



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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OF AFRICAN EVALUATION  
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EVALUATION: BUILDING A STRONGER  
FUTURE TOGETHER





# Welcome Message

It's with great pleasure that I welcome you to Addis Ababa, the political capital of Africa and the seat of the African Union, for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of AfrEA.

For 25 years, AfrEA has led the way in promoting evaluation excellence, accountability, evidence-based decision-making, and sustainable development across our continent. This milestone celebration in Ethiopia symbolizes our commitment to unity, policy dialogue, and transformative growth.

The Government of Ethiopia through the coordination role of the Ministry of planning and Development, values evaluation in shaping equitable and inclusive economic growth, aligning with the Global Sustainable Development Goals- Agenda 2030, and African Agenda 2063. We have institutionalized monitoring and evaluation in our development processes, partnerships, and capacity-building efforts to drive results and learning.

I believe, the 25th anniversary celebration of AfrEA aware us of the last 25 years journey in Africa where Monitoring and Evaluation tools, results and decision made were geared towards accountability and transparency by all development actors for the benefit of citizens. Hence, let us renew our dedication to monitoring and evaluation and evaluation by large as a tool for accountability and inclusive development. Ethiopia is eager to collaborate with all stakeholders to amplify Africa's evaluation voices and contribute to global best practices.

Congratulations to AfrEA on this historic achievement and best wishes for a successful celebration.

Thank you.

**H.E. Dr. Fitsum Assefa**  
**Minister for the Ministry of Planning and Development, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia**



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# Word from the AfrEA President

Dear AfrEA Community,

It is with great joy and deep appreciation that I welcome you to the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA), taking place from June 16 to 18, 2025, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This milestone is a testament to the unwavering commitment of African evaluators, institutions, and partners who have championed the growth of evaluation rooted in African contexts. Over the past 25 years, AfrEA has been at the forefront of advancing Made in Africa Evaluation, fostering knowledge exchange, and strengthening evaluation capacity across the continent. As we gather in Addis Ababa, we celebrate our collective achievements, reflect on our journey, and envision the future of evaluation in Africa.

## A Rich and Inspiring Program

This anniversary celebration is designed to be both reflective and forward-looking, offering a dynamic program that highlights the evolution and impact of African evaluation.

## Opening and Closing Ceremonies with High-Level Guests

We will begin and conclude our gathering with distinguished leaders, policymakers, and evaluation experts who have shaped the field. These ceremonies will set the tone for our discussions and reaffirm the importance of evaluation in Africa's development.

## 7 High-Level Plenary Sessions with International Speakers

These sessions will bring together global and African thought leaders to discuss key trends, challenges, and opportunities in evaluation. Expect insightful perspectives on how evaluation can drive sustainable development and policy transformation.



**Dr. Miché Ouedraogo**  
President,  
African Evaluation  
Association (AfrEA)





#### **14 Parallel and Thematic Sessions on Evaluation**

These sessions will provide a deep dive into specialized topics, methodologies, and innovations in evaluation. Whether you are an experienced evaluator or new to the field, these discussions will offer valuable insights and practical tools.

#### **70 Speakers and Panelists, Including Emerging Evaluators**

AfrEA is committed to nurturing the next generation of evaluators. This event will feature a strong presence of emerging professionals, ensuring that fresh perspectives and innovative approaches are integrated into the discourse.

#### **Dedication of the Made in Africa Evaluation Handbook**

One of the highlights of this celebration will be the official dedication of the Made in Africa Evaluation Handbook. This landmark publication embodies our shared vision for transformative evaluation practices rooted in African realities.

#### **Welcome Dinner & Night Celebrating 25 Years of AfrEA Excellence**

Beyond intellectual engagement, we will take time to celebrate our journey. The welcome dinner will provide a warm space for networking, while the AfrEA Excellence Night will honor the pioneers and achievements that have shaped our association.

#### **Tour of Addis Ababa in Partnership with the Ministry of Tourism**

To enrich our experience, we will explore the vibrant city of Addis Ababa, discovering its cultural heritage and historical significance. This tour will offer a unique opportunity to connect with Ethiopia's rich traditions. Join Us in Shaping the Future

I invite you to fully immerse yourself in this celebration, connect with fellow evaluators, and contribute to the dialogue that will shape the next chapter of AfrEA's legacy. Together, we will continue to elevate African evaluation to new heights.

Welcome to #AfrEA25 – let's celebrate, reflect, and innovate for the future!

**Dr. Miché Ouedraogo**  
**President, African Evaluation Association (AfrEA)**



# Welcome message



**Dereje Mamo Tsegaye**  
President, Ethiopian  
Evaluation Association  
(EEVA)

## **“Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence in Africa- Rooted Evaluation: Building a Stronger Future Together”**

On behalf of the Ethiopian Evaluation Association (EEVA), I warmly welcome you to AfrEA’s historic 25th Anniversary Celebration!

We thank the AfrEA Board for choosing Ethiopia—Africa’s political capital and a symbol of Pan-Africanism—as host. Addis Ababa’s world-class infrastructure and legacy of leadership offer the ideal backdrop for collaboration.

EEVA extends profound gratitude to UNICEF and the Ministry of Planning and Development (MOPD) for their unwavering partnership. Their support has fueled our growth, enabling high-level dialogues, capacity-building, and knowledge-sharing to advance evidence-based development.

As we mark this milestone, we reaffirm our commitment to:

- Supporting AU Agenda 2063 and Ethiopia’s 10-Year Homegrown Economic Reform Plan;
- Empowering Youth and Emerging Evaluators (YEE) across Africa.

Since 2009, EEVA has grown into a network of 523 professionals (54% youth, 22% women), driving evaluation excellence through training, policy engagement, and partnerships with government, academia, and civil society. Key achievements include co-hosting the 2023 Evidence to Action Conference, establishing an Ethical Review Board, and pioneering a national evaluation standard (2025).

Over the next three days, let us:

1. Celebrate Africa-rooted evaluation excellence,
2. Empower the next generation of evaluators, and
3. Strengthen partnerships to accelerate sustainable development.

Together, we’ll shape an evaluation ecosystem rooted in shared values, knowledge, and unity. Welcome to Ethiopia—let’s make history!

