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2025

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF
AFRICAN EVALUATION EXCELLENCE
UNECA Conference Center
African Union Headquarters
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 | Monday, 16 June 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY / EVENT	RESPONSIBILITY / FACILITATOR
08:00 09:00	BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION YOUTH ENGAGEMENT BREAKFAST	Hosted by: Mastercard Foundation
09:00 10:30	INAUGURAL SESSION Theme: Celebrating 25 years of African evaluation excellence: Diagnosing the Current Context and the Importance of AfrEA in the African Development Context Venue: UNECA Conference Hall Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EEVA President – Dereje Mamo TSEGAYE AfrEA President – Dr. Miché OUEDRAOGO Chief Guest: Her Excellency Dr. Fitsum Assefa ADELA, Minister of Planning and Development (MOPD), Ethiopia Special Address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Karen Rot- MÜNSTERMANN, Evaluator General, Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV) – African Development Bank (AfDB) Stephen ALOO, Senior Director, Impact Strategy, Analytics and Evaluation Mastercard Foundation Ashwani K. MUTHOO, Director General, Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), New Development Bank (NDB) Jörg FAUST, Director DEval & Chair of EvalNet/OECD Abdrahamane Dicko, Director of Programs and Impact, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Dugan Ian FRASER, Program Manager, Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI) / World Bank His Excellency Mr. Luc Joseph OKIO, Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister, responsible for State Reform, Republic of Congo Botho Keba BAYENDI, Director Strategic Planning and Delivery – African Union Commission Session Chair: Prof. Zenda OFIR , 2nd AfrEA President	Hosted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AfrEA EEVA



10:30

TEA / COFFEE

11:00

Venue: **UNECA Conference Hall**

11:00

12:30

PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRANDSHosted by:
**Mastercard
Foundation****SESSION: CO-CREATION WORKSHOP WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL
COUNCIL, YOUNG PEOPLE AND NATIONAL EVALUATION
ECOSYSTEM ACTORS.**

Theme: Strengthening National Evaluation Systems on the African Continent: What Strategies and Synergies for Action for Ethical and Equitable Inclusion of Young People?

EASTERN AFRICA / Venue: UNECA Room 1

Session Chair: Vicent SSENKONDO, Regional Representative, Eastern Africa / YEE, TBD

WESTERN AFRICA / Venue: UNECA Room 2

Session Chair: Fatimata A. Wopa Gaye DIAW, Regional Representatives, Western Africa / YEE, TBD

CENTRAL AFRICA / Venue: UNECA Room 3

Session Chair: Alphonse BOYOGUENO, Regional Representative, Central Africa / YEE, TBD

NORTHERN AFRICA / Venue: UNECA Room 4

Session Chair: Rachid ESSEDIK, Regional Representative Northern Africa / YEE, TBD

SOUTHERN AFRICA / Venue: UNECA Room 5

Session Chair: Moses MASHINGAIDZE, Regional Representative, Southern Africa / YEE, TBD

11:00

12:30

PARLIAMENTARIAN PARALLEL STRANDSHosted by:
• **APNODE**
• **AfDB****SESSION: CO-CREATION WORKSHOP WITH THE AFRICAN
PARLIAMENTARIANS' NETWORK ON DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION
(APNODE)**

Theme: Contribution of African parliamentarians to evidence-based public policies.

Venue: **UNECA Room 6****Session Chair:**

- **Hon. Jérémie ADOMAHOU**, Chairperson, African Parliamentarians' Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE)

12:30
13:15

PLENARY SESSION

Theme: Sharing of Feedback in Plenary

Venue: **UNECA Conference Hall**

Session Chair:

Dr. Awuor PONGE, Vice-President, AfrEA.

Hosted by:

- **AfrEA**

13:15
14:00

LUNCH

Venue: **UNECA Dining Hall**

Hosted by:

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

14:00
15:30

SESSION : YOUNG AND EMERGING EVALUATORS IN AFRICA

Theme: Perspectives from Change Makers with AfrEA Heritage.

Venue: **UNECA Plenary Hall [TBD]**

Speakers:

- **Noumonvi Kossigan MAWUENA** (Togo)
- **Aimee RUBIBI** (Rwanda)
- **Hilina YALEM** (Ethiopia)
- **Mark MULOBI**, Africa YEE (A)
- Special Address: **Ana Erika LAREZA**, EvalYouth Global

[Handing over of the Evaluation Torch and Celebration of Youth in Evaluation in Shaping the Future of Evaluation]

Session Chairs:

Marco SEGONE, Director of Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), UNFPA

Hosted by:

- **Mastercard Foundation**
- **UNFPA**

15:30
16:00

– TEA / COFFEE

Venue: **UNECA Conference Hall**

16:00
17:00

LAUNCH OF THE BOOK “HANDBOOK ON MADE IN AFRICA EVALUATION”.

