



Independent Review of EvalForward Community of Practice

Annex 12.
EvalForward activity
2018–2022

Online discussions

2018

1. [Gender and evaluation of food security](#) Georgette Konate Traoré, independent evaluator, Burkina Faso
2. [What works in improving food security and nutrition in very poor communities?](#) Emile Hounbo, Senior lecturer at the University of Agriculture, Benin
3. [Developmental evaluation](#) Prosper Kaboré, independent evaluator, Burkina Faso
4. [The issues facing global agriculture](#) Isha Miranda, independent evaluator, Sri Lanka
5. [Challenges of evaluation](#) Hinda Krachni, Programme Manager at the Ministry of Finance, Algeria
6. [How to measure the impact of monitoring and evaluation work](#) Abubakar Muhammad Moki, Office of the President, Uganda
7. [What about stakeholders? Evaluation of social protection programs](#) Patricia Sfeir, independent consultant, Lebanon

2019

8. [Is this really an output? Addressing terminology differences between evaluators and project managers](#) Natalia Kosheleva, evaluation consultant, Russian Federation
9. [What can evaluations do in terms of capacity development?](#) Luisa Belli and Lavinia Monforte, FAO
10. [What can we do to improve food security data?](#) Emile Hounbo, National University of Agriculture, Benin
11. [Recurring errors in public policies and major projects: contributions and solutions from evaluation](#) Hynda Habchi Krachni, Ministry of Finance, Algeria
12. [After Action Review](#) Nabyouré Jean Stanislas, Spécialiste en Suivi-Evaluation, Burkina Faso
13. [What can we do to improve the quality of development projects?](#) Carlos Tarazona, OED
14. [Supporting smallholder agriculture: what are your experiences in using evaluation?](#) Richard Tinsley, professor emeritus, Colorado State University
15. [Enhancing funding and service delivery in agriculture: any ideas?](#) Christine Kataike Abong, Local Government Finance Commission, Uganda
16. [Using synthesis and meta-analysis to make the most of evaluative evidence: what is your experience?](#) Carlos Tarazona, FAO
17. [Youth in agriculture: what lessons can we draw from evaluations?](#) Dorothy Lucks, co-chair of EVALSDGs
18. [Are agriculture programs supporting women to improve their livelihoods?](#) Jackie Yiptong Avila, evaluation consultant, Canada

2020

19. [External coherence of agriculture interventions](#) Nabyouré Jean Stanislas Ouedraogo, Spécialiste en Suivi-Evaluation, Programme d'amélioration de la productivité agricole des petits exploitants en Afrique Subsaharienne, Burkina Faso
20. [How do we move forward on Evaluation Systems in the agriculture sector?](#) Judith Kaitesi Katarbarwa, Vice President Rwanda Monitoring & Evaluation Organization, Rwanda
21. [Rapid evaluation to measure the impact of the COVID pandemic in mountainous areas](#) Malika Bounfour, President Association Ayur pour le Développement de la femme Rurale, Morocco
22. [How to use knowledge management to strengthen the impact of evaluation on smallholder agriculture development?](#) Paul L. Mendy, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist IFAD/AfDB/IsDB co-funded Gambia National Agricultural Land and Water Management Development Project - Nema Chosso, The Gambia
23. [Racism in the field of evaluation](#) Harvey Garcia, evaluation officer, UNDP
24. [Addressing disability inclusion through evaluations in agriculture and rural development](#) Eoghan Molloy, evaluation officer, IFAD
25. [How can evaluation help improve data quality and policies on food security during Covid-19 pandemic?](#) Tim Njagi, Research Fellow, Tegemeo Institute, Kenya
26. [How do we adapt our evaluation approach to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic?](#) Nick Maunder, Freelance consultant, United Kingdom
27. [Can we settle for evaluation alone to ensure that the SDGs are achieved?](#) Mustapha Malki, Independent consultant, Canada
28. [The farmer as a key participant of M&E: lessons and experiences from Participatory M&E systems](#) Emma Nthandose Gausi, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist International Potato Center, Malawi
29. [How useful are theories of change in development programmes and projects?](#) Carlos Tarazona, Senior Evaluation Officer, FAO