**Dereje Mamo Tsegaye**  
**President, Ethiopian Evaluation Association (EEVA)**





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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**DAY 1** | Monday, 16 June 2025

**VENUE** | Africa Hall

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



10:30  
11:00

## TEA / COFFEE

Venue: **UNECA Conference Hall**

11:00  
12:30

## PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRANDS

Hosted 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: Africa Hall**

**Session Chair :** Vicent SSENKYONDO, Regional Representative, Eastern Africa

**Assisting YEE :** Aimee RUBIBI YEE from Rwanda

**WESTERN AFRICA / Venue: Conference Room 3**

**Session Chair :** Diaw Fatimata GAYE, Regional Representatives, Western Africa

**Assisting YEE :** Madelaine BROU, YEE from Côte d'Ivoire

**CENTRAL AFRICA / Venue: Conference Room 4**

**Session Chair :** Alphonse BOYOGUENO, Regional Representative, Central Africa

**Assisting YEE :** Blanche Edwige NGUETTA, YEE

**NORTHERN AFRICA / Venue: Conference Room 5**

**Session Chair :** Ramdane JAMAL, President of AME/

**Assisting YEE :** Taiss YASSMINE, YEE from Morocco

**SOUTHERN AFRICA / Venue: Conference Room 6**

**Session Chair :** Moses MASHINGAIDZE, Regional Representative, Southern Africa

**Assisting YEE :** Leonard Baraka MFILINGE, YEE from Tanzania

12:30  
13:15

## PLENARY SESSION

Hosted by:  
• **AfrEA**

Theme: Sharing of Feedback in Plenary

Venue: **Africa Hall**

**Session Chair:**

**Dr. Awuor PONGE**, Vice-President, 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: **Africa Hall**

### 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: **Africa Hall**

### Speakers:

- **Dr. Miché OUEDRAOGO**, President of AfrEA
- **Prof. Bagele CHILISA**, University of Botswana
- **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. Mark Anthony ABRAHAMS**, Former Editor-in-Chief of the African Evaluation Journal

Hosted by:

- **Mastercard Foundation**

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

Venue: **2000 Habesha Bole Branch**

### SPEAKERS:

- EEVA President – **Dereje Mamo TSEGAYE**
- AfrEA President – **Dr. Miché OUEDRAOGO**
- **Subarna MATHES**, Deputy Director Office of Strategy and Learning, Ford Foundation

Hosted by:

**Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia**

- 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**VENUE** | UNECA Conference Hall

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

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: Africa Hall**
**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

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

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**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:

**PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 1**

- CLEAR – AA
- Twende Mbele

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

**Venue: Africa Hall**
**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 SSENYONDO**, AfrEA Regional Representative, East Africa

**Session Chair:**

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

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15:50

**PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 2**

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

Venue: **Conference Room 3**

**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

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**PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 3**

Theme: Unlocking Evaluation Potential – Strategic Stakeholder Engagement by UNICEF

Venue: **Conference Room 4**

**Speakers:**

- **MOPD speaker (TBC)** on Ethiopia M&E Policy – From Commitment to Action
- **Dr Zerihun 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

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#### PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 4

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

Venue: **Conference Room 5**

##### 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)

Hosted by:

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

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#### PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 5

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

Venue: **Small Briefing Room**

##### Session Chair:

**Andrealisa BELZER**, President-Elect, International Evaluation Academy (IEA) and Former President, Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) /

- AEA America
- CES Canada
- AfrEA
- AGDEN

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#### PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 6: NDB-IFAD JOINT PANEL SESSION

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

Venue: **Conference Room 6**

##### Speakers:

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

Hosted by :

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



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**, Chief of section, Independent Office of Evaluation of 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

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#### PARALLEL THEMATIC STRAND 7

Theme: Building National Evaluation Systems: country experiences from piloting INCE in Africa and insights from African Capacity Building Foundation

Venue: **Large Briefing Room**

#### Speakers:

- **Representatives of the INCE in Africa piloting countries** – Benin, Congo, Ghana, Morocco, Tanzania & South Africa

#### Session Chair:

**Sarah KLIER** (DEval) / **Guido QUIROGA** (WFP) / **Edem Mesa-GAVO** (ACBF)

- DEval
- Germany
- WFP
- ACBF

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#### TEA / COFFEE

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: **Africa 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**

Venue: **Ballroom Sheraton hotel**

#### Facilitator:

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

#### Facilitator:

**Diaw Fatimata GAYE**, AfrEA West Africa representant

**DAY 3** | Wednesday, 18 June 2025**VENUE** | UNECA Conference Hall

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



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

# Panellists

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**Abdrahamane DICKO**  
**Director, Programs and Impact – ACBF**

Abdrahamane Dicko joined ACBF on June 2, 2025 as the new Director for Programs. He brings over 20 years of experience in international development driving policy, strategy, and program excellence across West Africa. Proven track record in fostering economic resilience and development, institutional reforms, and inclusive growth through strategic partnerships and multilateral cooperation. Adept at securing funding, leading high-impact initiatives, and influencing national and regional policy at the highest levels. Fluent in English and French, with deep regional expertise and a passion for advancing economic empowerment, and good governance through capacitated and effective African institutions and organizations. Dicko holds dual master's degrees, one MBA specializing in Finance and Budget and a second in the Management of Humanitarian Assistance.



**Adeline SIBANDA**

Adeline Sibanda is a Senior Director Program Impact Support and Advisory at the Mastercard Foundation. She is an executive leader and international development expert with more than 31 years' experience in strategy, programme design, planning, monitoring and evaluation, research with a passion on gender. She has worked in over 25 African countries with civil society organisations, community-based organisations, governments, private sector, UN agencies and other development partners in Africa and globally. Adeline is past Co-Chair of Eval Partners and Past President of the International Organisation for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE). She served as the 10th President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA). During her tenure at AfrEA, she established the South-South Cooperation in Evaluation, which is a network of evaluation associations promoting the use of indigenous and other knowledges in the evaluation field.

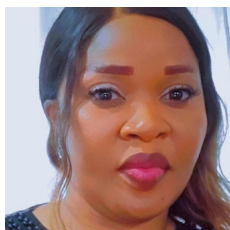


**Aimée RUBIBI**

Aimée Rubibi is a passionate and purpose-driven professional with a background in Public Administration and Local Government, specializing in Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E). Rubibi brings a strong blend of analytical skills and a deep commitment to community transformation through evidence-based development approaches. With a keen interest in leadership and business development, Rubibi integrates governance knowledge with faith-driven and entrepreneurial insight. Rubibi holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from university of Kigali and is currently pursuing studies in Theology at Africa college of Theology reflecting her dedication to holistic personal and professional growth. Rubibi gained practical experience while serving at the Rwanda Governance Board (RGB), where Rubibi was responsible for registering local and international NGOs and served as secretary to the Head of Department for Civil Society Organizations and Political Parties for six months. Rubibi is an active member of the Rwanda Monitoring and

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Evaluation Organization (RMEO) and participates in the Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEE) mentorship program under both RMEO and the African Evaluation Association (AFREA). Rubibi professional journey includes participating in capacity-building workshops in Benin and being recently shortlisted as a panelist for AFREA's 25th Anniversary celebration in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, representing young evaluators. Rubibi continues to champion impactful change through collaborative learning, evidence-based practice, and faith-driven leadership..



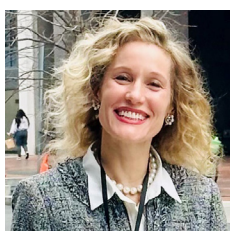
**Ahou Blanche Edwige Laetitia N'GUETTA,**  
**Emerging Evaluator**

Blanche N'GUETTA from RISE (Côte d'Ivoire) specializes in Literature (Spanish), Communication (public relations and institutions) and project management. With experience in the public and private sectors, she has been a customer advisor in an advertising agency and a communication officer at the Autonomous District of Abidjan and the University of Cocody. Passionate about Monitoring and Evaluation, a key link in the PPPBSE chain, she trains with senior evaluators to contribute to the development of Côte d'Ivoire and Africa. She is now one of the Young Emerging Evaluators (YEE), committed to effective and responsible public management.



