



Global
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Evaluation

Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation:

Collaborating for good governance and equitable development

What is the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation?

We are a collaborative movement of international parliamentarians, committed to improving policy outcomes and social accountability, that advocates for evidence-based decision making.

We know that evaluation can enable governments and parliaments to efficiently and effectively address national interests. We encourage policy makers and evaluation professionals to work together to build evaluation capacities around the world.

Our goal is to create enabling environments for nationally owned, transparent, systematic and standardised evaluation processes. Through capacity building, knowledge sharing and advocacy, the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation supports and empowers parliamentarians to deliver evidence-based policy that helps achieve good governance, sustainable development and social equity.

What is evaluation?

Evaluation is the systematic and objective assessment of the design, implementation and results of projects, policies and programmes. It analyses what the intervention has achieved against expected and unexpected results.

An evaluation should provide credible, useful, evidence-based information that allows parliamentarians to apply findings, recommendations and lessons to decision-making processes on national policy and legislation.

National evaluation systems are a critical tool for effective governance, as they assist governments in planning, budgeting and making decisions based on evidence.

“As a Member of Parliament, I have to say that evaluation is one of the most important tools for good decision making”
–Hon. Pekka Haavisto,
Parliament of Finland



“Knowing what has happened before, we learn from those mistakes and we evaluate the present-day processes to make sure that history does not repeat itself” –Hon. Dexter Nduna, Parliament of Zimbabwe

The value of the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation

With members from various countries and regions, the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation provides a unique environment for the advancement of evaluation at the national level.

Under the umbrella of EvalPartners, in collaboration with various partners, the forum assists parliamentarians in:

- Enabling greater national development effectiveness and inclusive growth
- Gaining knowledge and understanding about evaluation and how to apply it to the development of policies, bills and legislation
- Developing a National Evaluation Policy to set standards for evaluation across parliament and government, and strengthen evaluation systems
- Accessing internationally endorsed tools for monitoring and evaluation
- Providing materials to promote evaluation amongst parliamentary and governmental colleagues
- Improving oversight of progress against the Sustainable Development Goals, and
- Facilitating dialogue and building partnerships with critical stakeholders, including national evaluation associations, civil society

organisations, funding institutions and regional parliamentarian colleagues advocating for improved evaluative practice

The role of parliamentarians in promoting evaluation

Developing and strengthening evaluation policies in countries is important for good governance and effective development. Parliamentarians can play a role by:

- Demanding high quality evaluations to ensure accountability
- Spearheading national evaluation policies and systems
- Raising awareness of the importance of evaluation amongst colleagues

In doing so, parliamentarians can help create an environment where evaluation is so embedded in good governance that policy makers or managers automatically conduct a neutral review of evaluation information prior to decision making. This includes analysing data and insights to assess results, identifying innovations, and synthesising learning in order to improve policy and decision making.

*“I think evaluation is a powerful tool to improve democracy - to improve citizen control of governments and parliaments. It’s a powerful tool against populism. I think we must make laws on public policies based on evidence. It is the way to have better government, better policies, better laws. So, I believe it is the only way we can improve our democracy”
–Hon. Samuel Hoyos Mejia*

Get involved

All parliamentarians and parliaments are invited to join this growing movement. Membership is free.

Contact us today to find out how the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation can help you achieve your parliamentary policy goals.



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