2021

30. [Can we use an evidence-based, evolving theory of change to achieve "local learning" during project design?](#) John Hoven, independent, USA
31. [Making more use of local institutions in evaluation](#) John H. Weatherhogg, former FAO, Italy
32. [Capacity development on M&E for local farmers' organizations](#) (Dgroup) Alice Van der Elstraeten, IFAD, Italy
33. [Making data collection meaningful and useful to farmers: what is your experience?](#) David Colozza, FAO, Italy
34. [Reporting and supporting evaluation use and influence](#) Gordon Otieno Wanzare, Evaluation Society of Kenya
35. [Cost Benefit Analysis for public works](#) (Dgroup) Machema Ratjomose, University of Lesotho
36. [Are you considering social and environmental criteria in your evaluations?](#) Serge Eric Yakeu Djiam, evaluators, Cameroon/Canada

2022

30. [Neutrality-impartiality-independence. At which stage of the evaluation is each concept important?](#) Malika Bonfour, Association Ayur pour le développement de la femme rurale, Morocco
31. [Monitoring and evaluation: is this the perfect combination to meet the needs of decision-makers?](#) Elias Segla, Présidence de la République du Bénin
32. [How to evaluate science, technology and innovation in a development context?](#) Svetlana Negroustoueva, CGIAR, Italy
33. [Evaluating agroecology: what is your experience?](#) Seda Kojoyan, FAO, Italy
34. [Do you have examples on reviewing theories of change?](#) Anna Augustyn, International consultant, Poland
35. [The pervasive power of western evaluation culture: how and in what ways do you wrestle with ensuring evaluation is culturally appropriate and beneficial to those who legitimise development aid?](#) Daniel Ticehurst, Monitoring > Evaluation freelance, UK
36. [Developing effective, inclusive and gender responsive MEAL systems](#) Eriasafu Lubowa, MEAL and reporting coordinator, Relief International, Sudan

Blogs

2018

1. [EvalForward moving ahead at EvalColombo 2018](#) Renata Mirulla, EvalForward
2. [Highlights from EvalColombo](#) Asela Kalugampitiya, EvalPartners, Sri Lanka
3. [Improving Agriculture and Food Security through Evaluation: Call now open for the 9th AfrEA International Conference](#) Renata Mirulla, EvalForward and Aurelie Larmoyer, FAO
4. [What are your evaluation challenges?](#) Hynda Habchi Krachni, Ministère de Finances, Algérie
5. [Advancing the evaluation agenda at the Kenya 7th National M&E Week](#) Jennifer Mutua, Evaluation Society of Kenya
6. [Evaluation of public policies: a call for action from the EvalMena Conference](#) Renata Mirulla, EvalForward
7. [Spotlight on fundamentals of evaluation: foundations for clear-thinking and well-managed practice](#) Renata Mirulla, EvalForward
8. [THEORY OF CHANGE – food for thought](#) Nanae Yabuki, Evaluation Officer, FAO.

2019

30. [Who teaches and learns in an evaluation?](#) Harvey Garcia, FAO, Italy
31. [Celebrating the African evaluation community at the 9th AfrEA Conference](#) Renata Mirulla, EvalForward
32. [We need evaluation to support agriculture transformation in Africa](#) Daudi Sumba, head of Monitoring and Evaluation, AGRA, Kenya
33. [From the EvalForward Community: Is this really an output?](#) Natalia Kosheleva, Evaluation consultant, Russian Federation

