

## EvalPartners Innovation Challenge: *Involving Non-Traditional Evaluation Partners in EvalAgenda 2020*

### 1. The EvalPartners Innovation Challenge in a snapshot

[EvalPartners](#), the global partnership to strengthen national evaluation capacities, launched in November 2015 the Global Evaluation Agenda 2020 ([EvalAgenda 2020](#)) which is the first ever long term global vision for evaluation.

The Global Evaluation Agenda was developed through participatory consultations with the global evaluation community as part of the [EvalYear 2015](#) activities. The implementation of EvalAgenda 2020 can only take place through a joint ownership of the process and its outcomes amongst the widest possible array of stakeholders (evaluators, commissioners of evaluations, managers, government officials, parliamentarians, students, trainers, researchers, academicians, media, private sector, foundations and much more).

EvalPartners defines innovation challenge as a process that:

- i) Develops a product, process or service that yields new pathways to enhance an enabling environment for evaluation
- ii) Imaginatively reframes or recombines different points of view and different existing elements for sufficient action or impact,
- iii) Shows potential for implementation and replication
- iv) Is rooted in a methodology or process, and;
- v) Accounts and accommodates for risks and potential unintended consequences.

**Innovation Challenge objective: The objective of this round of innovation challenges is to pilot, experiment and implement advocacy ideas for evidence-based approaches that can help bring on board “non-traditional” evaluation actors to harness their contribution to EvalAgenda 2020.**

Discussions during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Evaluation Forum which organized by EvalPartners in Bishkek – Kyrgyzstan in April 2017 concluded that “... there is a need to build the demand for evaluation results among a broad range of stakeholders, including parliamentarians, private sector, academe, civil society groups, citizens, and the media. This demand should be institutionalized through corresponding laws and policies on evaluation practice and use. As translation of SDGs to national and local levels remains a challenge, one of the functions of evaluation is to make SDGs meaningful for various stakeholders and in various contexts...” This is exactly what this innovation challenge is trying to address, by **opening-up the boundaries of evaluation practice beyond evaluators and commissioners of evaluation.**

Due to the limited time frame (4 months) and the limited budget (up to 10,000 USD), EvalPartners will privilege out-of-the-box, agile and quick turnaround actions in response to this call.

EvalPartners is particularly interested in encouraging ideas that bring stakeholders together across national boundaries and in particular collaborative bids which involve both evaluators and users of evaluation outputs.

**Eligibility:** Any not-for-profit organizations, governmental, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations, academic institutions and private sector organizations with an interest in and/or mandate for evidence-based policy making can apply for this call, as long as it involves organically one or more Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) from ODA-eligible countries which might be a national or regional association or society of evaluation; this might include as well cooperative

partnerships with VOPEs from non-ODA-eligible countries. It should also align with, and/or extend, the role of the EvalPartners Networks.

## 2. Process and criteria for the Innovation Challenge

### Process

Interested applicants shall submit the entry form (Annex I) with a simple project proposal of no more than 1,000 words describing the innovative idea for evidence-based approaches that can help bring on board “non-traditional” evaluation actors to harness their contribution to EvalAgenda 2020, providing information on objectives, key activities, expected outputs and outcomes, and including a detailed budget of up to 10,000 USD. The proposed project activities should be completed by **November 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**. Three winners will be selected and awarded up to 10,000 USD each to implement the idea.

### Judging

All eligible entries received during the Entry Period will be screened by a special EvalPartners’ review committee for completeness and adherence to the Challenge Objective.

The criteria to judge the entries are the following:

Criteria		Maximum Points	Proposed range of points to be given			
1	Relevance of the project to EvalAgenda 2020 and the EvalPartners Networks	20	Excellent (20-15)	Good (14-10)	Adequate (9-5)	Poor (4-0)
2	Feasibility and internal coherence	20	Excellent (20-15)	Good (14-10)	Adequate (9-5)	Poor (4-0)
3	Probably sustainability of changes created by the project	20	Excellent (20-15)	Good (14-10)	Adequate (9-5)	Poor (4-0)
4	Spark (degree of innovation in the idea and its originality)	40	Excellent (40-30)	Good (28-20)	Adequate (18-10)	Poor (8-0)

### How to apply

Kindly send the completed annex 1 to [innovationchallenge@ioce.net](mailto:innovationchallenge@ioce.net) The deadline for the submission of the entry form is **Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 2017, midnight GMT-12**. Winners will be announced on **Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**. **All winning actions must be completed by December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**, with no possibility for extension.

EvalPartners will award a grant of up to US \$10,000 each to a maximum of 3 Winners. No grants will be awarded to individuals. EvalPartners reserves the right, in its sole discretion, not to award a grant to any or all Winners. Grant contracts will be managed by the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation.

Applications should include:

- The signature of the main applicant
- A letter of endorsement and partnership by one or more partner VOPEs from ODA eligible countries (list of ODA eligible countries [here](#))
- A functional bank account to which money can be wired immediately