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SUMMARY

Dr. Awuor Ponge, is an Associate Fellow, in-charge of Research, Policy and Evaluation at the African Policy Centre (APC). He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in Gender and Development Studies from Kenyatta University's Department of Sociology, Gender and Development Studies in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Ponge is an Adjunct Faculty at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, teaching Development and Policy Studies. Ponge has been extensively involved in capacity building and project management and has had over 20 years of experience in academia as a Lecturer and Trainer in tertiary educational institutions in Kenya; and in the Practice of International Development, both as a Scholar and Practitioner. He is an experienced Researcher, Evaluator, Policy Analyst, Program Manager and Facilitator. He has extensive international experience in program planning, monitoring and evaluation. Ponge is an expert in evaluating national and global advocacy programmes using innovative participatory evaluation methodologies and approaches including Outcome Harvesting and Most Significant Change (MSC) among others. He was awarded the ***International Organisation for Collaboration in Evaluation (IOCE) and EvalPartners Award in 2015 for his contribution to Evaluation in Africa and Mentoring Young and Emerging Evaluators.***

Ponge is currently the Vice-President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA), where he has served since 2021. He is a member of both the African Gender and Development Evaluators Network (AGDEN) and AfrEA. He has previously served as a Board Member at the South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA) as well as Former Board Member and Regional Representative for Sub-Saharan Africa at the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS); and a former Board Member and National Treasurer of the Evaluation Society of Kenya (ESK). Ponge has also previously sat in the Board

of the International Organization for Collaborative Outcome Management (IOCOM), representing Africa; as well as served as the Kenya Country Representative at the International Organization for Collaborative Outcome Management (IOCOM); the Convener of the Gender and Evaluation Thematic Interest Group at IDEAS; and also the founder and former Leader of the Working Group on Mentoring Emerging Evaluators Programme at IDEAS. Ponge has sat at the EvalGender+ Management Group, where he was Co-Convener for the Communication and Knowledge Management Task Group; and Co-Convener of the Advocacy and Leadership Task Group. Ponge is presently the Secretary of the African Chapter of the Guidelines International Network (G-I-N) and the Africa Regional Representative at the EvalIndigenous Global Network.

Awuor Ponge is a former Associate Research Fellow and Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at the Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR – Kenya). Ponge is a Double-Masters Degree holder in Development Studies from the Institute for Development Studies of the University of Nairobi on a Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) Scholarship; and in Education, Gender and International Development (MA – EGID) from the Institute of Education (IOE) of the University of London on a Commonwealth Scholarship. He has previously served as the Special Rapporteur of the Think Tank Network in Eastern Africa (TTN-EA). Earlier, Ponge graduated with a Summa cum Laude (First Class Honours) Bachelor of Arts Degree in Literature and Philosophy from the University of Nairobi.

Ponge has previously been an International Visiting Research Fellow (IVRF) at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex in Brighton, England; and a participant at the International Programme for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. He has also attended the Evaluation Capacity Development Seminar at the Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB) at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. He has previously served as an Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Sociology, Gender and Development Studies at Kenyatta University; in the Department of Development Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA); and the Department of Development Studies at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT). He has also served as the Special Rapporteur of the Think Tank Network in Eastern Africa (TTN-EA). Previously, Ponge graduated with a Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts Degree in Literature and Philosophy from the University of Nairobi.

Ponge has had comprehensive international and development experience including evaluation research and assessment; data analysis; and program and policy analysis. He has worked as a Consultant for many organisations including: Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW), Germany; Oxford Policy Management (OPM) United Kingdom; Results in Health, Netherlands; APHRC; Evidence for Action (E4A), UK; MasterCard Foundation; CARE International; Oxfam Novib; Islamic Relief Worldwide; UN Women; FEMNET; UNICEF; USAID; DfID; Rockefeller Foundation; Ford Foundation; World Vision; PACT International; ACFB; AfrEA; Tetra Tech ARD; Chemonics; Coffey International and IDRC on a number of multidisciplinary research and evaluation projects.