**Ana Erika L. LAREZA**  
**Chair of EvalYouth Global Network**

Ana Erika Lareza is a dynamic evaluator, currently pursuing her MA in Evaluation at Saarland University & University of Kaiserslautern-Landau in Germany, specializing in communication. Her background spans agriculture, disaster risk management, and environmental sciences. As Chair of the EvalYouth Global Network, she passionately champions empowering young and emerging evaluators globally, leveraging her expertise in communicating evaluation results for decision-making to advance youth participation. A co-founder of EvalYouth Asia and the Asia Pacific Communications Hub, Erika's broader evaluation practice emphasizes community engagement, culturally responsive methods, and meaningfully involving Indigenous peoples in evaluation.



**Andrealisa BELZER**  
**President-Elect, International Evaluation Academy (IEA) & Former President Canadian Evaluation Society (CES).**

Andrealisa Belzer is a Credentialed Evaluator employed with the Atlantic Region of Indigenous Services Canada. She serves as Past President of the Canadian Evaluation Society, and as Treasurer of the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation. She also participates in the EvalPartners EvalIndigenous Network, International Evaluation Academy, and on the Global Advisory Council for Blue Marble Evaluation. She is President Elect of the International Evaluation Academy. Andrealisa has practiced health and social services evaluation since 1995, in Canada and internationally. She is committed to evaluative and decolonizing practice that facilitates regenerative systems change for social and ecological wellbeing.



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**Ashley WAX,**  
**Regional Evaluation Advisor, UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office**

Ashley Wax is an experienced evaluation professional with nearly two decades of work across UNICEF, USAID, and NGOs. Her expertise spans evaluation of country programmes, humanitarian response, early childhood and adolescent programming, and institutional effectiveness. As Regional Evaluation Advisor for UNICEF's Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, she leads efforts to ensure quality, country-led evaluations, manages strategic thematic reviews, and supports national capacity strengthening. Ashley is passionate about applying analytical and creative thinking to complex challenges, amplifying youth voices in evaluations, and promoting evidence use in decision-making. She holds a master's degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.



**Ashwani K. MUTHOO**  
**Director General, Independent Evaluation Office, New Development Bank**

Ashwani K. Muthoo is an Indian national who holds a prominent position in the field of international development and evaluation. Presently, he serves as the first Director General of the Independent Evaluation Office of New Development Bank. Prior to his current role, he held various leadership positions at the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), including as Director of the Quality Assurance Group, Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division, Global Engagement, Knowledge and Strategy Division, and Deputy Director of the Independent Office of Evaluation.

He brings more than 30 years of professional and managerial experience in international cooperation, dedicated to evaluation, quality assurance, global policies, country strategies, and development projects and programmes. His work experience covers more than 50 developing countries including Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Near East and North Africa.



**Baraka MFILINGE**  
**Africa representative**  
**Vice Chair – EvalYouth Management Group**

Baraka Mfilinge has a Master's of Monitoring & Evaluation from the Open University of Tanzania, currently serving as Vice Chair of the EvalYouth Management Group (2025–2027). He works with the Untold Foundation as a MEAL Officer and is also Managing Partner at Ufanisi Knowledge Hub Company Ltd. Baraka has over 4 years of experience across public health, civil society, and youth leadership, with a strong focus on evidence-informed decision-making and inclusive evaluation. He is passionate about empowering young evaluators and advancing African-led evaluation systems through innovation, capacity development, and decolonized approaches.

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**Botho Kebabonye BAYENDI**  
**Director Strategic Planning and Delivery –**  
**African Union Commission**

Mrs. Botho Kebabonye Bayendi is a seasoned strategist currently holding the portfolio of Director Strategic Planning and Delivery in the African Union Commission. She has held over 15 years of senior management positions in the areas of Strategy, Research, Process Management, Project Management, Change Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Risk Management and Corporate Governance having served as a Board Secretary and in a number of Boards including some State owned Enterprises in Botswana.

Prior to joining the African Union Commission, Dir Botho was the CEO of Botswana National Olympic Committee, an organisation affiliated to the International Olympic Committee and the Commonwealth Games Federation. Prior to that she was the Executive Director – Business Intelligence in Botswana Investment and Trade Center, where she was responsible for Strategy, Research, Risk Management and Project management functions. Botho also served as Manager Strategy & Research at Botswana Qualification Authority, Corporate Planning Manager and Board Secretary for Botswana Housing Corporation, Strategy & Projects Coordinator at Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency. She also served the Office of the President, Botswana National Productivity Center, Botswana Prisons Service and the then Central Statistics Office as a Statistician, Researcher and or Strategist.

Director Botho graduated with a Degree in Statistics and Demography from the University of Botswana and a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Management from University of Derby, UK. There after she opened her learning capabilities becoming an alumnus of the Oxford University- Executive Leadership Development Programme, University of Stellenbosch – Senior Management Development Programme, WITS University – Women in Leadership Programme. She is a certified Change Manager- Prosci Methodologies, Project manager – Prince 2, Quality Management Systems- ISO 9001 and had gone through a number of Leadership and Corporate governance trainings building a resolute leader. She is currently studying for a Doctor Degree in Transformational Leadership with Bakke Graduate University, Texas, USA

In her previous roles, she has left a legacy of business excellence, efficiency in managing fast paced multiple projects, resourceful and result driven approaches, elegance in navigating through consistent change of business dynamics, discretely and confidently managing sensitive information with the ability to have a strong communication and interpersonal skills. She has a proven track record in the areas of Strategic Management, organization transformation, risk and project management, Policy Monitoring and Evaluation among others. She is a leader and have a vast experience as a strategist.

She served in a number of Boards such as the Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority, Botswana National Sports Council, a Member of Council – ABM University College and was a Member of Technical Advisory Team of Economic Recovery Plan Covid-19 in Botswana.

She is currently taking pride in serving and leading the Technical Working Group crafting the Second Decade plan, dubbed Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of the African blue print towards an Integrated, Prosperous and Peaceful Africa, Agenda 2063, which she considers as an honor to serve our continent towards “the Africa we want”. Botho is also a member of the Executive Board of Africa Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF).

She is Born in Botswana, a family lady, married and blessed with three Children.

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**Carlos Komla AKLIGO**

Carlos is a highly accomplished evaluation and program management expert with over a decade of progressive experience in leading strategic initiatives across Africa and within global institutions. His career reflects a strong blend of technical expertise, leadership, and a deep commitment to strengthening evidence-based decision-making systems.

Carlos previously held multiple senior roles at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), where he served as Programme and Budget Specialist at the FAO Regional Office for Africa. He also worked as Regional Consultant for the Corporate Outcome Assessment and was a key member of the Results Monitoring Team, coordinating stakeholder engagement as the Regional Data Collection Coordinator for FAO's Regional Stakeholder Survey.

