

Spotlight

Supporting the Made in Africa Evaluation Agenda

The Made in Africa Evaluation Convening Report Is Now Available



The full report from the Made in Africa Evaluation (MAE) Convening, held in Johannesburg on 9 and 10 June 2026, is now available to read and download on the AfrEA website, along with photographs from the two-day gathering.

The report documents the consolidation of a unified Made in Africa Evaluation Framework, bringing together the University of Botswana's Indigenous and philosophical approaches with the University for Development Studies' practical monitoring and evaluation workflow.

[Read or download the full report here](#)

News & Updates

AfrEA Leadership Conducts Pre-Conference Engagement Visit to Morocco



Ahead of the 12th AfrEA International Conference, AfrEA President Dr Miché Ouédraogo and Executive Director Carlos Akligo undertook a series of engagement meetings across Morocco, visiting Marrakech, Rabat, and Casablanca to strengthen partnerships and secure support for the upcoming conference.

In Rabat, the delegation met with representatives of the Islamic Development Bank, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Morocco Country Office, formally presenting the conference and inviting their participation and support.

In Casablanca, the team met with the Hon. Abdillah Hifdi, Chairperson of the African Parliamentarians' Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE), extending a similar invitation.

Across these engagements, partners expressed strong support for the conference and pledged their continued commitment to AfrEA, before, during, and after the event.

Leadership and Governance

Celebrating New Leadership at GEI



The Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI) has announced Dr Douglas Glandon as its new Program Manager. He assumes the role this month, having served as Acting Program Manager since February 2026, and previously as Lead Technical Advisor.

Dr Glandon brings two decades of experience working with governments and institutions to strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems and advance the use of evidence in decision-making, including prior roles with the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) and Fiji's Ministry of Health and Medical Services. Since joining GEI, he has played a central role in developing and implementing the organisation's 2026–2030 strategy.

He holds a PhD in Health Systems from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Master of Public Health from Tufts University, and has published more than twenty peer-reviewed articles and chapters on evaluation methods and health systems.

AfrEA joins the wider evaluation community in congratulating Dr Glandon on his appointment.

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Promoting evaluation and use of evidence for African countries and continental priorities

Strengthening the culture of monitoring and evaluation in Morocco



On July 7 and 8, 2026, the Moroccan Evaluation Association (AME) organized a training session dedicated to:

"Strengthening the Capacity of Civil Society Organizations and the Media in Monitoring and Evaluation"

This activity was carried out with the support of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA), as part of efforts to promote the culture of monitoring and evaluation on the African continent.

This meeting allowed participants to strengthen their knowledge, discover practical methodological tools and discuss the challenges of monitoring and evaluation. The aim is to contribute to improving the quality of development projects, programmes and initiatives, while promoting the establishment of a genuine culture of evaluation within civil society organisations and the media.

The AME warmly thanks all the trainers, partners and participants for their commitment and contribution to the success of this activity.

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Strengthening AfrEA and VOPE capacities, visibility and influence

Namibia Evaluation Association Opens Membership

The Namibia Evaluation Association (NEA) is inviting evaluators, researchers, policymakers, and institutions to join its professional community dedicated to advancing monitoring, evaluation, research, and evidence-based decision-making in Namibia.

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Thur 13 August 2026

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Thank you to everyone who joined the webinar, "From Community Impact to Global Visibility," featuring Dr Miché Ouédraogo, AfrEA President, Dr Mjiba Frehiwot, Editor-in-Chief of the Africa Evaluation Journal, and a distinguished panel of African evaluation, academic, and development professionals.

If you were unable to attend, the recording is now available on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdJj9ZwYeoc>

Coming Up

AfrEA to Attend Zimbabwe's 2nd Edition Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Week



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AfrEA will be attending the second edition of Zimbabwe's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Week, taking place from 31 August to 4 September 2026 at the Urban Lifestyles Hotel in Masvingo.

Hosted by the Office of the President and Cabinet's National Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Department, in partnership with the Zimbabwe Evaluation Association (ZEA) and the United Nations Zimbabwe, the week is convened under the theme **"Advancing Vision 2030, SDGs and Agenda 2063 through Public Sector Service Delivery: Transformation of MEL and Data Systems."**

AfrEA President Dr Miché Ouédraogo will address the official opening ceremony, speaking on **"The Made in Africa Evaluation Agenda: Charting Africa's Trajectory Towards a Decolonised Evaluation Practice."**

We look forward to sharing highlights from the week in our next edition.

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12th AfrEA International Conference Notification of Accepted Abstracts: 10 September 2026



The banner features the AfrEA logo, the 12th AfrEA Conference logo with the location Marrakech, Morocco and dates 23-27 Nov. 2026. The main text reads: 'Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their abstract submission.' Below this, a green box states 'Notification date 10 SEPT. 2026'. At the bottom, it says 'Thank you for your patience as our review committee carefully considers every submission.' and 'Follow us and visit afrea.org'. A graphic of a hand holding a tablet with an envelope icon and the number 1 is also present.

Applicants to the 12th AfrEA International Conference will be notified of the outcome of their abstract submission on 10 September 2026.

All applicants who submitted an abstract will receive an email confirming whether their submission has been accepted. Successful applicants will also receive further details on next steps, including the deadline for full paper submission.