34. [Dissemination of decentralized evaluation results through an innovative and participatory approach: drawings](#) Giovanna Vacca, WFP, Colombia
35. [Can agriculture and food security policies be effective when statistical data is unreliable?](#) Emile Hougbo, National University of Agriculture of Benin
36. [From the EvalForward community: What can evaluation do in terms of capacity development?](#)
Luisa Belli and Lavinia Monforte, FAO, Italy
37. [Lessons learned from managing impact evaluations on development interventions](#) Alan De Brauw, IFPRI, USA
38. [Why use facilitation in evaluation?](#) Federica Bottamedi, FAO, Italy
39. [Fail Better, Fail Forward – How learning organizations learn from their mistakes](#) Roberto Borlini, WFP, Kenya
40. [From the EvalForward Community: how can we improve the quality of development projects?](#)
Carlos Tarazona, FAO, Italy
41. [Evaluating Priority SDGs: Nigeria moving ahead](#) Bala Yusuf Yunusa, Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs, Nigeria
42. [From the EvalForward community: using synthesis and meta-analysis in development evaluation](#) Carlos Tarazona, FAO, Italy
43. [Evaluation to support the “leaving no one behind” agenda: insights from the UNDP NEC Conference](#) Serdar Bayryyev, FAO and Renata Mirulla, EvalForward, Italy
44. [In evaluation, there is no substitute for good listening skills](#) Nick Maunder, WFP evaluation team leader, UK
45. [Evaluation in the agriculture sector: what do we know about countries’ capacities?](#) Aurelie Larmoyer, FAO, Italy
46. [Using outcome-based approaches for complex evaluation](#) Nanae Yabuki, FAO, Italy
47. [Information and communication technologies for Development Evaluation](#) Renata Mirulla, EvalForward

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Impact Evaluation in the humanitarian space

48. [Resilience in complex food crises: The case for building better evidence](#) Hanna Paulose, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (Impact Evaluation) and Jonas Leo Heirman, Evaluation Officer (Impact Evaluation) WFP, Italy; Paul Christian, Economist and Chloe Fernandez, Research Analyst World Bank Development Impact Evaluation, USA
49. [Cash-based transfers in crisis: Why more evidence is needed to support women in crisis, and what we’re doing about it](#) Jonas Leo Heirman, Evaluation Officer (Impact Evaluation) and Kristen McCollum, Impact Evaluation Analyst, WFP, Italy
50. [Five myths about impact evaluation in the humanitarian space](#) Jonas Leo Heirman, Evaluation Officer (Impact Evaluation) and Kristen McCollum, Impact Evaluation Analyst, WFP, Italy.

Evaluation in times of COVID-19

30. [Will COVID-19 spark change in the conduct of evaluations?](#) WFP evaluation office
31. [What challenges does COVID-19 present to independent and credible evaluations?](#) WFP evaluation office
32. [How is the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions on movement affecting the conduct of evaluations?](#) WFP evaluation office
33. [How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected evaluation design?](#) Nanae Yabuki, Evaluation Officer, FAO.
34. [How has COVID-19 affected data quality in the agriculture sector? Highlights on a recent e-Panel](#) Ethel Sibanda, Principal Consultant- Agriculture and Food Security, ITAD Ltd, UK

From the EvalForward community

35. [Young people in agriculture – What lessons can we draw from evaluations?](#) Dorothy Lucks, Executive Director SDF Global, Australia
36. [How useful are theories of change in development programmes and projects?](#) Carlos Tarazona, Senior Evaluation Officer FAO, Italy