Currently, Carlos is the Executive Director of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA). In this capacity, he provides visionary leadership in advancing AfrEA's strategic objectives. He oversees the planning and execution of the continent's largest evaluation forum AfrEA's Biennial International Conference while managing cross-cutting projects, driving regional capacity-building efforts, and promoting indigenous and gender-responsive evaluation practices. Under his leadership, AfrEA continues to foster strong partnerships with national and global stakeholders to strengthen national evaluation systems and elevate the voice of African evaluators on the global stage.

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**Damit Serge Didier AMANY**

Mr Didier Serge Didier AMANY is an Economist and Statistician at the West African Development Bank with nineteen (19) years' experiences. He is Manager in charge of Impact Monitoring and Evaluation. Since 2013, he has represented BOAD on the Harmonized Indicators for Private Sector Operations (HIPSOP) Working Group and the International Initiative for Impact evaluation (3ie). He is involved in strengthening M&E practices in West Africa. Since 2021, it has gradually integrated geospatial analysis into the monitoring and evaluation methods as well as the ex-post measurement of CO2 and fine particle reduction.

**Dereje Mamo TSEGAYE**

Dereje Mamo Tsegaye is an accomplished Public Health Evaluation Specialist with 20+ years of expertise in health program management, M&E, and capacity strengthening. He has led key initiatives in iCCM, RH/FP, TB, Malaria, EPI, HIV/AIDS, WASH, HSS and digital health (HMIS/DHIS2) while working with FMOH, UNICEF, WHO, FHI 360, USAID, and Save the Children. Proficient in mixed-methods evaluations, he has published research and conducted high-impact assessments. A leader in the evaluation field, he served as President of the Ethiopian M&E Association (2013–2015) and now heads the Ethiopia Evaluation Association (since 2023). He holds an MSc in Health M&E (Jimma University).



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**Diaw Fatimata W. GAYE**  
**AfrEA Board of Directors Representing west Africa**

Fatimata GAYE background is in business administration, project management, procurement, audit/inspection. She also served on the Audit and Evaluation Advisory Committee of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

She is an active member of SenEval since 2013, and in March 2024 became an elected member at the Board of Directors of the African Evaluation Association. This demonstrated her strong commitment in Africa good governance.

Committed on environment protection, she has initiated several reforestation activities in Dakar and northern Senegal. She supports an innovative approach of Coranic school and a youth project for a green school.



**Dr. Almas Fortunatus MAZIGO**

Dr Almas Fortunatus Mazigo is a senior lecturer at the Dar es Salaam University College of Education in Tanzania. He holds a PhD in Applied Ethics, a Master of Development Studies, and a Bachelor of Philosophy. Dr Mazigo is the pioneer and coordinator of the Master of Arts in Development Evaluation (MADE) Program at the University of Dar es Salaam. The MADE program prepares competent scholars and professionals in development evaluation. He has been a board member of the Tanzania Evaluation Association (TanEA) since January 2019. Dr Mazigo actively participates in AfrEA's Made in Africa Evaluation (MAE) research agenda. He has led the TanEA team in exploring evaluative insights from Swahili proverbs and developing the Swahili Evaluation Approach.



**Dr. Awuor PONGE**  
**Vice-President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA)**

Dr. Awuor Ponge, is a Senior Associate Fellow, in-charge of Research, Policy and Evaluation at the African Policy Centre (APC). He is also the Vice-President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA). He holds a PhD in Gender and Development Studies. Ponge is an Adjunct Faculty at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) where he teaches Development and Policy Studies. 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.



**Dr. Florence Ebam ETTA**

Florence is a global evaluation of development action leader, activist and research, monitoring, evaluation and learning social enterprise operator. She is a member of three contemporary global evaluation networks; EvalGender+, EvalIndigenous and EVALSDGs. Florence is a Fellow of and former General Secretary

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of the Nigerian Association of Evaluators (NAE), a member of the American Evaluation Association and a life and former Board member of IDEAS – the International Development Evaluation Association. She served as Chair of the UN Women Global Evaluation Advisory Committee between 2017 and 2019, the 6th President of AfrEA, is the Chair of AGDEN and editor of the African Evaluation Journal.



**Dr. Ian GOLDMAN**  
**President of the International Evaluation Academy**

Ian is President of the International Evaluation Academy, a M&E Specialist Advisor with the South African Presidency and an International Advisor on Evaluation/MEL and Evidence Systems. He was Deputy Director General in the South African Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation to 2018, where he established and ran the National Evaluation System and was a founder of the Twende Mbele African Government M&E Partnership. Since 2018 Ian has been researching, training and consulting internationally in evidence use, monitoring and evaluation systems, working particularly in Africa and Asia. The International Evaluation Academy focuses on the contribution evaluation can play in addressing the polycrisis, and Ian has been very closely involved in driving a 3 Horizons initiative to explore how the evaluation field can play this transformational role. In the South African Presidency Ian has developed the MEL system for the just energy transition. He has worked in 21 countries in Africa, Latin America, Europe and Asia, with government, civil society and the private sector. He is associated with the universities of Cape Town and Witwatersrand, and an editor and author of the book Evidence Use in Policy and Practice: lessons from Africa.



**Dr. Indran A. NAIDOO**

Dr Indran A. Naidoo is the Director of the Independent Office of Evaluation of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Rome, Italy, and he is currently the Chair of the Evaluation Cooperation Group [ECG] of the International Financial Institutions. As former Director of the Independent Evaluation Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New York, he transformed the evaluation function in terms of independence, output, and engagement, producing over 150 country and corporate evaluations. The National Evaluation Capacity series grew to become the largest and most influential platform for advancing evaluation at the government level. Previous roles included that of Deputy Director-General of M&E at the independent Public Service Commission and M&E Director at the Department of Land Affairs. He served as Vice-Chair of UN Evaluation Group (UNEG), instructor at the International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET), and was a founding board member of the South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA). He holds a DPhil and post-graduate degree in Geography and Education and is the recipient of numerous awards and extensively published.

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**Dr. Manas PURI,**  
**Senior Professional, Independent Evaluation Office**  
**New Development Bank**

Dr. Manas Puri is a seasoned evaluation expert and international development professional, currently serving as Senior Professional at the Independent Evaluation Office of the New Development Bank (NDB). With prior experience at the UN FAO, where he worked on sustainable energy and climate-smart agriculture, Dr. Puri brings a multidisciplinary lens to evaluation, grounded in both technical depth and systems thinking. He holds a PhD in Management and has worked across Asia, Africa, and Europe, with a strong focus on evidence-based policy, sustainability, and development effectiveness.



**Dr. Mark ABRAHAMS**  
**Founder Editor-in-chief of the African Evaluation Journal.**

Dr Mark Abrahams is a Senior Research Associate with Southern Hemisphere, a Social Development Agency based in Cape Town, South Africa. He is a founder member of the South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA) and a former chairperson. Mark is the founder Editor-in-chief of the African Evaluation Journal, a publication of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA). The journal publishes high quality peer-reviewed articles of merit on any subject related to evaluation and provides targeted information of professional interest to members of AfrEA and its national associations. He is lead evaluator of several studies across Africa and teaches a post-graduate module in evaluation research at the University of Cape Town (UCT).