We thank every evaluator, researcher, practitioner, and policymaker who submitted a proposal, and we look forward to sharing the outcome of the review process.

For specific enquiries, contact: conferences@afrea.org

We look forward to welcoming you to Marrakech.

Registration Now Open: Nigeria Evaluation Conference (NAE 2026)



The banner includes logos for NAE, the Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, and CLONESHOUSE. The main text reads: 'NIGERIA Evaluation Conference - 2026 - EVALUATION AS A NATIONAL ASSET'. It also states '2ND - 4TH NOVEMBER 2026' and 'ABUJA, NIGERIA'. A photograph of a modern white archway is on the right.

The Nigerian Association of Evaluators (NAE) is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the Nigeria Evaluation Conference (NAE 2026).

The conference will take place in Abuja, Nigeria, from 2 to 4 November 2026, under the theme **"Evaluation as a National Asset."** It will bring together evaluators, policymakers, researchers, development partners, academics, students, and practitioners from Nigeria and across the world to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and strengthen evaluation practice.

Early bird registration is available on or before 30 August 2026, at the following rates:

Student / Young and Emerging Evaluator (YEE): ₦75,000

NAE Member: ₦150,000

Non-Member: ₦250,000

International Student / YEE: US\$200

International Expert: US\$300

Standard registration, applicable after 30 August 2026, is as follows:

Student / Young and Emerging Evaluator (YEE): ₦100,000

NAE Member: ₦200,000

Non-Member: ₦300,000

International Student / YEE: US\$250

International Expert: US\$400

Members are encouraged to register early to benefit from the discounted rates and secure their place at Nigeria's premier evaluation conference.

For registration, abstract submission, and further conference updates, visit: www.nigeriaevaluators.org/conferences

Invitation for Collaboration: 5th Tanzania Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Conference 2026



The banner features logos for the United Republic of Tanzania Prime Minister's Office, TanEA, and TANZANIA MEL WEEK 2026. The main text reads: '5TH TANZANIA MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING (MEL) CONFERENCE 2026'. Below this, it states 'THEME: "From Evidence to Action: Strengthening Human Centered Evaluation For Sustainable Development"'. It also mentions '22 - 26 September, 2026' and 'Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge Arusha, Tanzania'. A large yellow text reads 'INVITATION FOR COLLABORATION'. Below this, three boxes list benefits: 'Increase visibility and brand recognition', 'Engage with key decision makers and influencers', and 'Build strategic partnerships and networks'. At the bottom, a photograph shows a panel discussion. Contact information is provided: 'For assistance and guidance please contact us via melweek@pmo.go.tz | tzmelweek@pmo.go.tz +255 784 765 078 & +255 763 969 378'.

Organisations are invited to partner with the 5th Tanzania MEL Conference 2026, taking place from 22 to 26 September 2026 at Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge, Arusha, under the theme **"From Evidence to Action: Strengthening Human-Centred Evaluation for Sustainable Development."**

Partnering with the conference offers an opportunity to increase organisational visibility and brand recognition, engage with key decision-makers, evaluators, researchers, and development practitioners, and build strategic partnerships that expand professional networks.

Organisations, development partners, academic institutions, the private sector, and civil society are all welcome to collaborate in making this event a success.

For more information, visit: <https://lnkd.in/dYNn8nXB>

Early Bird Registration Now Open: SAMEA 10th Biennial Conference 2027



Early bird registration is now open for the SAMEA 10th Biennial Conference, taking place from 8 to 12 March 2027 at the Emperors Palace Convention Centre in Johannesburg. Register early to save on conference fees.

Under the theme **"The Future of MERL: Innovation, Inclusion, and Impact,"** the conference will bring together monitoring, evaluation, research and learning (MERL) professionals, policymakers, academics, and development practitioners from across Africa and beyond.

Review the Conference Prospectus for full pricing and details, and visit sameaconference2027.co.za for registration, abstract submission, and further updates.

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Visit the conference website for registration information, abstract submission updates and everything you need to know.

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Introducing the YEE Hub: A New Newsletter for AfrEA's Young and Emerging Evaluators



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Date & Time: August 31, 2026 | 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM GMT
Duration: 45 min
Format: Online Zoom
Languages: French & English (Bilingual Session)



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AfrEA is excited to announce the launch of a dedicated newsletter for its Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEE) network, the YEE Hub, made possible with the support of the Mastercard Foundation. The YEE Hub will spotlight the voices, achievements, and opportunities shaping the next generation of African evaluators, featuring member profiles, career and funding opportunities, event updates, and reflections from young evaluators across the continent.

Coordinated by YEE Network co-leads Baraka Mfilinge and Madeleine Brou, the newsletter aims to strengthen connection and visibility within the YEE community, and to ensure young evaluators are well informed and well represented within AfrEA's wider network.

The YEE Hub will officially launch on 31 August 2026, during a dedicated webinar session featuring both YEE leaders, representing the Anglophone and Francophone sides of the network.

Register to join the launch webinar here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_F_zkZol-TReNzWbYI7X8Ag

We look forward to welcoming the AfrEA community to this milestone moment for our Young and Emerging Evaluators.

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