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AfrEA begins early preparations for 9th conference, Cote D'Ivoire 2018



An AfrEA delegation met with the Cote D'Ivoire government and RISE to commence with planning for the 9th AfrEA Conference

Preparations towards the 9th AfrEA conference is already underway.

The 2019 conference is scheduled to be held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire in the first quarter of 2019. The conference will be jointly hosted by RISE and the Government of Cote D'Ivoire.

Between February 18-23, an AfrEA delegation was in Abidjan to meet with RISE, government officials and development partners. The purpose of the visit was to raise awareness of the conference, solicit support for the event and explore logistical arrangements. The AfrEA delegation was made up of Adeline Sibanda, AfrEA President; Abdul Aziz Kane, AfrEA Board representing West Africa and Kingsley Arkorful, AfrEA Executive Director. The RISE team was led by their President, Professor Adoma Diawalla; Vice President, Vincent Okoma and Permanent Secretary Dr Coulibaly Mamadou.

The delegation together with the RISE executive held meetings with officials of the Ivorian Ministry of Planning and Development, UNDP, UNICEF, UN Women, the African Development Bank, National School of Administration and State General Inspectorate.

The delegation also visited likely conference venues including the Golf Hotel and Sofitel Hotel Ivoire. All the meetings went very well.

Government agencies assured their commitment to partnering with RISE and AfrEA to organise the conference. The Ministry of Planning and Development led by Minister Hon Antoine Bouhon Bouabre and Marcelin CISSE, Director General of Planning, Development and Aid Coordination, is leading the Ivorian government and intends to set up an inter-ministerial steering committee to plan all aspects of the conference.

Other development partners such as the African Development Bank and UN agencies pledged technical and financial support towards the conference. Over the next couple of weeks, AfrEA and RISE will finalise the concept notes and budget for the conference and begin follow up meetings to press ahead of preparations.

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Free AfrEA USAID online M&E programme well underway



Launch of the AfrEA online M&E and operations course in Accra, Ghana



AfrEA in conjunction with USAID/West Africa's Evidence for Development (E4D) launched a free online certificate program in health project evaluation and operations research on January 19, 2019.

The course is open to members of AfrEA and national evaluation associations in the Sub-Saharan Africa sub-region.

To access the Online Certificate Program, please visit AfrEA's website at www.afrea.org

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Participants registered for all the courses both in English and French

18

Participants already completed some modules

Online registration still open!

AfrEA meets with Ministry of Planning & Development in Cote D'Ivoire amidst conference planning discussions



Highlights:

- AfrEA met with Ministry of Planning & Development led by Minister Hon Antoine Bouhon Bouabre and Marcelin CISSE, Director General of Planning, Development & Aid Coordination
- Government intends to set up an inter-ministerial steering committee to plan all aspects of the conference
- Government agencies assured commitment to partnering with RISE and AfrEA to organise conference
- Likely conference venues explored



Feedback from RISE in Cote D'Ivoire

After RISE (the Réseau Ivoirien de Suivi et d'Evaluation) submitted their proposal and was elected to host the 9th AfrEA Conference, representatives of AfrEA paid a courtesy visit to RISE in Abidjan from 19 to 23 February, where they thanked the Ivorian authorities and pledged their commitment and support towards the organisation of the upcoming event.

During the four-day visit, RISE and AfrEA visited government authorities and evaluation partners. As co-organisers of the conference, RISE aims to secure a strong involvement of the Ministry of Planning & Development and other institutions in charge of evaluation of public policies.

The conference is expected to receive approximately 800 participants, including government institutions, administrators, evaluation experts, academics researchers, students, development partners, local electors and the private sector.

The organisation has been facing numerous challenges over the past years and it was therefore important for the presidents of AfrEA and RISE to obtain commitment from the Cote D'Ivoire government, evaluation partners, the National School of Administration, UNICEF, UNDP, the AFDB and UN WOMEN.

During the four-day visit, they were able to resolve many of the issues in the organisation and they anticipate a successful conference in Abidjan in 2019.

By Dr Coulibaly Mamadou; Secretary of RISE



February 19, 2019 – A meeting with the DG and the Ministry of Planning and Development



February 22, 2019 – The Inspector General of State, Theophile Ahoua N'Doli met with members of RISE (Réseau Ivoirien du Suivi et de L'Evaluation) and AfrEA at his office in Plateau.

Evaluation Society of Kenya (ESK) – monthly roundtables



Did you know that ESK members meet monthly purposely to professionally network with peers? During the monthly round table network sessions, the setup is simple: no pre-registration, no speeches, no panels, no programme, but simply the M&E community informally meeting each other to share knowledge, skills, experiences and opportunities in M&E.

If you are a member of ESK, be on the lookout for the next Eventbrite networking event in the member's e-platform. If you are not yet a member, please join to benefit from this professional networking opportunity.