Lessons learned from evaluations

37. [Do school feeding and education play a role in keeping girls safe?](#) Catrina Perch, Evaluation Manager WFP, Italy and Niamh O'Grady WFP Italy
38. [Lessons from the evaluation of IFAD's support to innovations for inclusive and sustainable smallholder agriculture](#) Anne Floquet, Senior researcher, Université d'Abomey-Calavi, Benin; Pamela Dianne White, Senior Manager FCG International, Finland; Kouessi Maxim Zacharie Kodjo, Lead Evaluation Officer IFAD
39. [Evaluating business innovations in agriculture-based social enterprises](#) Ravinder Kumar, Associate Professor, Monitoring and Impact, Natural Resources Institute, and Andy Frost, Professor of Agri-food Systems Innovation Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom.
40. [Value chain approaches: reaching the very poor](#) Fabrizio Felloni, Deputy Director, IFAD.
41. [Struggling to prove the obvious – How can evaluations show that community-driven development works?](#) Johanna Pennarz, Lead Evaluation Officer IFAD
42. [Measuring resilience-building in Karamoja, Uganda](#) Rebecca Pietrelli, Economist Agricultural Development Economics Division, FAO

Evaluation practice and trends

43. [Evaluation questions the value of aid interventions. We need to keep warranting the value of evaluation](#) Aurelie Larmoyer and Veridiana Mansur, FAO
44. [We are evaluating a moving picture](#) Interview with Julia Betts, independent evaluation consultant by WFP.
45. [Is SDG evaluation just business as usual?](#) Stefano D'Errico, Head of Monitoring Evaluation and Learning International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), UK
46. [Evaluation practice in Africa: key trends in the landscape](#) Caitlin Anna Blaser Mapitsa, M&E Technical Specialist University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Methods and approaches

47. [Can visual thinking facilitate evaluation? WFP's innovative approach to validation workshops](#) Yumiko Kanemitsu, Regional Evaluation Officer, WFP, and Keisuke Taketani freelance consultant.
48. [Evaluation in the age of big data: Opportunities and challenges in agriculture and food security](#) Michael Bamberger, Freelance consultant, USA
49. [Can technology connect the dots for development evaluation?](#) Oscar A. Garcia, Director of Evaluation, IFAD

Outcomes of conferences/ events

50. [Evaluation for sustainability and change: the 8th EvalMENA Conference looks forward](#) Valentina Prospero, Evaluation Specialist UNICEF, Jordan

Other topics

51. [Global development indicators are not just numbers](#) Olivier Cossée, Senior Evaluation Manager FAO, Italy
52. [Importance of leadership in results-based management. Highlights on a recent e-Panel](#) Ethel Sibanda, Principal Consultant- Agriculture and Food Security, ITAD, UK.

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From the EvalForward Community

53. [Remote evaluations during COVID-19: how can we cope and adapt? What are the best solutions?](#) Federica Bottamedi, FAO, Italy
54. [Reporting and supporting evaluation use and influence: Tips from evaluators](#) Gordon Wanzare, Evaluation Society of Kenya (re-posted on Better Evaluation)
55. [How best to evaluate capacity development?](#) Cornelia Rietdorf, DSW, Germany
56. [How do you communicate difficult evaluation findings?](#) Jennifer Mutua, Evaluation Society of Kenya
57. [Understanding first: Why putting understanding before measurement matters](#) Federica Bottamedi, FAO, Italy and Renata Mirulla, EvalForward

Lessons learned from evaluations

58. [Insights from participatory outcome evaluation with social forest groups in Myanmar](#) Binod Chapagain, M&E specialist, Thailand (re-posted on the Land Portal)
59. [First thematic interagency humanitarian evaluation identifies 8 good practices for mainstreaming gender equality during humanitarian crises](#) Mari Honjo, WFP
60. [Making voices count - Gathering community feedback in times of remote evaluation](#) Johanna Pennarz and Prashanth Kotturi, IFAD, Italy

Reflections on evaluation and trends

61. [Behind the glossy cover: six reflections on communicating evaluations](#) Alexander Voccia, IFAD, Italy
62. [The road ahead: Evaluators must promote learning for adaptive development processes](#) Masahiro Igarashi, FAO, Italy
63. [An insight into evaluating agricultural innovation challenges and prizes](#) Bhavik Doshi, M&E Manager, MEST, Ghana

