



# EVALINDIGENOUS

## EVALS DGs Pop-Up Note 7

### Introducing EvalIndigenous and acknowledging the importance of Indigenous Evaluation for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

#### Purpose

The Purpose of this Pop-Up Note (PUN) is to introduce EvalIndigenous and detail the core values of the organisation as it looks to support indigenous peoples working in the field of evaluation across the world in the context of the Agenda 2030. Agenda2030 sees EvalIndigenous as part of an active network of evaluation ‘allies’, with a key role in the promotion of Indigenous Evaluation production and use.

According to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007), the most beneficial approach to knowing who is Indigenous is Indigenous people’s self-identification. This is the approach adopted by EvalIndigenous.

#### PART I. What is EvalIndigenous?

EvalIndigenous was formed as part of EvalPartners, a global movement to support the evaluation discipline to become a core instrument for social, economic and environmental transformation.

EvalIndigenous is a multi-stakeholder partnership built on the foundation of the knowledge and expertise of indigenous peoples around the world. EvalIndigenous seeks to bring awareness to, include, and celebrate the cultural traditions and values, languages, legal/political governance practices, and ways of life of Indigenous peoples wherever they live. Our focus is to ensure that policies and evaluation practices for Indigenous peoples are based on equity, fairness and justice. The [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(2007\)](#) frames our work, moving from an evidence-based focus towards a shared global understanding of good practice for Indigenous peoples and our rights within the field of evaluation.

#### Intended outcomes that are the focus of EvalIndigenous currently, include:

- Global national evaluation systems and policies that recognize and support Indigenous evaluation practices and facilitate increased understanding of and support for Indigenous peoples and responsive practices within the field of evaluation.
- Recognition of and input from Indigenous peoples involved in evaluation across the globe.
- Concepts, theories and practices of Indigenous peoples and evaluators in local communities are collected and curated for the global indigenous audience to support understanding and responsive practice

#### EvalIndigenous aims to:

- Increase recognition, understanding and implementation of responsive evaluation practices within Indigenous contexts
- Promote traditional approaches as well as local innovation in evaluation practice with Indigenous peoples
- Cultivate understandings and use of responsive evaluation methodologies to ensure Indigenous peoples full participation in evaluation
- Build evaluation thinking and capacity among Indigenous peoples, evaluation practitioners, evaluation commissioners, and politicians
- Document evaluation and research protocols developed or endorsed by Indigenous peoples
- Facilitate Indigenous people’s self-determination, including they are able to fully participate in evaluations in their communities



## PART 2. Implementing the EvalAgenda 2016-2020

The purpose of the EvalAgenda 2016-2020 is to focus the ideas and activities of EvalPartners to target areas that need development and change. The three key focus areas to strengthen and develop include:

- The enabling environment for evaluation
- Institutional capacities of Volunteer Organisations of Professional Evaluation's and civil society
- Individual evaluator capacity and development

EvalIndigenous set 'Big Ideas' for 2016-2020 that align with the Global Evaluation Agenda. These include:

- Integrated Indigenous Evaluation Practice
- Strong Positive Messaging
- Amplify Indigenous Voices
- Publications of Indigenous evaluation practice from and around the world

### Activities and looking ahead

The below table summarises activities that have been the core focus of the work that EvalIndigenous have been doing in alignment with the 2016-2020 Agenda.

Project	Description and Alignment with 2016-2020 Agenda
Surveying of Volunteer Organisations of Professional Evaluation (VOPE)	November 2017. Surveying of VOPE's to gain a better understanding of VOPE engagement with Indigenous evaluators and communities in their respective countries and regions. The intention is to form a platform to better support VOPE's and their engagement with Indigenous evaluators and communities. This is in progress.
Provision of webinars	Sharing and amplifying indigenous voices.
Indigenous Voices Project	The Indigenous Voices project seeks to promote the voice of Indigenous evaluators across the globe. The EvalIndigenous team are interviewing indigenous evaluation practitioners which will then be uploaded to the EvalIndigenous Youtube page. You can monitor their progress at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-6fa01A5rHTHmZiqgdAtWw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-6fa01A5rHTHmZiqgdAtWw</a>
Publications	Planned publications to promote Indigenous evaluation use and production
Outreach	Presenting on and being present at international conferences. Strengthening the network of indigenous evaluation practitioners.

Recognizing the different world views and valuing the strengths of Indigenous evaluation practices will advance the self-determination of Indigenous peoples to lead and contribute to global evaluation practice and endeavors.

#### About Pop-Up Notes

**EVALSDGs is a global network formed to add value and learning to the SDGs, as well as support processes to integrate evaluation into global and national SDGs review systems. EVALSDGs Guidance Group is a sub-group of EVALSDGs made up of evaluators ready to walk with you to support the evaluation of the 17 SDGs which is complex and requires strong collaborations and partnerships. It provides Pop-up Notes, trainings materials, and information on opportunities to strengthen the global and national evaluation capacity. It shares good cookies around the impact and sustainability of the SDGs and tells you which competencies you need.**

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