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GOOD GOVERNANCE IN NIGER, WITHIN A
DEMOCRATIC AND DECENTRALIZING CONTEXT**

**Session 4: The role of CSO in using evaluative evidence to
influence public policies**

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ReNSE BACKGROUND

- **RENSE was created** in August 1999 and formalized 30 August 2010.
- **ReNSE has 9 statutory bodies:** General Assembly (GM), Coordination Committee (CC), Scientific Committee (SC), Thematic Groups (TG), Enlarged Meeting (EM), Framework with Partners (FP), Regional Focal Points (RFP), Accounts Auditors (AA), Permanent Secretariat (PS).
- **What made the strength** of ReNSE was the fact that it was possible to wisely articulate the efforts of the various stakeholders, thereby constantly creating synergies between the actors, **be they government officials, financial and technical partners or from civil society.**
- **Some of the first coordinators of ReNSE were from UNICEF and UNPD**, and some were nationals who eventually took over while making sure that the measures provided by the statutes that guaranteed this intermingling be scrupulously respected.
- **A founding member of AfrEA**, whose 4th Conference it organized in Niamey.
- **ReNSE takes part in all of the consultations of the VOPEs** interested in the setting up of a French-speaking Evaluation Network (*RFE - Réseau Francophone de l'Evaluation*).

ACTIVITIES WHICH ENABLE ReNSE TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICIES

ReNSE members from all kinds of horizons (e.g. civil servants, civil society players, etc.) can master the tools of monitoring and evaluation. Also ReNSE's ability to organize events relative to monitoring and evaluation both at national and international levels.

- **Workshop, seminars, conferences, on good practices** in monitoring and evaluation in Niger, with the different actors (Government, Financial and technical partners, civil society).
- **Thematic Groups** on Methodology, Poverty, ICT, Environment, Decentralization, Development Strategy, ad hoc on training plan.
- **Reflection Days**, example: the contribution of civil society to the development of the evaluation culture in Niger .
- **High-level training** in the evaluation of development policies and programs, in Niger or outside for ReNSE members.
- **July 2012:** The first Nigerian Days of Evaluation, whose central theme was: "The institutionalization of evaluation in Niger for sustainable development".

ESSENTIAL FACTORS OF ReNSE FOR INFLUENCING PUBLIC POLICIES

- **Active members of ReNSE pursue the promotion of evaluation** in the structures where they exercise their technical functions and call upon other ReNSE members competent in evaluation for capacity building.
- **The voluntary engagement of the government structure** in charge of evaluation has contributed to make ReNSE a credible and unavoidable partner within the administration and to spark interest in evaluation by most of the stakeholders.
- **The training activities in monitoring and evaluation and the promotion of an evaluation culture** have led administration officials to introduce aspects relative to monitoring and evaluation in the legislation and regulations.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN ReNSE'S ROLE TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICIES

ReNSE contributes, in one way or the other, to:

- **The systematic taking in account of M&E** in preparation and implementation of public policies.
- **Creation of M&E unit in all** the government ministries, agencies and at even regional level.
- **Drafting of National Policy on Evaluation**, which has been technically adopted
- **A law intitled: « la loi N° 2011-20 du 8 août 2011 déterminant l'organisation générale de l'administration de l'Etat et fixant ses missions) »;** which mentionned M&E.
- **Participation(as a vice chair of M&E working Group)** to the drafting of Niger Social and Economic Delopment Plan (PDES)

THE WAY FORWARD FOR ReNSE TO CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICIES

- **Contribute to the implementation of the above mentioned law « *la loi N° 2011-20 du 8 août 2011* ».** This will increase the demand and the use of evaluation.
- **Continue to sensitize** the government, and mainly the parliament and other national elected and judiciary bodies to the need of evaluation.
- **Contribute to the institutionnalization of evaluation** by creating the conditions of dialogue on M&E between Government, Parliament, Civil Society and Financial and Technical Partners
- **Contribute to the formal adoption of the National Policy on Evaluation**

Thank you very much
For your kind attention



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