**Dr. Miché Ouédraogo**  
**President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) and**  
**CEO of Performance Initiative Internationale (P2I)**

Dr. Miché Ouédraogo is the President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) and CEO of Performance Initiative Internationale (P2I). He is also Assistant Professor and researcher in project, program and public policy evaluation in African Center for Higher Studies with Management (CESAG). In the past, he has worked as an evaluation expert for organizations such as the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), World Bank, the African Development Bank and several research centers in Canada and Africa, all in the field of monitoring and evaluation. Dr Miché Ouédraogo holds a Ph.D. in public administration, with a major in public policy analysis and management, from University of Quebec (National school of Public administration –ÉNA), a Master's degree in project management from the African institute of management (IAM), a Master's degree in economics and management science from the University of Koudougou (UK) and a Bachelor's degree in statistics from the University of Ouagadougou (UO). He is the author of a book and co-author of several scientific articles and book chapters on evaluation.

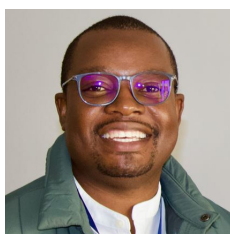


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**Dr. Mjiba FREHIWOT**  
**Editor-in-chief of the African Evaluation Journal.**

Mjiba Frehiwot (mfrehiwot@ug.edu.gh) is the Editor-in-Chief of the African Evaluation Journal and is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana. Dr. Frehiwot researches, debates and thinks deeply about Pan-African consciousness and how to decolonize and re-Africanize knowledge production in Global Africa including African centered evaluation. Her primary research focuses on Made-in-Africa Evaluation, Pan-Africanism, African political thought, and social movements in Global Africa with a focus on Ghana, Tanzania and the United States. Dr. Frehiwot is a member of the Pan-African Indigenous Evaluation Consortium developing MAE products to be used for evaluations in Africa. She recently released her first film titled "Umoja: Africa Must Unite Now". She has published widely published in academic and non-academic outlets.



**Dr. Takunda CHIRAU**  
**Acting Director at the CLEAR Evaluation Anglophone Africa of the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI)**

Acting Director at the Clear Evaluation Anglophone Africa of the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI). I am responsible for the managing the national evaluation systems programme and establishing and nurturing the relationships for developing/strengthening evaluation systems in English speaking African countries. I have published book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles in and outside the evaluation space. In addition I have co-authored three books on equitable evaluations.



**Dr. Thina NZO**  
**Programme Manager at Twende Mbele (Wits University)**

Dr Thina Nzo is the Programme Manager at Twende Mbele (Wits University). She read for PhD in African Studies (University of Edinburgh) and an MSc in Local Government Studies (University of Birmingham). She has over sixteen years of professional work experience working in the non-governmental sector as a programme manager, researcher, consultant, policy and development practitioner specialising in policy monitoring and evaluation and leading policy advocacy reforms. Her passion for local governance, participatory democracy and policymaking is demonstrated in her research and evaluation publications, that sought to advance socio-economic justice and interrogate the politics of inclusive development in the on-going process of building state-society relations in Africa.



**Dr. Zenda OFIR**  
**2nd. President of AfREA**

Dr Zenda Ofir is a South African evaluation and transformation specialist. She works across the world from local to global level with a special focus on Africa, Asia and the Global South more broadly. She continues to advise and support international initiatives and organisations, most recently as member of the High-Level Evaluation

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**Eddah Kanini KARIJO**  
**Treasurer of AfrEA**

Eddah is a passionate and skilled evaluation expert with a strong commitment to advancing gender equity, human rights, and social justice through evidence-based decision-making. She specializes in designing and implementing evaluations that integrate gender-sensitive, equity-focused, and rights-based approaches, aiming to elevate marginalized voices and drive transformative change. As the leader of the Gender and Equity Focused Evaluation TIG of IDEAS, Eddah actively contributes to advancing critical issues within the global evaluation community. With over two decades of experience in organizational development, monitoring, evaluation, and gender specialization, Eddah has collaborated with local and international organizations as well as government entities to support sustainable development goals. Her approach emphasizes the use of sound technologies and inclusive policies to ensure that evaluations produce actionable insights. In her mentoring and training initiatives, she has coached teams across Kenyan counties and guided numerous emerging evaluators, including her involvement with the EvalPartners' Young and Emerging Evaluators program, the MDE PEACE Project (now Connexus), and a group mentorship program for women in evaluation. Eddah is dedicated to fostering robust, participatory evaluation practices that uphold social justice. Her experience spans health systems, WASH, climate change, Indigenous knowledge, and DEI, making her a self-motivated, results-oriented leader who helps organizations create transformative change in alignment with their goals.



**Edem MESSA-GAVO**  
**Senior Expert, Impact Measurement at the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF).**

Edem is a development professional with over 20 years of experience in the design of results-based monitoring and evaluation systems for governments and organizations across Africa. He also has strong competencies in strategic planning, program management and quality assurance. He has contributed significantly to evaluation capacity development efforts in Africa by leading several assessments of capacity for monitoring, evaluation and reporting on development agenda at country, regional and continental levels. He facilitated many sessions for enhancing results management skills, knowledge and practice in countries.

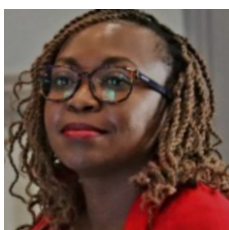
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**Edeshri MOODLEY**

**Head of monitoring and evaluation at the Development Bank of Southern Africa**

Edeshri Moodley is the Head of monitoring and evaluation at the Development Bank of Southern Africa with over 20 years of experience in strategy, monitoring and evaluation. Edeshri is presently responsible for the Bank -wide monitoring and evaluation systems. Edeshri was previously Chief Director: Planning Alignment at the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation where she led on medium term planning, monitoring and reporting systems for the national and provincial spheres of government.

Edeshri also served as a Director at the National Treasury, South Africa responsible for provincial planning and monitoring.

**Euody MOGASWA**

**Technical Information Specialist at the Development Bank of Southern Africa**

Ms Euody Mogaswa is the Technical Information Specialist at the Development Bank of Southern Africa, responsible for coordinating the monitoring of projects funded by the Bank. She previously worked as the Director for Planning Alignment at the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. She has nine (9) years' experience in the planning system of government, providing direction and support to national government institutions on short- and medium-term planning, monitoring and reporting processes and reforms. She also has seven (7) years' experience as a Director for Budget Reform at the National Treasury responsible for introduction of new reforms, facilitating implementation and monitoring the implementation of the reforms. She has strong background in planning, monitoring, reporting, evaluations, public policy development and analysis, and budgeting.



