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AFRICA EVALUATION INDABA

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Transforming Evaluation for Equity and Social Justice

22-24 NOVEMBER 2022

The Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results Anglophone Africa – CLEAR-AA – is hosting the second edition of its bi-annual Africa Evaluation Indaba between 22 – 24 November 2022. The Indaba is a 3-day event that comprises of live webinar panels, presentations and discussions around Transformation. It will comprise of six 90-minute-long webinar sessions spread across 3 days. The theme for the second edition is: 'Transforming Evaluation for equity and social justice.' Transformation has been a key feature in the international evaluation discourse and has been pursued and defined in varying ways. The lack of literature from the Global South makes the discourse around transformation more complex as it is often dominated by Global North ideas of what ought to be transformed. The Indaba aims to gather local and international speakers in contributing to the transformation discourse form a Global South perspective. It aims to explore transformation in Evaluation from its historical context in relation to the Global South and how it may relate to equity and social justice.

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THE MAE BELLAGIO GATHERING – TEN YEARS ON

Panellists:

- Dr Candice Morkel (Moderator), Director of CLEAR-AA
- Prof. Bagele Chilisa, Scholar and Evaluation Practitioner, University of Botswana
- Prof. Zenda Ofir, Scientist and Independent Evaluator
- Prof. Ian Goldman, President of the International Evaluation Academy, CLEAR-AA Advisor (other roles: Adjunct Prof.essor, UCT, Visiting Prof.essor, University of Reading, UK)
- Jennifer Mutua, Independent Evaluator, legacy Board Member of the African Evaluation Association and Evaluation Society of Kenya

09:30 am	**CLEAR-AA Director** welcomes audience and provides brief opening remarks.
09:35 am	**Prof.. Zeblon Vilakazi** (University of the Witwatersrand VC) keynote address
09:50 am	**Moderator** thanks the Vice-Chancellor and outlines webinar focus and introduces panellists *The Vice-Chancellor will have the opportunity to be released at this moment, with the assumption that he would have other engagements. However, the VC is welcome to stay for any length of time that would be preferred.
09:55 am	**Moderator facilitates a discussion** with the panellists around three key questions as follows: 1. Reflection on evaluation from a historical and contemporary perspective. Anchor respondent: Bagele Chilisa • Synthesis of key events that resulted in the championing of Made in Africa Evaluation (MAE) • Critique of the lack of appreciation of key historical events and perceptions around the perceived nascency of MAE 2. Have we moved forward, made progress? Anchor respondent: Zenda Ofir • New developments around systems thinking in evaluation • Systems thinking as rooted in decolonisation and indigenous knowledge 3. What must we focus on going forward? Anchor respondents: Jennifer Mutua and Ian Goldman. • Reflections on practical steps to be considered in taking the work forward.
10:30 am	**Moderator invites participants to share their questions** via the Twitter & Zoom Chat and moderates a brief Q&A session
10:50 am	**Closing Remarks** from Moderator
10:55 am	**Siyabonga Sibiya**: Vote of thanks to the VC, panellists and audience, and invites audience to participate in ongoing discussions in the remaining sessions.

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PROMOTING GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN M&E POLICIES IN AFRICA

Panellists:

- Dr Florence Etta, Vice Co-Chair of EVALSDGs and a Vice Chair of AGDEN.
- Dr Vincent Kanyamuna, lecturer and researcher at UNZA where he is currently an Assistant Dean
- Mrs Malefu Khanyapa, Director, National Monitoring and Evaluation in the Ministry of Development Planning
- Dr Sonal Zaveri, independent consultant with 30 years' experience in strategic
- planning, capacity building and evaluation.

14:00 pm	**Miss Andiswa Neku** welcomes the audience, informs participants of the poll that will run throughout the sessions
14:05 pm	The moderator provides an overview of the webinar topic and introduces the Panellists.
14:10 pm	Participants participate in a poll
15:00 pm	• Discussions and Q&A session • Each panelist is given one minute to make closing remarks. • The poll results are announced, and the winner is announced.
15:25 pm	**Closing remarks** and vote of thanks by Moderator

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STRENGTHENING EVIDENCE USE IN PARLIAMENTARY CONTEXTS: REFLECTIONS ON EMERGING PRACTICES AND LESSONS TO MAXIMISE EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES

Panellists:

- Dr Kirchuffs Atengble, Executive Director of PACKS Africa
- Ms Reitumetse Zantsi, Analyst in Strategy Implementation (M&E) with the South African Parliament
- Mr Japheth Chanda, Zambian Chapter of the APNODE

9.15	**Moderator, notetaker and all panellists log in for technical checks and rundown**
	Welcome slide projection & background music
9.30 – 9.35	**Welcome and Introductions** • Brief overview of CLEAR AA & SL work • Scene setting & Session overview
9.35 – 9.50	**Introduction of Panellist 1:** Dr Kirchuffs Atengble • Panellist 1 input
9.50 – 10.05	**Introduction of Panellist 2:** Reitumetse Zantsi • Panellist 2 input
10.05 – 10.20	**Introduction of Panellist 3:** Japheth Chanda • Panellist 3 input
10.20 – 10.45	**Moderated Plenary Discussion/ Questions & Responses from Panellists**
10.45 – 10.55	**Panellists Final Reflections & Key Insights**
10.55 – 11.00	**Concluding remarks and closure**

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Panellists:

- Jenean Pretorius (Moderator)
- Dr Caitlin Blaser-Mapitsa, Senior Lecturer in M&E at Wits
- Dr Candice Morkel, Director of CLEAR-AA
- Dr Mjiba Frehiwot, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana

14:00 pm	**Siyabonga Sibiya** welcomes audience and hands over to Moderator
14:05 pm	**Moderator** outlines webinar focus and introduces panellists
14:15 pm	**Conversation between speakers** using the following questions as a guide: • Explore the current state of M&E education in Africa as it relates to Decolonizing Evaluations and mainstreaming Made-in-Africa Evaluation: – what is the current state of M&E education in the African continent, where does it align with the Made in Africa Evaluation Paradigm? To what extent is the curriculum challenging the dominance of Euro-western ideas of reality? What is the value proposition for decolonising evaluation Education in Africa? • Have we moved forward, made progress? How ready are African institutions in challenging Euro-western dominance? What have we accomplished, what has worked and what has not worked in in challenging Euro-western dominance and indigenizing evaluation education towards mainstreaming the Made in Africa Evaluation paradigm in Africa? • What must we focus on going forward, in order to make progress where have not done so, and accelerate transformation of the Evaluation Capacity Development in addressing injustice achieving social justice?
14:45 pm	**Moderator** invites participants to share their questions via the Twitter & Zoom Chat and moderates a brief Q&A session
15:15 pm	**Closing remarks** from Speakers: 3 minutes for each speaker

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FOOTPRINT EVALUATION AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS IN AFRICA – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EVALUATION IN AND FOR AFRICA?

Panellists:

- Takunda Chirau (Moderator)
- Dugan Fraser, Programme Manager at the GEI
- Weronika Felcis, Vice President of International Evaluation Academy
- Dr Juha Uitto, Director of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Dr Mine Pabari, Managing Partner of Athari Advisory

12:00 pm	**Siyabonga Sibiya** welcomes audience and hands over to Moderator
12:05 pm	**Moderator** outlines webinar focus and introduces panellists
12:15 pm	**Moderator** invites speakers to respond to the four questions listed below. Each panellist to keep the response to 10 minutes. • In the light of the multiple intersecting complex crises of the Anthropocene, the challenge of changing the world and its systems seem far greater than what evaluation can offer. What is the role of evaluation in contributing to the shift in the systems that perpetuate inequality and social injustices globally? Why is it important that we address the issue of the inclusion of environmental sustainability in all evaluations? • Share lessons on how Evaluations have and can embed consideration of environmental sustainability – How have evaluations embedded a consideration for environmental sustainability? Is there alignment between Footprint Evaluations and social justice? What is the value proposition for Footprint Evaluation in Africa? • What have been the key successes and challenges in advancing Footprint Evaluation? What have we accomplished, what has worked and what has not worked? (Dugan provide reflections on what has been done) • What are the implications for Africa? How can / have Africa's distinct contextual realities inhibit or advance the mainstreaming of Footprint Evaluation? What are the implications for Africa? (Mine drives the discussion adding experiences from an African context)
12:45 pm	**Moderator** invites participants to share their questions via the Twitter & Zoom Chat and moderates a brief Q&A session
13:15 pm	**Closing remarks** from Panellists: 3 minutes for each speaker

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EFFORTS TOWARDS ACTUALISING THE MAE PARADIGM: MAE JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE

Panellists:

- Dr Mark Abrahams (Moderator)
- Dr Ayabulela Dlakavu (programme manager at Twende Mbele), Jabulani Mathebula (CLEAR-AA) and Samukelisiwe Mkhize (CLEAR-AA) (co-authors)
- Tebogo Fish (CLEAR-AA)
- Dr Caitlin Blaser-Mapitsa, Senior Lecturer in M&E at Wits
- Dr Mjiba Frehiwot, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana

14:00 pm	Dr Steven Masvaure welcomes audience and hands over to Moderator
14:05 pm	Moderator frames the MAE Journal Special Issue and draws key insights from his blog "Beyond Made in Africa Evaluation (MAE) — An Invitation to Join Us on a Journey."
14:15 pm	As this is the Launch of the Made in Africa Evaluation (MAE) Journal Special Issue, the panellists will be showcasing the journal articles; highlighting key takeaways and encouraging the audience to read the entire Special Issue. They will also discuss ways forward for research in this thematic area and encourage the audience to contribute to the current body of knowledge. Each panellist will keep the summary of their article between 5 – 7.5 minutes. The panellists are listed in order: • **Dr Ayabulela Dlakavu, Jabulani Mathebula, Samukelisiwe Mkhize** will be presenting their paper titled "Decolonising and indigenising evaluation practice in Africa: Roadmap for mainstreaming the Made in Africa Evaluation approach". • **Tebogo Fish** will be presenting her paper titled "An evidence gap map on Made in Africa Evaluation approaches: Exploration of the achievements". • **Dr Caitlin Blaser-Mapitsa** will be presenting her paper titled "A scoping review of intersections between Indigenous Knowledge Systems and complexity-responsive evaluation research". • **Dr Mjiba Frehiwot** will be presenting her paper titled "Akonta: Examining the epistemology and ontology of Made in Africa Evaluation".
14:45 pm	Moderator invites participants to share their questions via the Twitter & Zoom Chat and moderates a brief Q&A session
15:05 pm	Closing Remarks from **Dr Candice Morkel**
15:15 pm	**Dr Steven Masvaure** Vote of thanks to speakers and ends the session.

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