

Annual
General
Meeting
2023



UNEG
United Nations Evaluation Group

UNEG Annual General Meeting 2023

Agenda

Dates: 24-26 January 2023

The AGM will be hosted by GEF at World Bank Headquarters in Washington D.C

Meeting room: MC C2-350, WBG 'MC' Building, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20433.

Day 1 – Tuesday 24 January	
8h15-9h15	Reconnect welcome coffee
9h15-9h35	Opening session
09h35-11h00	Environmental Dimensions of Sustainable Development.
11h00-11h20	Break
11h20-12h50	Strategic Objective 1 – Review of the work of SO1 work groups
12h50-14h15	Lunch
14h15-15h45	Strategic Objective 3 - Review of work of the SO3 work groups
15h45-16h05	Break
16h05-17h30	Meeting of the SDG Synthesis Coalition (organized by UNDP)
18h00	Welcome Cocktail (MC East Dining Room)

Day 2 – Wednesday 25 January	
09h00-10h30	Substantive discussion session 3: Evaluating during times of crisis.
10h30-10h45	Break
10h45-12h00	Substantive discussion session 2: Use of AI in evaluation.
12h00-13h00	Lunch
13h00-14h30	Strategic Objective 2 – Review of work of the SO2 work groups
14h30-15h30	Other work areas – Partnerships Working Group and System-Wide Evaluation
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	UNEG Business (UNEG Heads or designated representatives only)
	Social Dinner (location TBC)

Day 3 – Thursday 26 January	
09h00-10h30	Brainstorming - Re-energizing UNEG, 2023 review of the 2020-2024 strategy and preparing for the 2025-2029 Strategy
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Review of work session discussions and outcomes
12h30-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h30	Drafting the UNEG Work Plan 2023
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h00	Closing session

Day 1 – Tuesday 24 January	
8h15-9h15	Reconnect welcome coffee
9h15-9h35	Opening session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, GEF CEO and Chair • Opening comments by Oscar A. Garcia (UNEG Chair) • Approval of the AGM 2023 Agenda
09h35-11h00	Environmental Dimensions of Sustainable Development. Session organized by GEF IEO featuring Rosina Bierbaum , Chair of the GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) and Aileen Lee , Chief of Programs, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. Moderator: Juha Uitto, Director, GEF IEO
11h00-11h20	Coffee
11h20-12h50	Strategic Objective 1 – Develop and safeguard professional norms, standards and guidance Review of the work of SO1 work groups: Peer Review Working Group; Ethics Working Group; Gender, Disability and Human Rights Working Group; Integrating Environmental and Social Impact into Evaluations Working Group and Private Sector Interest Group.
12h50-14h15	Lunch
14h15-15h45	Strategic Objective 3 - Influence Policy-making and Operational Work through Evaluations Review of work of the SO3 work groups: Humanitarian Evaluation Interest Group; COVID-19 Working Group; Peacebuilding Working Group UNSCDF Working Group; National Evaluation Capacity Development Working Group; and Use of Evaluation Interest Group.
15h45-16h05	Break
16h05-17h30	Meeting of the SDG Synthesis Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the American Institutes for Research commissioned to conduct the Partnership Pillar synthesis; • Presentation of the methodology under development by AIR; • Explanation of the Governance Structure for the SDG Synthesis Coalition • Solicitation of nominations of high-level political representatives to the Steering Committee that will guide all 5 SDG pillar syntheses.
18h00	Welcome Cocktail (MC East Dining Room)

Day 2 – Wednesday 25 January	
09h00-10h30	<p>Evaluating during time of crisis</p> <p>Chair: Oscar A. Garcia, UNEG Chair</p> <p>Panel members: Marco Segone (Director, UNFPA Evaluation Office), Elma Balic (Oversight Officer, IOM Evaluation Office), Leslie Thomas (Chief, Evaluation Division, UNRWA)</p> <p>The panelists will reflect on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What can be learnt from evaluation of crisis and under crisis to inform the practice in the UN going forward. Are we learning lessons? 2. Whether evaluation is keeping pace with flexible and adaptive multi-partner approaches needed to address crises, as well as adapting to a more system thinking approach.
10h30-10h45	Break
10h45-12h00	<p>Use of AI in Evaluation</p> <p>Oscar Garcia (Director, IEO UNDP), Anish Pradhan (IT Specialist, IEO UNDP), Boaz Liesdek (Research Analyst, IEO UNDP), Andrea Arenas (AIDA Consultant, IEO UNDP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we leverage Artificial Intelligence to enhance access to evaluation evidence to improve the way we design, implement, and evaluate development programme? • Can UNDP AIDA platform be expanded into a unified AI enabled evidence portal across UN Agencies?
12h00-13h00	Lunch
13h00-14h30	<p>Strategic Objective 2 – Enhance professionalization and capacity</p> <p>Review of work of the SO2 work groups: Professionalization Working Group; Methods Use and Appropriateness Working Group; Evaluating Policy Influence and Normative Work Working Group; Evaluating Capacity Development Working Group; Evaluation Synthesis Interest Group; Decentralized Evaluation Interest Group; and Evaluation Practice Exchange Organising Committee.</p>
14h30-15h30	Other work areas: Partnerships Working Group and System Wide Evaluation
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	<p>UNEG Business (UNEG Heads or designated representatives only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEG Treasurer’s Report, Adan Ruiz-Villalba, UNEG Treasurer • UNEG Membership update, Andrew Fyfe, Chair of the UNEG Membership Committee • Results of the UNEG vice-Chair elections • AOB
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10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Review of work session discussions and outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of discussions and outcomes from the work group reporting sessions • Highlights from the substantive discussion sessions • New areas of work
12h30-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h30	Drafting the UNEG Work Plan 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting of the UNEG 2023 Work Plan - confirmation of work groups and identification of conveners/ coordinators.
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h00	Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approval of the conclusions of the AGM 2023 • UNEG Evaluation Week 2024 • AOB