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**Guido QUIROGA**

**Evaluation Officer at the World Food Programme (WFP).**

Guido brings over a decade of global experience designing and leading monitoring, evaluation and delivery systems for governments, international organizations, and NGOs. Currently an Evaluation Officer at the World Food Programme, he focuses on national evaluation capacity development efforts and oversees the quality system of the decentralized evaluation function. Previously, Guido advised on M&E frameworks for governance projects at the Tony Blair Institute, for resilience programs at the World Bank, and undertook independent evaluation work across Latin America and Africa. Guido bridges technical rigor with a drive for implementation to drive evidence-based decision-making in complex settings.



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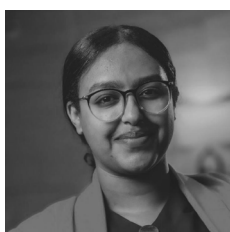
**Hasina RAKOTOZAFIARISOA**  
**General Coordinator of the Reform Program for Administrative Efficiency (PREA)**

Hasina Rakotozafiarisoa is an expert in public sector reform and monitoring and evaluation, with over 20 years of experience across Africa. Since 2022, he has served as General Coordinator of the PREA under the Presidency of the Republic of Madagascar. In 2024, he was elected President of the Malagasy Association for Evaluation (MASSE). He holds two master's degrees, in project management and public administration, and has contributed to governance projects in countries such as Burundi, Congo, Togo, Senegal, and Côte d'Ivoire. In Madagascar, he played a key role in developing the National Evaluation Plan.



**H.E. Luc Joseph OKIO**  
**Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in charge of State Reform**

Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in charge of State Reform, H.E. Luc Joseph OKIO, is a career diplomat. He holds a PhD in Political Science (University of Bordeaux I) and is a graduate of the Institute of Political Studies in Lyon. He has held senior positions both at headquarters and in the foreign service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Congo. As Permanent Representative of Congo to the United Nations (New York and Geneva), he led the Congolese delegation to the UN Security Council, the Human Rights Council, and other international bodies. Elevated to the rank of Ambassador, he has been Minister since 2021.



**Hilina YALEM**  
**YEE and Board Member of the Ethiopian Evaluation Association (EEvA)**

Hilina Yalem is a consultant at Triple Line Consulting with over four years of experience in evaluation, supporting impact evaluations, strategic reviews, and MEL system strengthening across Ethiopia. She brings expertise in qualitative and mixed-methods research, including tool development, stakeholder engagement, data collection, and analysis.

Hilina is a dedicated emerging evaluator and has been serving as a Board Member of the Ethiopian Evaluation Association (EEvA) since 2023. In this role, she actively contributes to strengthening the national evaluation ecosystem in Ethiopia by supporting the establishment of regional chapters and fostering collaborations to raise awareness of monitoring and evaluation.

She holds a BA in Political Science and International Relations from Addis Ababa University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Regional and Local Development Planning.

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**Ian HOPWOOD**

**Former Representative of the UNICEF Office in Dakar and Honorary President of the Senegalese Evaluation Association (SenEval)**

Ian Hopwood was Evaluation Chief at UNICEF HQ and served as UNICEF Representative in three African countries. Has taught evaluation and child rights at Sciences Po, Paris and Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, and is a consultant and author. Honorary President of the Senegalese Evaluation Association (SenEval), he supports their evaluation capacity development work, focusing on national systems, youth and child centered evaluation, and YEEs. Member of the African Evaluation Journal's editorial board, and has served on Senegal's National Evaluation Commission. Has degrees from Cornell and Aberystwyth University, of which he is a Fellow. Long time supporter of AfrEA!

**Jamal RAMDANE**

Jamal Ramdane is a state-certified engineer, statistician, economist, strategy advisor, evaluation expert, current president of the Moroccan Evaluation Association, and certified company director.

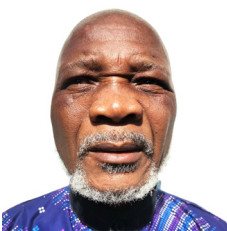
He has held senior positions as Director of Observation and Cooperation in the Energy and Mining Sector, Director of the Road Financing Fund, Director of Strategy and Budget at the Ministry of Equipment, Director of Administration and Finance at the National Airports Office, and Head of the Evaluation Division at the Ministry of Equipment.

Ramdane Jamal has contributed to the development of several sectoral strategies in the areas of transport infrastructure and energy. He has also participated in more than 30 post-evaluations in the field of public infrastructure.

**Jean-Charles ROUGE**

**3rd President of AfrEA (2004-2005)**

Jean-Charles Rouge, 3rd President of AfrEA (2004-2005), is an economist with over 20 years of experience in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He specializes in impact-oriented M&E systems, learning, and sustainable evaluation capacity development. Currently at CIFOR-ICRAF in Indonesia, he focuses on assessing and enhancing the effectiveness of research for impact. Jean-Charles has held key M&E roles with UNDP, UKAID and DFAT-funded programs, and the French Treasury. He holds a Master's in Macroeconomics and a Graduate Certificate in Evaluation. A trilingual communicator, he has contributed to publications on development and evaluation and continues to support learning and evidence use.

**John Tembo NJOVU**

**Africa Co-Convener, EvalIndigenous Global Network & Former Treasurer of AfrEA**

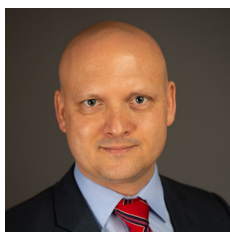
John T. Njovu is a Zambian, a renowned Evaluator, Economist and thought leader in global social and economic development circles. He held key positions in the Zambian government and local and international civil society. He is a former Treasurer of the African Evaluation Association and a founding member of the network



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of Indigenous Evaluators (EvalIndigenous). He coordinates its development of an African indigenous evaluation curriculum. He was in 2024 the Technical Advisor to the Pan African Indigenous Evaluation Consortium. Also, a former Chairman of the Zambia Evaluation Association and the Governance Monitoring and Evaluation Committee of the Government of Zambia.

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**Karen Rot-MÜNSTERMANN**

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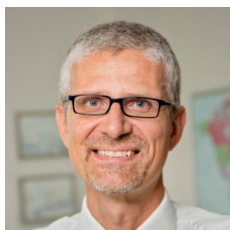
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**Laurent Blaise TAGO**

Mr Laurent Blaise TAGO has been a member of the Central African States Development Bank (BDEAC) for almost 20 years, he held the following positions: Head of the Audit, Inspection and Retrospective Evaluation Department; Resident Representative of BDEAC in Chad and Advisor to the President of the Bank. A position that allows him, among other things, to coordinate the activities of the Operational Directorates, to instruct the files entrusted to him by the President, to supervise the work of integration of the prospective vision of the development of the Bank. Mr. Laurent Blaise Tago was Advisor to the World Bank's Africa II Group.