Evaluation methods and approaches

- 64. [Evaluation synthesis: an added boost to corporate learning](#) Rachel Sauvinet-Bedouin, FAO, Italy
- 65. [SDG evaluations: How to eat an elephant](#) Olivier Cossée, FAO, Italy
- 66. [Assessing climate-smart farming: a new framework](#) David Colozza, FAO, Italy

National Evaluation Capacity Development

- 67. [National ownership paramount – 5 lessons from a country-led impact evaluation in Peru](#) Rica Terbeck-Soine and Nicola Theunissen, WFP

M&E

- 68. [Monitoring, evaluation and learning: How can we maximize capacity?](#) Anna Augustyn, international consultant, Poland

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Lessons learned from evaluations

- 69. [How to evaluate science, technology and innovation in a development context](#) Nanae Yabuki, FAO, Italy

National Evaluation Capacity Development

- 70. [The proof of the pudding is in the eating: five lessons for developing national evaluation capacity](#) Miguel Angel Lombardo Chico, Freelance, Spain and Emmanuel M. David-Gnahoui, Enseignant-Chercheur, Benin (reposted on Evidence Matters and on EES)
- 71. [Adapting evaluations to the needs of decision-makers: the case of Benin](#) Elias Segla, Présidence de la République, Benin
- 72. [Innovating in monitoring and evaluation to better respond to the needs of decision-makers at national level](#) Monica Lomena-Gelis and Kuessi Maximin Kodjo, IFAD, Italy
- 73. [Monitoring and evaluation in the agriculture and rural development sectors – reflections on the NEC Conference](#) Monica Lomena-Gelis, IFAD and Renata Mirulla, EvalForward, Italy

From the EvalForward Community series

- 74. [Neutrality, impartiality, independence: reflections on a recent discussion](#) Malika Bonfour, Association Ayur pour le Développement de la femme rurale, Morocco
- 75. [Emerging evaluator programme shows that sustainable capacity development initiatives are possible](#) Nicola Theunissen, WFP, South Africa
- 76. [Complexity and simplicity in theory of change reviews](#) Anna Augustyn, International Consultant, Poland

Outcomes of conferences/ events

- 77. [Connecting data and research to policies to transform the agricultural sector: the EPA Forum](#) Kisito Gandji and Carolle Ahodekon, ACED, Benin
- 78. [A look back at EvalMENA 2022: Evaluation and new ways of working in the post-Covid-19 era](#) Rami Assaf, FAO, Italy
- 79. [The skeptical turn in evaluation \(and what to do with it\)](#) Olivier Cossée, FAO, Italy

Methods and approaches

80. [Evaluation and performance assessments for agroecology](#) Seda Kojoyan, FAO, Italy
81. [Principles for a healthy relationship between evaluators and experts](#) Ibtissem Jouini, FAO, Egypt
82. [Three lessons from an SDG evaluation: doing away with tunnel vision](#), Kamolmas Jaiyen, FAO, Italy

Other topics

83. [‘Communicating independence’ or ‘independently communicating’ that is the question](#) Alexander Voccia, IFAD, Italy

Webinars

2019

1. [Use of synthesis and meta-analysis in development evaluation](#)

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2. [EvalForward talks: Remote evaluations during COVID-19: how can we cope and adapt? What are the best solutions?](#)
3. [Suivi & évaluation dans le secteur agricole : quelles sont les capacités ? \(French\)](#)
4. [Data quality in agriculture and food security in the time of COVID-19](#)
5. [gLOCAL event: Building bodies of impact evaluation evidence](#)
6. [gLOCAL event: How do innovative evaluations contribute to achieving SDG2?](#)
7. [e-Panel on Leadership and RBM in the African Agricultural Sector](#)
8. [Les nouveaux critères d'évaluation du CAD de l'OCDE \(French\)](#)
9. [The new OECD DAC evaluation criteria: what changes for agriculture and food security?](#)