Venue: **UNECA Conference Hall**

Hosted by:

- **Mastercard Foundation**

Speakers:

- **Dr. Miché OUEDRAOGO**, President of AfrEA
- **Prof. Bagele CHILISA**, University of Botswana
- **Dr. Mark Anthony ABRAHAMS**, Former Editor-in-Chief of the African Evaluation Journal
- **Dr. Mjiba FREHIWOT**, Editor-in-Chief of the African Evaluation Journal
- **Prof. Zenda OFIR**, 2nd AfrEA President
- **Adeline SIBANDA**, Senior Director, Programs Impact Support & Advisory

Session Chair:

Dr. Florence ETTA, 6th AfrEA President & Editor, African Evaluation Journal (AEJ)



19:00
21:30

DINNER: WELCOMING DINNER / CULTURAL DANCES AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

Facilitator:

Tsigereda BEKELE, Former President, Ethiopia Evaluation Association (EEvA) /
Carlos Komla AKLIGO, AfrEA Executive Director

Hosted by:
**Ministry of
Planning and
Development,
Ethiopia**

Venue: **Addis Ababa International Conference Centre (AAICC)**

SPEAKERS:

- EEvA President – **Dereje Mamo TSEGAYE**
- AfrEA President – **Dr. Miché OUEDRAOGO**
- : Her Excellency **Dr. Fitsum Assefa ADELA**, Minister of Planning and Development (MOPD), Ethiopia
- Chief Guest: **Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia**
- Guest: **The Mayor of Addis Ababa**

DAY 2 | Tuesday, 17 June 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY / EVENT	RESPONSIBILITY / FACILITATOR
08:00 09:00	BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION	Hosted by: • AfrEA / EEVA
09:00 10:20	<p>SESSION : AFREA COUNCIL OF ELDERS STRAND</p> <p>Theme: AfrEA the Past and the Present: What does the Future hold for AfrEA?</p> <p>Venue: UNECA Conference Hall</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mahesh PATEL (1st AfrEA President) • Prof. Zenda OFIR (2nd AfrEA President) • Jean-Charles ROUGE (3rd AfrEA President) • Oumoul Khayri Ba-TALL (4th AfrEA President) • Dr. Florence ETTA (6th AfrEA President) • Ms. Nermine WALLY (7th AfrEA President) • Serge Eric Yakeu – DJIAM (8th AfrEA President) • Dr. Adam Suleiman (9th AfrEA President) • Adeline SIBANDA (10th AfrEA President) • Rosetti Nabbumba NAYENGA (11th AfrEA President) <p>Session Chair:</p> <p>Prof. Ian HOPWOOD, Former Representative of the UNICEF Office in Dakar and Honorary President of the Senegalese Evaluation Association (SenEval)</p>	Hosted by: • AfrEA
10:20 11:30	<p>Session: THE MADE IN AFRICA STRAND</p> <p>Theme: Which Way Made in Africa Evaluation? The Strides that have been made in MAE and what the future holds.</p> <p>Venue: UNECA Conference Hall</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Bagele CHILISA, University of Botswana • John Tembo NJOVU, EvalIndigenous Network, Africa • Dr. Mbah Patrick OKWEN, CEO of eBASE Africa • YEE, TBD <p>Session Chair:</p> <p>Stephen ALOO, Senior Director, Impact Strategy, Analytics and Evaluation Mastercard Foundation</p>	Hosted by: • Mastercard Foundation

11:30**TEA / COFFEE****11:50**Venue: **UNECA Conference Hall****11:50****13:20****SESSION: WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENTS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS**

Theme: Cooperation, collaboration, and localization: towards a new paradigm for development evaluation in Africa.