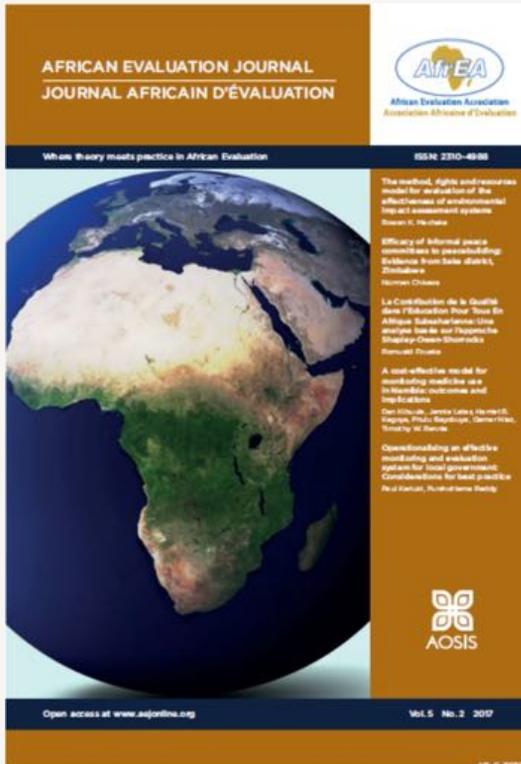
ESK holds monthly roundtables to discuss evaluation



Write to us!

AfrEA aims to showcase the vibrancy of the African VOPE community. We encourage all members to send us your news, views and concerns to the AfrEA Secretariat for attention: Abigail Korda (adkorda@afrea.org)

Here are a few highlights of the Journal's 8th AfrEA Conference edition from Uganda to be launched in April



Human Rights as a new development paradigm: A think piece on implications for monitoring and evaluation

Author: Mahesh Patel

This paper flags some of the conceptual and operational differences between the Human Rights approach and a 'Development Goals' approach. In each area of difference it identifies some of the subjects of analysis that will require evaluators to develop new methods, new allies, and even new conceptual frameworks, to operate in this new paradigm.

The role of Monitoring and Evaluation in climate change mitigation and adaptation interventions in developing countries

Author: David Ssekamatte

This article underscores the critical role that M&E can and should play in enhancing effectiveness of climate change mitigation and adaptation interventions in developing countries. It provides a scholarly look at monitoring and evaluation and its viability in climate change mitigation and adaptation work; the evidence of its role in mitigation and adaptation interventions across developing nations and the missing gaps in utilization of M&E for mitigation and adaptation.

The emergence of Government evaluation systems in Africa: the case of Benin, Uganda and South Africa

Authors: Ian Goldman, Albert Byamugisha, Abdoulaye Gounou, Laila R Smith, Stanley Ntakumba, Timothy Lubanga, Damase Soussou and Karen Rot-Munstermann

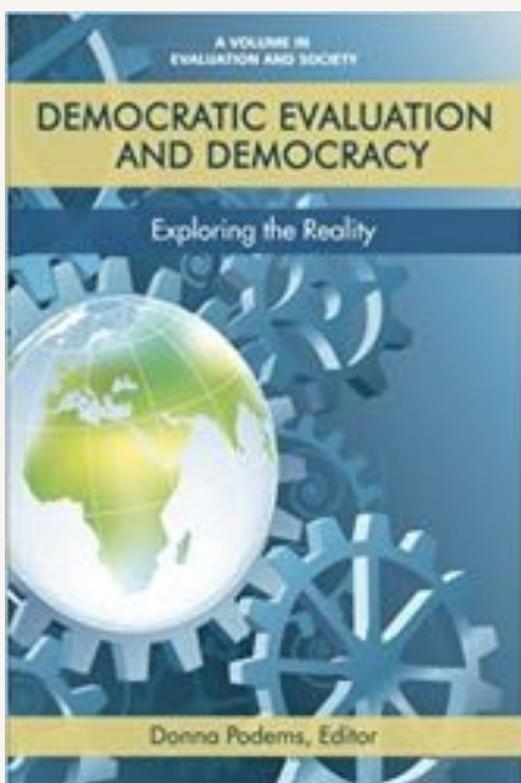
This article documents the experiences of Benin, Uganda and South Africa with strengthening their national monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems as part of the Twende Mbele partnership. The use of continuous household surveys to generate timely data for annual program outcome monitoring.

A book review: Authored by Dr Zenda Ofir

The book, Democratic Evaluation and Democracy: Exploring the Reality, edited by Donna Podems was launched during the AfrEA conference in Uganda.

Zenda Ofir says that the book brings us a collection of 14 thought-provoking chapters that dissect from different perspectives the interplay between democracy and evaluation in the real world of South Africa's young democracy.

The eclectic group of 19 co-authors, nearly all from the South African evaluation community, presents a set of engaging arguments and insights in response to the question that directed the structure and content of the book: "What role, if any, does evaluation play in strengthening those countries that are still committed to, but struggling with democracy?"



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