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## Marco SEGONE

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**Mark MULOBI**

Mark Mulobi is a Young and Emerging Evaluator from Kenya advancing digital inclusiveness and evidence-based development across Africa. As a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Consultant at the Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL) of the UN Foundation, he ensures digital transformation is inclusive. Mark specializes in Digital Public Infrastructure policy, examining climate, gender, and data governance intersections. He serves on the AfrEA Board as Anglophone Africa's Young and Emerging Evaluator representative and represents East Africa in AGDEN. As an Eval4Action champion, Mark advocates for strengthened evaluation capacities and evidence-based policies to accelerate SDG achievement, exemplifying Africa's emerging generation of evaluators bridging digital divides.



**Matthew LUBUULWA**

Matthew Lubuulwa is a Monitoring and Evaluation Expert, with over 16 years' experience in M&E, Research, Public Policy Analysis, Information Technology, Public and Private Sector Investment management, Agri-business value chain analysis, science technology and innovations and strategic planning among others. He has spent 15 years with the Budget Monitoring and Accountability Unit (BMAU) of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development-Uganda, where he currently serves as Senior Technical Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist supporting the programmes of; Digital Transformation, Manufacturing, Private Sector Development, Tourism Development, and Innovation Technology Development and Transfer. He has led teams and participated in several MERL studies with both national and international agencies. He is a Member of the National M&E Technical Working Group, a Partner at Strategic Advisory and Research Consulting Limited and is the Immediate Past President of the Uganda Evaluation Association (2020-2025).



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**Maximilien GBETHOLANCY**

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**Moses MASHINGAIDZE**

Moses Mashingaidze is a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Specialist with over a decade of experience in impact measurement, evaluation design, and strategy across sectors including education, health, and climate change. He is a PhD candidate in Evaluation Studies, a Legacy Board Member of SAMEA, and the Southern Africa Representative on the AfrEA Board. Moses has led evaluation capacity strengthening initiatives, contributed to national M&E systems, and advocates for integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems into evaluation practice. He is passionate about using evidence for decision-making and transforming development impact across Africa.

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**Nassibou BASSONGUI**  
**Chargé de recherche/Research officer**

A statistician and evaluation researcher, he focuses on adaptive evaluation methodologies. He is particularly involved in the evaluation of capacity-building programs, aiming to assess their relevance, effectiveness and long-term impact. In addition, he brings experience in diagnosing individual, institutional, and systemic evaluation capacities. He is further actively engaged in fostering communities of practice in evaluation across French-speaking Africa, promoting collaboration, knowledge sharing, and peer learning.

**Nermine WALLY**

Nermine Wally is a strategic leader in evaluation and gender-responsive programming, with over 15 years in the UN system. She currently serves as Programme Advisor at UN Women HQ, advancing policy, evaluation, and coordination across the Arab States and West/Central Africa.

A former President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA2010), Nermine also served as Secretary of the IOCE and is a founding member of EvalMENA. She has championed evaluation capacity development across regions—leading trainings and co-initiating the first African Evaluation Journal—with a strong focus on equity, accountability, and evidence-informed decision-making.

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**Noumonvi Kossigan MAWUÉNA,**  
**Specialist in Monitoring – Evaluation and Development Planning**

A development planner with a passion for accountability systems, Noumonvi Kossigan Mawuéna is a specialist in Monitoring-Evaluation, with experience in the United Nations system. He works on the evaluation of public policies, capacity building and the integration of cross-cutting issues (gender, climate, inclusion) into learning processes. He supports public institutions, NGOs and international agencies in the design and implementation of effective MEAL frameworks.


**Okwen Chanice FRI**

Okwen Chanice Fri is a Cameroonian evaluation specialist and lead innovator of the Tori Dey Diaries, a storytelling-based method for capturing lived experiences in impact evaluations. With eBASE Africa and the CIRed initiative, she integrates Indigenous Knowledge Systems into Social and Emotional Learning projects for displaced communities. Chanice has led rapid reviews for the Mastercard Foundation and presented at AfrEA and CIES. She is passionate about decolonizing evidence and advancing African-rooted evaluation methodologies.


**Oumoul Khayri Ba TALL**

Oumoul est directrice exécutive du cabinet OKT-Consult, une entreprise de Conseil qu'elle a fondée en 1997 à Nouakchott, en Mauritanie. Elle compte plus de 30 années d'expérience professionnelle, principalement axée sur les services de gestion/management, de contrôle/oversight, et sur la formation professionnelle.

Experte Comptable, MBA, Oumoul est aussi spécialiste en Evaluation et en Entrepreneuriat.

Ancienne présidente de l'AfrEA (2007-2009), et de l'IOCE/OICE (2008-2010), elle siège au conseil d'administration de 3ie depuis 2012, dans lequel elle préside le comité d'Audit et des finances, membre de divers organismes d'évaluation (IDEAS, AMSE en Mauritanie, SénEval au Sénégal, etc.), et engagée dans de nombreuses initiatives pour renforcer les systèmes d'évaluation, et la pratique de l'évaluation du développement en Afrique et dans le monde.


**Prof. Bagele CHILISA**

Bagele Chilisa, is renowned postcolonial scholar who has written extensively on indigenous research and evaluation methodologies. She is considered by some to be a leading scholar on decolonizing research and evaluation in the Global South, while others credit her with laying the foundation for the role of IKS as a body of thought that should inform research and evaluation methodologies. Chilisa's groundbreaking book, Indigenous Research Methodologies, and other works showcase IKS as a powerful tool for inventiveness, abstract thinking, theory building, and development of models and tools unique to Africa,





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yet adaptable and accessible for use in other cultures, Western and non-Western. She is currently the Principal investigator of a Mastercard Foundation-funded study that seeks to co-create frameworks and methods that address power asymmetries and elevate the voices of marginalized communities



**Prof Dr Joerg FAUST**

Jörg Faust is director of the German Institute for Development Evaluation (Deval) and Professor of Political Science at the University of Duisburg-Essen. He holds a doctoral degree in political science from the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz and a Master in Business Administration from Mannheim University. Before joining Deval, he was Head of Department at the German Development Institute (DIE/IDOS). He is the Chair of the OECD/DAC Network on Development Evaluation (EvalNet) and a member of the scientific advisory board for the Bertelsmann Transformation Index (BTI).

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**Richard Grenville JONES**  
**Deputy Director of UNDP's Independent Evaluation Office**

Richard Grenville Jones is Deputy Director of UNDP's Independent Evaluation Office, bringing over 25 years of experience in evaluation, economic development, and strategic planning. He has led major country and thematic evaluations and played a key role in enhancing decentralized evaluation capacity within UNDP. His expertise spans governance, policy analysis, and private sector development, with a focus on evidence-based decision-making to improve development effectiveness. Richard has worked extensively across Africa, Asia, and other regions, contributing to robust evaluation frameworks and institutional learning within UNDP and the development system.

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**Samer HACHEM,**  
**Director, Sector-Country-Project evaluations, Independent Evaluation Department, EBRD**

Samer Hachem is Director in the Independent Evaluation Department of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), overseeing the delivery of sector, country, and project level evaluations. Before joining EBRD, he was Senior Advisor at the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN) Secretariat, hosted at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, overseeing the delivery of quality assessments and the continued relevance of the approach. He previously served as Division Manager at the Independent Development Evaluation Department of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) where he oversaw the delivery of country-level, corporate and thematic evaluations.

