# OIOS-IED General Assembly mandated Thematic Evaluation of Monitoring and Evaluation of the MDGs: Lessons Learned for the post-2015 Era



#### Map of UN System Framework for Monitoring and Evaluation of MDG Progress

# General Assembly

#### ECOSOC

1. Statistical Commission

**United Nations Development Group (UNDG)** 

- 2. Development Cooperation Forum (DCF)
- 3. Annual Ministerial Review (AMR)

#### **Regional Commissions**

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

#### **REGIONAL NATIONAL GLOBAL** Accelerating Progress towards the Secretary-General Support of MDG **ESCWA** UNDP/UN • Report on the Work of the Organization Country reports **ECA** Country MDG Acceleration Framework Action Team •Regional MDG Reports **ECE** Plans and Reports •Regional MDG **Chief Executives ESCAP** • MDG Country Reviews **Databases** Board (CEB) **ECLAC** + partners • The Millennium Development Goals Report **IAEG-MDG** (annual) MDG Achievement MDG Indicator Database (IAEG/DESA) DESA Fund • M&E of Development Account Projects Millennium Villages Other Project sources of Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) •Global Partnership M&E info MDG Gap Task Force Report (since 2008) for Education **MDG Gap Task Force** Integrated Implementation Framework •Every Woman Every (tracking financial and policy support) Child **Individual UN entities** A variety of monitoring outputs eg: Global Monitoring Report and MDG eg World Bank. Gender Chart UNICEF, UN Women

**United Nations Development Group (UNDG)** 

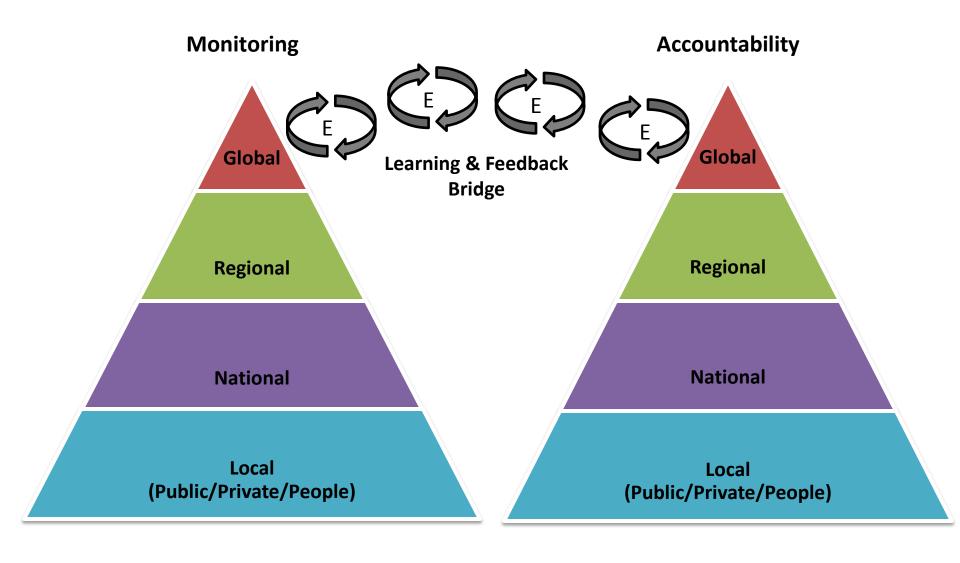
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#### **Lessons Learned**

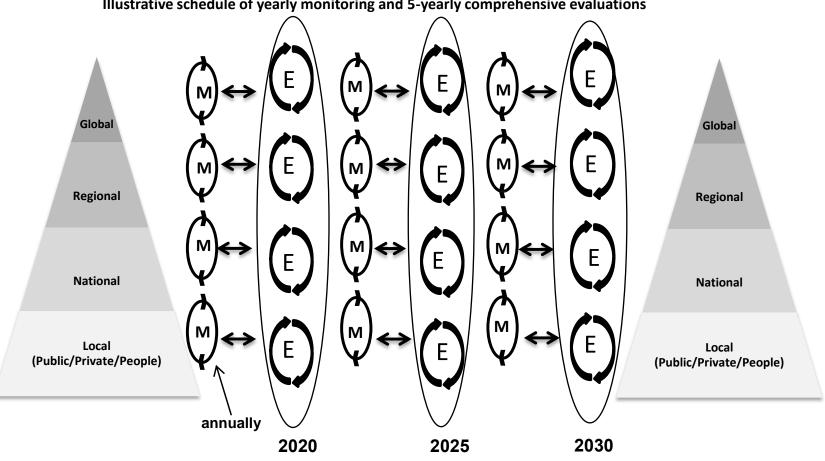
- Lesson 1: The United Nations System MDG monitoring and evaluation framework consists of a variety of components which have evolved over time
- Lesson 2: Clear monitoring and evaluation objectives, roles/responsibilities and coordination mechanisms need to be established at the onset
- Lesson 3: A group which functions like the Inter-agency and Expert Group on MDG Indicators can play an important expert and consolidating role with regard to development goal indicators
- Lesson 4: Monitoring activities need to be sufficient in terms of coverage, disaggregation of data and timeliness
- Lesson 5: A fully developed strategy to support national statistical, M&E capacity development needs to be in place; the strategy needs to include multilateral and bilateral support, as well as a resource mobilisation plan
- Lesson 6: Monitoring information needs to be sufficiently accessible
- Lesson 7: Provision for rigorous evaluation on the achievement of progress is needed
- Lesson 8: When differences exist in stakeholder views of accountability, this becomes relevant in efforts to monitor and evaluate effectively

## **Evaluation** as a Bridge



# **Evaluation - Junctures of Opportunity for Learning and Accountability**

Illustrative schedule of yearly monitoring and 5-yearly comprehensive evaluations



### **Draft Recommendation**

In conjunction with upcoming 2015 SDG Summit Member State deliberations, the S-G should formulate an overarching strategy and action plan to support coherent, coordinated monitoring and evaluation of achievement toward the SDGs. The goal of this overarching plan should be to enable him to provide member State decision makers with coherent, useful monitoring and evaluation information that can be utilized in SDG mid-course correction-related decision-making. Consideration should be given to the need for:

- A formal SDG monitoring and evaluation framework that promotes United Nations system-wide coherence
- Monitoring and evaluation information that can feed into Member State scheduled decision-making at the most timely and useful junctures
- Supporting national monitoring and evaluation capacity development
- A more structured and rigorous approach to evaluation, including as a means to synthesize monitoring and other data in a manner that responds to stakeholder needs at the decision making layers that apply to fulfilment of the prospective SDGs

#### **OIOS/IED Timeline:**

June 2015: General Assembly – Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC), Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) deliberations [on-going]

- \*Discussion on whether or not OIOS evaluation report goes beyond its intended mandate e.g. lessons learned for consideration in post-2015 intergovernmental deliberation
- \*Discussion related to accountability / Member State terminology: "follow-up and review" vs. "monitoring and evaluation" / High Level Political Forum
- \*Discussion related to whether draft recommendation pre-judges possible outcomes of intergovernmental process, and, therefore, should not be endorsed by CPC

#### **UNEG opportunity:**

Post-2015 Intergovernmental negotiations (now – Sept 2015)	
22-25 June 20-24 July 27-31 July	Intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 outcome document
25-27 Sept	United Nations Summit