

UNEG AGM 2023

Overview of outcomes



New work areas

SO to be confirmed once the groups have met to define a work plan

	Draft decision 2023 work plan
Evaluation Function Working Group (suggested under SO1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OIOS (convener)• How to strengthen the evaluation function. What are the requirements for an evaluation function to be independent, credible and useful?• Group members: UNOCT, DCO, OIOS, UNIDO, UNDSS, PAHO, UNV, OPCW, GCF
Young Professionals in Evaluation Interest Group (under 32s) (suggested under SO2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNFPA/ UNICEF (conveners)• Interest group to explore ways to empower young professional evaluators and increase youth participation in the evaluation process• OIOS, UNFPA, UNESCO, Un Women, ILO, WIPO, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP
Data and AI Working Group (suggested under SO3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNDP/ UNFPA/ UNICEF (conveners)• Sharing experience and knowledge in the overall frame of data management and potential use of AI• Group members: UNICEF, UNFPA, UNESCO, UNDP, UNDSS, UNAIDS, UN Women, ILO, IAEA, GCF, WFP, UNHCR, OIOS, IFAD, IMO.• UNEG members invited to access the DMSPC training course on data and analytics



Areas of work for the ESC

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Mid-term review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To be commissioned in 2023. Results to be presented at the UNEG AGM in January 2024.
UNEG N&S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ESI to be added as an addendum to the UNEG Norms.ESC to explore a possible revision/ update of the N&S in 2025.
Strengthening the UNEG Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ESC to make a concrete proposal on strengthening/ enhancing the Secretariat which should not be limited to just communications.Proposal to revamp the UNEG website approved.All platforms, COPs etc. emerging from WG/IGs to be synergized, to avoid a plethora of fragmented UNEG initiatives.
SWE policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Heads to convene on an as needs basis due to possible implications for members.
Vice-Chair coordination of the WGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ESC members to discuss and propose new approaches to strengthening coordination without being an obstacle.
UNEG use of AIDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">UNDP/ ESC to develop a concrete proposal on the way forward for UNEG's engagement with AIDA.
Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Work to remain under the oversight of the ESC.WHO to confirm offer to represent UNEG in EvalPartners.



SO1 Develop and Safeguard Professional Norms, Standards and Guidance

Groups	Draft decision 2023 work plan
Peer Review Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 coordinators: Alan Fox (UNDP), Claudia Ibarguen (UNESCO) and Judit Jankovic (ICC)• Work plan to proceed as presented.• Continue efforts to strengthen and expand Peer Review Modality – including to (smaller) agencies• Finalise mapping of assessment modalities beyond PRs• Publish updated PR Guidance, including different modalities• Members invited to propose names for Peer Review panels + consultants• ITC indicated an interest to undergo a Peer Review.
Ethics Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 conveners: WFP & OIOS• Continue capacity and awareness building on guidelines• Reach out to other WGs to ensure ethics mainstreamed• Continue to monitor• New coordinators to be identified



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Environment and Social Impact WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 coordinators: Nanthi Nanthikesan (IFAD), Mike Spilsbury (UNEP) and Juha Uitto (GEF)• Develop a full guidance document• Begin socialization activities including workshop• Contribute to expanding the normative framework• Develop an ESI related norm to be added as an addendum to the UNEG N&S.
Gender, Disability and Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 coordinators: Sabas Monroy (OHCHR) and Tara Kaul (UN Women)• Finalise and disseminate updated guidance on GE, disability and human rights.• Including UNEG members inputs on key evaluations• Continue support to UN-SWAP and UN DIS evaluation reporting
Membership Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 Committee: Eddie Yee Woo Guo (OIOS), Lisa Sutton (UN Women), Josephine Mwenda (UNOCT)• Outreach to interested members to continue• No change to membership criteria• MC to consider support to new members as requested



SO2 Enhance Professionalization and Capacity

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Professionalisation Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convener: Mona Selim (WFP). • 2023 coordinators to be identified. • \$20,000 budget approved (with a view to increasing budget if required). • Community of practice • Exchange learning platform
Methods use and appropriateness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convener: Tina Tjordman-Nebe (UNDP) and UNICEF. • Finalise volume 2 of the compendium. • Integrate Evaluation Capacity Development approaches in 2023 WP
Evaluating Policy Influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 coordinators: Felix Herzog (UNEP) and Veridiana Mensour Mendes (WIPO) • Converted from Working Group to Interest Group • Stocktaking study approved (to be linked to methods WG)
Evaluating Capacity Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework to be valued in Methods WG. • Working Group closed. Members invited to join Methods WG

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Evaluation Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenor: Deborah McWhinney (UNFPA).• Convert from Interest Group to Working Group• \$15,000 budget approved (create space for joint work)
Decentralised Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenors: Leslie Thomas (UNRWA)/ Andrew Fyfe (WFP)• Convert to WG – conferring on exact plan• AGM suggestion:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mapping to be updated - Engage in other works (MR, etc.)• Move to SO1
Evaluation Practice Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinator: Adan Ruiz-Villalba (WIPO)• Hybrid (in person global or regional)• Theme: Evaluation in and of crises• Budget implications to be considered



SO3 Influence Policy-making and Operational Work through Evaluations

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HEIG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenors: UNICEF and FAO• Finalize Humanitarian Principles guidance and pilot w/ IAHE Steering Group
Peacebuilding WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenor: PBSO• Focus on strengthening consensus around a conceptual framework. Add HDP evaluation to the DB.
COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colleagues interested in LNOB go join the Methods Working Group.• Converted to Task Force to liaise with the OECD DAC COVID Coalition.



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Evaluation Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenor: Robert Stryk (UNICEF)• Converted to Working Group.• Group to focus on indicators to measure use and pilot indicators.
National Evaluation Capacity Development WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenor: UNDP/ Riccardo Polastro (UNICEF, tbc)• Expand membership to country staff.• Analysis on policies for NECD inclusion and to continue knowledge sharing.• Due to data protection issues, the development of a consultant's database was not approved.
UNSCDF WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenor: Natalia Accosta (WFP)• Identify specific areas on technical support.• Conduct survey analysis to inform the review of guidelines in 2024



Other decisions

Topic	Decisions taken
UNEG AGM 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be co-hosted by WIPO and UNODC at CIFAL Malaga.• 2024 agenda to include substantive discussion sessions.• Participatory approach to developing the Agenda encouraged.
UNEG vice-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lori Bell elected for her second term as UNEG vice-Chair 2023-2025.• Eddie Yee Woo Guo elected for his first term as UNEG vice-Chair 2023-2025.
5Ps synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members encouraged to partner under the various pillars.