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10. [Food Systems Summit Independent Dialogue: The role of evaluation in moving towards zero hunger and sustainable food systems](#)
11. [The role of evaluation for climate action](#)
12. [The UN Food Systems Pre-Summit 2021: Evidence pathways to gender equality and food systems transformation](#)
13. [gLOCAL event: Building forward better on food security: using evidence for a post-COVID-19 world without hunger](#)
14. [gLOCAL event: Whose reality counts in evaluation? Building forward better with people-centred and adaptive evaluation](#)
15. [gLOCAL event: Building on national expertise for adaptive evaluation practice](#)
16. [gLOCAL event: The impact of Covid-19 on the Italian Agriculture & Food sector](#)
17. [EvalForward Talks: how do you communicate difficult evaluation findings?](#)
18. [EvalForward Talks: Understanding first: why putting understanding before measurement matters](#)
19. [EvalForward Talks: How to best evaluate capacity development?](#)
20. [Good practiced in gender-responsive evaluation to feed the world](#)
21. [Les bonnes pratiques en matière d'évaluation sensible au genre](#)

22. [Leveraging capacities for monitoring, evaluation and learning \(MEL\) for sustainable agriculture](#)

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23. [Innovations en suivi et évaluation dans les secteurs de l'agriculture et du développement rural](#)
24. [Culturally appropriate evaluation: how can indigenous evaluation influence western approaches?](#)
25. [EvalForward Talks: How to review theories of change?](#)
26. [EvalForward Talks at the gLOCAL: a round of innovations in M&E communication, engagement and tools from the community](#)
27. [The evolution of country-led evaluation and their contribution to the SDGs](#)
28. [Using stories in evaluation: Participatory narrative inquiry and ensemaking](#)
29. [Innover dans le suivi et l'évaluation pour mieux répondre aux besoins des décideurs au niveau national](#)
30. [EvalForward Talks: Becoming an evaluation professional: tips and tricks for the journey](#)
31. [Cost-benefit analysis in evaluation: overview on options and applications](#)

EvalForward presence in events (presentations, panels, side events)

2018

1. **EvalColombo 2018**, Sri Lanka, 17 to 19 September 2018, launch of EvalForward at the pre-conference event.
2. **7th EvalMENA Conference**, Morocco, 27 to 30 November 2018, presentation of EvalForward in the context of WFP panel on *Investing in Evidence to end hunger*.

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3. **2nd APEA International Evaluation Conference**, Philippines, February 2019, presentation of EvalForward during the APEA reception and networking event.
4. **9th AfrEA International Conference 2nd APEA International Evaluation Conference**, Ivory Coast, March 2019, technical lead of Strand 1 of the Conference *Improving Agriculture and Food Security through Evaluation* in collaboration with FAO, IFAD and WFP and with AGRA and Tegemeo.
5. **IDEAS Global Assembly 2019 and Third International Conference on Evaluating Environment and Development**, Check Republic, September 2019, organization with Earth Eval of the Conference side event *Learning, networking, sharing all in one place: the wonders of CoPs*.
6. **UNDP 6th National Evaluation Capacities Conference**, Egypt 22 to 24 October 2019, participation.
7. **Francophone International Forum on Evaluation – FIFE2019** 13 to 15 November 2019, Burkina Faso organization and presentation at the Roundtable *Institutionalization de l'Évaluation dans le secteur Agricole* (in French).

2022

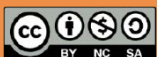
8. **European Evaluation Society Conference**, Denmark, 7-10 June 2022, presentation *How to evaluate science, technology and innovation in a development context*.
9. **National Evaluation Capacities Conference**, Italy, 24-28 October 2022, organization and facilitation of the panel session *Innovations en suivi et évaluation dans les secteurs de l'agriculture et du développement rural* (in French).

Publications

- [Review of monitoring and evaluation capacities in the agriculture sector and Study briefing note](#) also available in [French](#) and in [Spanish](#)
- Briefing note on the [Evidence summary on COVID-19 and Food Security](#)
- Briefing note on [The Role of Evaluation for Climate Action](#)

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