Venue: **UNECA Conference Hall**

- UNDP
- DEval
Germany
- UNFPA
- NDB
- UNICEF
- EBRD
- OECD / DAC
- NORAD

Speakers:

1. **Jörg FAUST**, Director DEval & Chair EvalNet/OECD
2. **Marco SEGONE**, Director of Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), UNFPA
3. **Ashwani K. Muthoo**, Director General, Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), New Development Bank (NDB)
4. **Samer HACHEM**, Director, Sector-Country-Project evaluations, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
5. **Kai Brand-JACOBSEN**, Senior Advisor, Independent Evaluation Department of Norwegian Development Cooperation
6. **Ashely WAX**, Regional Evaluation Advisor, UNICEF ESARO

Session Chair:**Richard JONES**, Deputy Director of Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), UNDP**13:30****LUNCH****14:30**Venue: **UNECA Dining Hall**

Hosted by:

- **Ford Foundation**

Keynote Speaker:

Subarna MATHES, Deputy Director
Office of Strategy and Learning, Ford Foundation

14:30**16:00****SESSION: CO-CREATION WITH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AND ECOSYSTEM PLAYERS**

Hosted by:

- CLEAR – AA
- Twende Mbele

PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 1

Theme: Strengthening Evaluation Capacity in English Speaking Africa: Pathways to Better Governance and Development Outcomes

Venue: **Break-out Room 1****Speakers:**

- **Dr Thina NZO**, Programme Manager Twende Mbele
- **Ms Thokozile MOIAIWA**, Chief Director – Department of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME)

- **Timothy LUBANGA** – Commissioner Directorate of Monitoring, Evaluation and Inspection (Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda)
- **Mr Moses MASHINGAIDZE**, AfrEA Regional Representative, Southern Africa
- **Mr Vincent SSENKONDO**, AfrEA Regional Representative, East Africa

Session Chair:

Dr. Takunda CHIRAU, Deputy Director CLEAR Anglophone Africa (CLEAR – AA)

14:30
15:50

PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 2

Theme: Capacity Development in Evaluation in French-Speaking Africa: Impact and Prospects

Venue: **Break-out Room 2**

Speakers:

- **Roger Angouono-MOKE**, Representative of the RFE, Executive Secretary of the Congolese Evaluation Association, Advisor on Reform Evaluation to the Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister, responsible for State Reform (Republic of Congo)
- **Nassibou BASSONGUI**, Representative of CLEAR Francophone Africa, Researcher in Public Policy Evaluation.
- **Samuel KOUAKOU**, President of the Ivorian Initiative for Evaluation (2IEval)

Session Chair:

Ian HOPWOOD, Honorary President of SenEval (Senegal) and former Chief of Evaluation at UNICEF.

- The Réseau Francophone de l'Evaluation (RFE)
- CLEAR-FA

14:30
15:50
TBD

PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 3

Theme: Unlocking Evaluation Potential – Strategic Stakeholder Engagement by UNICEF

Venue: **Break-out Room 3**

Speakers:

- **MOPD speaker (TBC)** on Ethiopia M&E Policy – From Commitment to Action
- **Dr Zirehun BERHANU**, Vice President, Ethiopian Evaluation Association
- **Ashely WAX**, Regional Evaluation Advisor, UNICEF ESARO

Session Chair:

His Excellency, Dr Bereket ASSEFA – State Minister Planning and Development, Ethiopia

Facilitator:

Dr. Mussarrat YOUSSEF, Evaluation Manager, UNICEF Ethiopia

Hosted by:

- UNICEF

14:30
15:50**PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 4**

Hosted by:

- **BOAD**
- **EPRADI**

Theme: Contribution of African regional development banks to strengthening regional and national evaluation systems

Venue: **Break-out Room 4**

Speakers:

- **Ms Edeshri MOODLEY**, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
- **Ms Euody MOGASWA**, Project Monitoring Coordinator for DBSA-financed projects
- **Mr Maximilien GBETHOLANCY**, Director of the Internal Audit and Operations, Evaluation Department at the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)
- **Mr Laurent Blaise TAGO**, General Coordinator of Services and Director of Retrospective Evaluation at the Development Bank of Central African States (BDEAC).

Session Chair:

Damit Serge Didier AMANY, Manager, Project Retrospective Evaluation Department (DERP)
West African Development Bank (BOAD)

14:30
15:50**Parallel Thematic Strand 5**

- AEA America
- CES Canada
- AfrEA
- AGDEN

Theme: Made in Africa, Valued Globally: Strategic VOPE Collaboration to Advance Afrocentric Evaluation Excellence across Continents

Venue: **Break-out Room 5**

Session Chair:

Andrealisa BELZER, President-Elect, International Evaluation Academy (IEA) and Former President, Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) /
Dr. Karen Terrell JACKSON, President, American Evaluation Association (AEA) 2025

14:30
15:50**Parallel Thematic Strand 6: NDB-IFAD Joint Panel Session**

Hosted by :

- New Development Bank (NDB)
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Theme: Lessons Learned from Independent Evaluations of IFI-Financed Climate-Smart Development Projects.

