EVALUATION 2030: "BASELINING THE DECADE"

OUR PROPOSAL

<u>BACKGROUND</u>

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were created in 2015, to encourage Nations to take better care of their people, the planet and prosperity. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals requires advance planning, periodic monitoring and rigorous evaluation. This is to ensure that all projects, strategies and policies are properly implemented. Fundamentally, we recognise that there is an imperative need for community participation, capacity strengthening and possible restructuring amongst actors. We intend to reach an agreement; outlining how far we have come and what steps we need to take for further improvement.

Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) is described as a process that assists project managers in improving performance and achieving results. The goal of M&E is to improve current and future management of outputs, outcomes and impact. In order to properly evaluate Nigeria's performance on the SDGs, a substantial amount of data will be required. In Nigeria today, Data is unavailable and unreliable for a number of reasons. According to a report on Quartz Africa 2019, The state of Nigeria's lack of accurate data is such that even the president does not know the country's population size. This is because Nigeria lacks the foundation for Data collection.

This event will focus on capacity building sessions that will address these key issues

1. Data collection and availability in Nigeria
2. Improving M&E methods in Nigeria
3. Improving measuring and reporting methods in Nigeria

Proposal

The event 'Baselining the century' aims to convene stakeholders across various sectors contributing to the SDG's with the aim of Increasing evaluators capacity to measure results, generate and use credible and quality evidence. As mentioned earlier, Nigeria faces a serious problem with collecting and reporting data. So, our capacity building sessions will include

1. Arriving at a national consensus on what the actual figures are across the 17 SDGs. A national consensus will be reached when all stakeholders submit all available data to us before the event begins. This data is then compiled and collated. It will then be presented to the attendees to reach a national consensus.

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2. Identifying the gaps after a national consensus has been reached. By comparing the given figures to the population and also using the targets and indicators attached to the 17 SDGs. This will enable us to learn from previous mistakes and identify areas that need reform and improvements.

3. Reviewing existing national development agendas to assess it for progress and shortcomings. By doing so, we are able to use the new figures to make informed policy decisions. Therefore, policies like Economic recovery and growth plan summary (ERGP) can feed off the updated data and improve on their policies.

4. Obtaining a renewed commitment to measuring and reporting impact by all stakeholders. commitments will be renewed by stakeholders to ensure that by 2030, we are at least 70% closer to achieving these global goals. Renewing commitments means that stakeholders will sign a paper and electronic copy of a commitment, re-adopting the Sustainable development goals. By doing so, anyone who hasn't signed this commitment can be held liable and can be petitioned.

5. Develop a central and transparent reporting dashboard housed within the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation of the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National planning. The purpose of this dashboard is to help drive the collection of end-to-end data from stakeholders. Collected data will then be analyzed and the results can be used to measure impact across all agencies.

6. Knowledge sharing sessions where all players are present to share knowledge that will help increase the capacity of all evaluators present. The stakeholders will have sessions that will properly train them and build their capacity to collect data, measure data. Report data and use credible evidence. By doing, they are able to apply all that has been discussed during these sessions (as mentioned from point 1-5) in their daily routines as evaluators. We expect that after these sessions, the impact will be noticed.

The event details

The event is set to hold in Abuja, Nigeria.

The event will be a one-day event that addresses the above issues in different sessions.

Key speakers

Mr Uzodinma Adirieje- President of the National Association of Evaluators (NAE)

Mr Michael Oluwagbemi- Executive Partner of LoftyInc Allied Partners Ltd.

Other speakers:

- Eva Kouka-Quenum- Programme officer, Ford Foundation
- Professor Eugene Ohu- Lagos Business School

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- Professor Henrietta Onwuegbuzie- Lagos Business school
- Senator Adaeze Oduah
- Mrs Adejoke Orelope Adefulire – Senior Special Assistant to the President (SSAP) on SDGs
- Ndidi Okonkwo (Founder)- Leap Foundation
- Dr Bolatito Obisesan- Ministry of Environment
- Mr Mike Oyibo- Ministry of Science and Technology
- Mr Idris Bello-
- Dr Hamisu Kura (Financial Secretary of NAE)

Sample agenda

Registration	Registration by all attendees. All necessary materials will be disbursed after registration is complete.
Introductory sessions	By a key speaker
Session 1: Panel discussion	Speakers will discuss the impact on achieving the SDGs by improving M&E methods, measuring and reporting methods and the overall need for better collection and reporting of credible data; they will outline the key issues and challenges we have in Nigeria that has stopped us from reaching the SDGs
TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK TEA BREAK
Session 2: Group task	Identifying gaps; during this session, stakeholders will be divided into groups to discuss the progress and shortcomings towards the SDGs. It will enable stakeholders identify the gaps in our approach to achieving these SDGs and also in our M&E methods.
Lunch break	LUNCH BREAK
Session 3: presentations and slideshows	During this session, stakeholders will gather back with their reports from their group task and this will inform their training sessions. Stakeholders will be trained on new and improved M&E methods and frameworks that will help the national M& E systems in relation to achieving the SDGs by 2030
Concluding notes	By a key speaker

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