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### Samuel KOUAKOU

Samuel KOUAKOU is an international Senior Evaluator with over 15 years of experience in national and international evaluations. He is a Credentialed Evaluator and a prospective member of the Credentialing Board of the Canadian Evaluation Society. He is President of the Ivorian Initiative for Evaluation (2IEval) and former Vice President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA). Samuel has also served on the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentarians' Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE) and mentors emerging evaluators through EvalYouth's Global Mentoring Program. He is the author of several books and publications on Monitoring and Evaluation.



### Sara KOUAKOU

Sara Kouakou is IFAD Lead Portfolio Advisor for East and Southern Africa, overseeing the implementation of projects across the region. Her role involves monitoring and reporting on results, as well as providing strategic and operational advice to enhance performance.

In IFAD, Sara also made significant contributions as Senior Portfolio Advisor for the Near East, North Africa and Central Asia Division, and designing corporate policies and operational guidance for self-evaluation in the Operational Policy and Results division. Before joining IFAD, Sara served as Country Engagement Manager for the African Risk Capacity and as Investment Promotion Officer at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.



### Sarah Desiree Klier Team Lead Evaluation Capacity Development at DEval

Sarah Klier has over ten years of professional experience in evaluation and evaluation capacity development (ECD). She is technical manager of DEval's work towards building evaluation capacities and team leader of the ECD project EvalConnect. Sarah has worked extensively with national evaluation systems and her most recent academic research examines a systemic ECD approach from a theoretical perspective. She previously worked as an evaluator and tutor at the Centrum für Evaluation (CEval) in Saarbrücken, where she carried out several evaluations in the field of international cooperation. Sarah Klier also taught on the "Master of Evaluation" degree programme at Saarland University.

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### **Serge Eric Yakeu DJIAM B.Sc.; Ir., M.Sc., CE**

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### **SSENKYONDO VICENT**

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist | Researcher | Statistician**

Vicent Ssenyondo is a seasoned Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist, Researcher, and Statistician with vast experience in data analysis, evidence generation, and evaluation capacity strengthening across Africa. He works with Uganda's Ministry of Finance and is an Associate Consultant at Uganda Management Institute. A former General Secretary of the Uganda Evaluation Association (2022–2025), he now represents East Africa on the AfrEA Board and is active in IDEAS and AGDEN. Vicent has facilitated trainings and conferences across Africa and Europe, with expertise in tools like Excel, STATA, SPSS, NVivo, Power BI, and Kobo Toolbox. He is passionate about mentoring the next generation of evaluators.



### **Stephen ALOO**

#### **Senior Director Impact Strategy Analytics & Evaluation at Mastercard Foundation**

Aloo has over 20 years of experience leading evaluation and measurement across health, agriculture, education, and youth livelihoods in Africa. Trained in Biomedical Science–Pharmacology & Physiology, Biostatistics, Social Statistics, Epidemiology, and Monitoring & Evaluation, he has consistently advanced the use of digital technologies in M&E, from early mobile data collection systems to integrated analytics and learning platforms. He champions Made in Africa Evaluation (MAE) as a technical necessity to ensure relevance, usability, and legitimacy. His work reflects a deep commitment to ensuring that measurement and evaluation systems are responsive to the realities of local populations and designed to support adaptive decision-making. For Aloo, measurement and evaluation is not about auditing development, it is about enabling systems to evolve, inform better choices, and deliver impact that lasts.



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**Subarna MATHES**  
Deputy Director, Office of Strategy and Learning,  
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Subarna Mathes serves as deputy director on the Strategy and Learning team. She works closely with programs across the foundation as they develop strategy, supporting a learning culture and advising on the integration of evaluation and evaluative thinking into our work. Prior to joining Ford, Subarna was a learning and impact program officer embedded within the Open Society Foundations' Fiscal Governance Program. Before that, she had served as a consultant with Innovations for Scaling Impact (iScale), where she facilitated strategic planning and theory of change processes, and designed and conducted advocacy and networking evaluations for a variety of nonprofit organizations and philanthropies. Subarna has an MPA in evaluation from the University of Washington, an MA in South Asian studies from the University of Michigan, and a BA in international affairs from the George Washington University.



**Thabo RAKOLOTI**

Thabo Rakoloti is a seasoned South African development professional with over 20 years of experience in public policy, infrastructure financing, and health systems development. He currently serves as the Acting Director-General of the Africa Regional Centre at the New Development Bank (NDB), an institution established by the BRICS nations to support sustainable infrastructure and development projects across emerging economies.



**Thokozile MOLAIWA**  
Head of Evaluation at the Department of Planning, Monitoring  
and Evaluation (DPME) in South Africa

Ms Thokozile Molaiwa is the Head of Evaluation at the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) in South Africa since August 2020. Prior to joining DPME, she served as an evaluator in South African institutions such as the Public Service Commission, Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. Ms Molaiwa has been part of South Africa's National Evaluation System (NES) since August 2012. She has over 20 years' work experience with 15 years' experience in the evaluation of developmental programmes and interventions.

In her current role of managing and coordinating the NES, she continues to shape evaluation policy and practice nationally through co-authoring several DPME guidelines that inform government-wide evaluation standards, assisting state institutions to institutionalise evaluations, evaluation capacity development, and promote the use of evaluation evidence for improved decision making. My work promotes transformative and participatory evaluation, with a strong focus on decolonising national systems. Notably, I co-authored a 2024 paper on decolonising evaluation systems in partnership with global peers. She is currently the Chairperson of the Technical Committee of Twende Mbele African M&E Partnership.

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**Tsigereda Bekele BELAY**  
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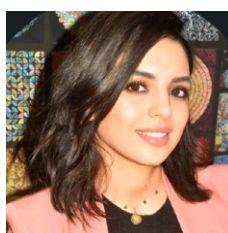
Tsigereda brings over 20 years of experience in developing Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning systems, along with implementing MEL activities in health, education, and youth development programs.

Tsigereda is former president of the Ethiopian Evaluation Association (2018–2020), where she played a pivotal role in strengthening the national VOPE, providing strategic direction to advocate for evaluation practices, and fostering collaboration with government institutions and development partners. She also volunteered on the board of directors of the IOCE as AfrEA representative (2020–2022) and as secretary (2022–2024).

Tsigereda is based in Addis Ababa, currently working for UNICEF as M&E specialist and board advisor to Ethiopian Evaluation Association.



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Yasmine Taiss is a PhD candidate in Organizational Management Sciences at ENCG – Ibn Tofaïl University in Kenitra, Morocco. Her doctoral research explores the role of universities in territorial development, focusing on the intersection between higher education, the knowledge economy, and local governance. With a background in economics, she also works as an independent consultant and trainer in communication, entrepreneurship, and soft skills. She collaborates with national and international institutions in the fields of education and capacity building. Yasmin is also an advisor to the Moroccan Evaluation Association. She is deeply committed to inclusive development and transformative learning across the MENA region.

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