Venue: **Break-out Room 6**

Speakers:

1. **Mr. Thabo RAKOLOTI**, Acting Director General, South Africa Regional Office, NDB

2. **Ms. Zenda OFIR**, Member of the NDB High-Level Evaluation Advisory Committee, NDB
3. **Mr. Manas PURI**, Senior Professional, IEO, NDB
4. **Dr. Kouessi Maximin KODJO**, Lead Evaluator, IOE, IFAD
5. **Ms. Sara KOUAKOU**, Lead Portfolio Advisor, East and Southern Africa Division, IFAD

Session Chair:

Dr. Indran NAIDOO, Director, IOE-IFAD, and Chair, Evaluation Cooperation Group (ECG) of the Multilateral Development Banks

14:30**Parallel Thematic Strand 7****15:50**

Theme: Country Capacity Needs Assessment in Evaluation / Sharing on the INCE Project

Venue: **Break-out Room 7**

Session Chair:

Representative from ACBF / DEval Germany

- DEval Germany
- WFP
- ACBF

15:50**TEA / COFFEE****16:10**

Venue: **UNECA Conference Hall**

Hosted by:

- **Donor TBD**

16:10**17:00**

THEME: Co-Creation with Development Partners and Ecosystem Players

Hosted by:

- **AfrEA**

PLENARY SESSION: Feedback on Co-Creation Discussion

Venue: **UNECA Conference Hall**

Session Chair:

Eddah Kanini KARIJO, Treasurer, AfrEA

19:00**21:30****DINNER: AFREA AWARDS CEREMONY CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE / CUTTING THE AFREA@25 CAKE**

Hosted by:

- **AfrEA**

Facilitator:

Matthew LUBUULWA, Former President, Uganda Evaluation Association (UEA)

Facilitator:

Diaw Fatimata GAYE, AfrEA West Africa representant

Venue: **TBD**

JOUR 3 | Wednesday, 18 June 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY / EVENT	RESPONSIBILITY
0800 0900	BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AfrEA / EEVA
0900 1020	<p>SESSION: THE AFRICA UNION HIGH-LEVEL PANEL</p> <p>Theme: Evidence for Agenda 2063 – State of Play and Perspectives</p> <p>Venue: Africa Hall</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Botho Keba BAYENDI, Director Strategic Planning and Delivery – African Union Commission Abdrahamane Dicko, Director of Programs and Impact, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Dr. Indran A. NAIDOO, Director, Independent Office of Evaluation at IFAD. TBD, The Africa Union (AU) <p>Session Chair:</p> <p>Prof. Ian GOLDMAN, President, International Evaluation Academy (IEA)</p>	<p>Hosted by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Africa Union (AU)
1020 1040	TEA / COFFEE	
1040 1150	<p>SESSION: THE AFRICA UNION HIGH LEVEL STRAND</p> <p>THEME: Commitment of African states to policy evaluation, use of evidence and strengthening of national evaluation systems</p> <p>Venue: Africa Hall</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> His Excellency Mr. Luc Joseph OKIO, Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister, responsible for State Reform, Republic of Congo Her Excellency Dr. Fitsum Assefa ADELA, Minister of Planning and Development (MOPD), Ethiopia. Abdoulaye GOUNOU, Director General of Evaluation and Social Change Observatory, Benin Timothy LUBANGA – Commissioner Directorate of Monitoring, Evaluation and Inspection (Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda) TBD, The Africa Union (AU) 	<p>Hosted by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Africa Union (AU) Mastercard Foundation

TIME	ACTIVITY / EVENT	RESPONSIBILITY
	Session Chair: Her Excellency Dr. Tirummar ABATE State minister, Minister of Planning and Development (MOPD), Ethiopia.	
1150 1250	CONFERENCE CLOSING SESSION Venue: Africa Hall Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special Address: Dereje Mamo TSEGAYE, President, EEvA 2. Stephen Aloo, Senior Director, Impact Strategy, Analytics and Evaluation Mastercard Foundation 3. Special Address of YEE <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AfrEA Resolution on Agenda 2063: Dr. Miché OUEDRAOGO, President, AfrEA 2. Special Address: His Excellency Mahamoud Ali YOUSSEUF, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) 3. His Excellency Atske Selassie Made, President of the Republic of Ethiopia Session Chairs: Dr. Zerihun BERHANE , Vice-President, EEvA	Hosted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa Union (AU) • AfrEA
1300 1400	LUNCH Venue: Africa Hall	Hosted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa Union
1400 1830	THE ADDIS ABABA EXCURSION	Hosted by: Government of Ethiopia, Ministry of Tourism