberate and practical strategies in addressing them. The webinar series consists of 7 events focusing on key themes.

16 NOV | 12:00PM – 01:30PM CAT | ZOOM

TRANSFORMING EVALUATION: THE RACE, POWER, GENDER AND CLASS STRUGGLE

Over the years there have been growing calls to transform the evaluation landscape in Africa – but what needs transforming? How do we locate evaluation within the historical context of asymmetrical global power relations and aid dependency? What needs to be done to dismantle the systems and structures so that evaluation does not become complicit in entrenching existing inequalities? Through a panel discussion and audience engagement, *the webinar aims to critically reflect and build an understanding on what is meant by transforming evaluation as well as to collectively usher steps towards a realisation of a transformed evaluation practice for the African context.* This webinar aims to:

- Unpack what is meant by transforming evaluation practice, in the broader context of decolonial thinking and the dismantling of systems and structures of power, race, gender and class.
- Envision what a transformed evaluation practice would look like.
- Propose practical steps in transforming evaluation practice in Africa.

Webinar Speakers

- **Candice Morkel** Deputy Director, CLEAR Anglophone Africa
- **Khalil Bitar** EvalYouth Global Network Chair
- **Mjiba Frehiwot** Research fellow at the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana



17 NOV | 03:00PM – 04:30PM CAT | ZOOM

DEBATING MADE IN AFRICA EVALUATION: TAKING THE AGENDA FORWARD, OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICA-ROOTED PRACTICES

The quest for contextually relevant approaches, methods and practices gave birth to the Made-in Africa (MAE) evaluations paradigm. MAE emphasizes the centrality of contextual relevance and places an importance on indigenous knowledge systems. *The paradigm acknowledges that context, culture, history and beliefs shape the nature of evaluations, specifically in the diverse, often complex African reality.* The webinar aims to respond to the following:

- Where did we get stuck? Nearly a decade of MAE discourse;
- Unpacking the MAE paradigm: methods, approaches and tools
- Exploring the role of indigenous knowledge systems in evaluation practice;
- Practical steps towards building a body of knowledge on MAE.

Webinar Speakers

- **Mokgophana Ramasobana** Independent Consultant (Welcome, Opening Remarks and Moderator)
- **Adeline Sibanda** Managing Consultant at ADESIM Developments
- **Nozipho Ngwabi** Evaluation Researcher at CREST Stellenbosch University
- **David Sul** Founder and Principal of Sul & Associates International

18 NOV | 01:30PM – 03:00PM CAT | ZOOM

GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR EVALUATION: A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TO INCREASE COORDINATION FOR GREATER IMPACT AMONG VARIOUS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

The coordination of evaluation resources and efforts locally and internationally is believed to have potential in achieving greater development impact. Global partners in the evaluation space have heeded the call to form a global partnership aimed towards addressing the lack of coordination of efforts and resources. Through a panel presentation and debate, this webinar will explore the opportunities presented for Africa in the formation of such a global partnership.

Proposed debate motion:

The lack of coordination of global evaluation efforts has resulted in fragmented developmental outcomes.

23 NOV | 12:00PM – 01:30PM CAT | ZOOM

RESEARCHING AFRICAN EVALUATION: INSIGHTS INTO THE RESEARCH ON THE AFRICAN EVALUATION DATABASE (AFRED), LESSONS LEARNT ON QUALITY, APPROACHES, STRATEGIES AND FUNDERS OF EVALUATIONS IN AFRICA AS WELL AS GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE EXPLORATIONS

The primary goal with the development of the AfrED is to curate an increasingly comprehensive database on evaluation projects, studies, agencies and actors in Africa. The AfrED has presented an opportunity for research in gathering a deeper understanding of current and emerging trends in the African evaluation landscape. The webinar aims to share observed current and emerging trends in the African evaluation landscape as well as to spark a conversation on how the database could be used to contribute to the body of knowledge on evaluations in Africa.

Webinar Speakers

- **Steven Masvaure** Research and Learning Programme Lead, CLEAR-AA
- **Takunda Chirau** Evaluation Systems Programme Lead, CLEAR-AA
- **Nozipho Ngwabi** Evaluation Researcher at CREST Stellenbosch University



24 NOV | 12:00PM – 01:30PM CAT | ZOOM

DATA GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA: RESPONSIBLE DATA IN MONITORING AND EVALUATION (RDIME)

How can M&E practitioners improve data management? How can we play a role in improving data governance practices at the institutional and national levels? CLEAR-AA and MERL Tech are convening a group of interested M&E professionals and data governance experts in order to dig deeper into the area of Responsible Data in Monitoring and Evaluation (RDIME) and to work together to develop guidance on responsible data governance and management. The webinar will serve as a launch of the RDIME community of practice. We will offer an overview of data governance in the African context and its importance to M&E and then open the floor for discussion and consultation on priority areas and gaps in the practical aspects of responsible data management as well as in data governance processes that improve accountability.

25 NOV | 09:00AM-10:30AM CAT | ZOOM

ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The effects of Climate Change can no longer be ignored. Evidence suggests that climate change affects the most vulnerable populations that are resource-poor and marginalized. Africa is no exception to the effects of climate change and resource challenges increase the continent's vulnerability to climate change. M&E data could play an integral role in adopting adaptive strategies of managing the effects of climate change. This webinar aims to explore how M&E could play an integral role in effecting adaptable strategies in managing the effects of climate change.

Webinar Speakers

- **Dugan Fraser** Director, CLEAR-AA
- **Steven Masvaure** Research and Learning Programme Lead, CLEAR-AA

26 NOV | 12:00PM – 01:30PM CAT | ZOOM

PHAMBILI KUNYE (FORWARD TOGETHER): THE LONG-TERM CONVERSATION AND ROAD TO DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION TRAINING IN AFRICA (DETA) 2021

This webinar will pull together all the proceedings from the Indaba. It will initiate an inclusive long-term conversation that will go beyond critiquing and 'just talking' about indigenizing evaluation and present on the opportunities for us to be part of the journey of knowledge products generation and pooling together of resources and strategies for practice – phambili kunye!

Webinar Speakers

- **Dugan Fraser** Director, CLEAR-AA
- **Rhoda Goremucheche** Capacity Strengthening Programme Lead, CLEAR-AA
- **Siyabonga Sibiya** Researcher, CLEAR-AA

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