



Intergenerational solidarity  
for transformative evaluation

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## 1. Overview

Convened by [Eval4Action](#) advocacy campaign, its regional partners and the EvalYouth Global Network, the 5-day Youth in Evaluation week aims to be an inclusive and intergenerational gathering of young and emerging evaluators (YEEs) and the global evaluation community, focusing on advancing the meaningful engagement of youth in evaluation.

The Youth in Evaluation week is aligned with the United Nations Secretary-General's [Our Common Agenda](#) report, that proposes an agenda of action to accelerate the implementation of existing multilateral agreements, including the Sustainable

Development Goals, specifically in light of the looming threats facing the world (such as Covid, climate emergency, conflicts) and megatrends (such as population diversification, redirection of economies, rising inequalities).

Among several actions, the report lays down a vision for 'listening to and working with youth'. Applying this vision to the evaluation field, the Youth in Evaluation week will create dialogue and awareness around strengthening intergenerational solidarity with YEEs – focusing on 'voice', 'learning', 'prosperity', the key priorities identified by youth in Our Common Agenda.

## **2. Youth in Evaluation**

Advancing the participation of young people in evaluation is a growing movement worldwide. Recently the launch of the [Youth in Evaluation](#) manifesto in May 2022, has been adopted by over 110 organisations and 400 individuals who commit to build capacities of YEEs and engage youth and young evaluators meaningfully in all stages of evaluation. To support the delivery of the manifesto, six stakeholder groups (international agencies, governments, VOPEs, academia, youth organisations, private sector and NGOs) are co-creating [standards on enhancing meaningful youth engagement in evaluation](#). These standards will provide a roadmap to step up the practice and accountability towards engaging youth in evaluation. The event builds on the momentum created by the Youth in Evaluation initiative, to further expand commitments and partnerships on advancing youth in evaluation.

## **3. Event design**

The event weaves together the priorities of Our Common Agenda and the various initiatives under the Youth in Evaluation initiative. Below are the various topics that will be explored.

<b>Track 1: VOICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remove barriers and strengthen youth voice and participation in evaluation by committing to the Youth in Evaluation manifesto</li> <li>- Measure and report on progress through implementation of standards on meaningful youth engagement in evaluation</li> <li>- Building long-term intergenerational thinking in relation to evaluation capacity and systems development</li> </ul>
<b>Track 2: LEARNING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providing quality professional education in evaluation (this track also relates to the recent Transforming Education Summit), utilizing the new YEE training pack on career development in M&amp;E, among others</li> <li>- Role of YEEs in transformative, adaptive and agile evaluation, to make organisations more resilient</li> </ul>
<b>Track 3: PROSPERITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lifelong learning, reskilling, and upskilling in evaluation (linking to the Transforming Education Summit)</li> <li>- Availability and sustainability of decent jobs and economic opportunities in evaluation</li> <li>- Equal access for women and girls, and youth from diverse backgrounds in evaluation jobs</li> <li>- Evaluation jobs in the green economy</li> </ul>

#### 4. What's new in the Youth in Evaluation week?

- **Youth in Evaluation week outcome document:** The ideas emerging from the various events through the week will be curated by YEEs into an outcome document. The outcome document will serve as an input into the forthcoming EvalYouth Summit.
- **Stronger inclusion:** There will be an open invitation to all partners and stakeholders to propose panels and events at the Youth in Evaluation week.
- **Stronger partner inclusion:** The final agenda/events calendar will be co-developed together with Eval4Action partners, EvalYouth chapters, and regional communication hubs. These partners will also be invited to join the planning and production of the Youth in Evaluation week.
- **Stronger balance of global and regional events:** The Youth in Evaluation week will also include 1-hour regional events designed and led by regional Eval4Action partners and regional EvalYouth chapters. In addition, cross regional panels on cross cutting themes will also be explored. The regional partners will decide (1) specific theme and agenda of their event linked to the Youth in Evaluation week, (2) format of regional event, (3) speakers, (4) platform (online, offline, hybrid, social media event such as Twitter Space dialogue, Facebook live), (5) language. Further, the designing and production of global events in the Youth in Evaluation week will be co-managed by the global Youth in Evaluation week team and regional communications hubs.
- **Stronger YEE participation:** In addition to EvalYouth Global Network as the lead partner for the Youth in Evaluation week, YEEs will also be involved in event design, planning, production and roll out.
- **Stronger language inclusion:** Regional language events will be held by regional partners. Key communication materials will be available in languages.

- **Stronger multiplatform advocacy:** The events will take place through video conferencing platforms and social media. A mobilisation and communication plan will be developed for pre-event outreach, preparation and roll out, in close collaboration with the regional communication hubs.

## 5. Broad timeline

- **October 2022** – Event branding, communication with regional partners, outreach with key players for Youth in Evaluation week partnership, development of mobilisation and communication plan, announcement of the week in various conferences
- **November - December 2022** – Regional communications hub meeting for collaboration and planning, open call for panels announced, coordination and confirmation of panels and speakers, coordination of regional events
- **January - February - March 2023** – Finalization of agenda, Development of communication materials, production and coordination for all events, partner and event communications

## 6. Suggested agenda

	<b>Global events</b>	<b>Regional/cross-regional and national events</b>  <b>Partner-led/Youth-led events</b>  <b>(Open call)</b>	<b>Social platforms</b>	<b>YEE Training</b>
Day 1	<b>Global launch of the Youth in Evaluation week</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks by high level speakers</li> <li>• Statements by E4A co-chairs</li> <li>• Film premiere on #YouthEval</li> <li>• Statements by YEEs, global eval community, particularly organisations that signed the manifesto and those involved in the development of the standards</li> </ul>		Youth in Evaluation manifesto signing drive on social media continues through 5 days	6 language training will be conducted in parallel through the 5 days- organised by regional partners <b>(Track 2)</b>
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launch of standards</b> for governments and academia</li> </ul>	Africa event <b>(Track 1)</b>	<b>Twitter Space dialogue:</b> EvalYouth	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth in Evaluation</b>  <b>InPractice:</b> Experience of Government of Kenya, academia example needed  <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(Track 1)</span></li> </ul>		chapters experiences and challenges <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(Track 1)</span>	
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launch of standards</b> for international organisations and private sector</li> <li>• <b>Youth in Evaluation</b>  <b>InPractice:</b> UNFPA, African Development Bank, #YouthEval, EnCompass  <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(Track 1)</span></li> </ul>	LAC and NA regional event Europe and Eurasia event <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(Track 1)</span>	<b>Twitter Space dialogue:</b> Discussion on learning opportunities for YEEs <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(Track 2)</span>	
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launch of standards</b> for youth organisations and VOPEs</li> <li>• Strengthening youth engagement in VOPEs</li> <li>• <b>Youth in Evaluation</b>  <b>InPractice:</b> Winter school for YEEs, LAC SDGs workshops  <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(Track 1)</span></li> </ul>	Asia and MENA regional event <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(Track 1)</span>	<b>Twitter Space dialogue:</b> Evaluation Jobs <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(Track 3)</span>	

Day 5	<b>Closing roundtable/ talk show:</b> -YEEs and transformative evaluations -Presentation of outline of outcome document <b>(Track 1,2,3)</b>			
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