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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EVALUATION AND INTERNAL OVERSIGHT (EIO)

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to provide you with updates related to EIO independent evaluation activities and products.

Independent evaluation helps to identify "What works", and "What does not, and Why". It gives insights into how projects, programmes and policies can be improved and/or replicated/up-scaled. It also contributes to accountability and transparency by providing evidence-based information about the results, outcome, and impact of developmental interventions; and to inform decision-making, corrective action, and innovations, and hence, foster a more effective and impactful Organization.

The EIO has the mandate to discharge its oversight functions in line with the EIO Charter, to strengthen accountability, learning, innovation, and transformational change, to ultimately add value and contribute to realizing the Organization's goals.

Highlights:

- Our latest strategic evaluation products are the "**Synthesis of UNIDO Evaluations 2018-2022**" and the "**Independent Evaluation of the UNIDO PCP Framework**". (Links to reports are in the "latest releases" section below)
- EIO is actively engaged in the **Global SDGs Synthesis Coalition**, which is an unprecedented multi-agency initiative that aims to synthesize rigorous and evaluative evidence organized around the five pillars of the Sustainable Development Goals - **People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership**. The objective is to complete all five syntheses in time for the UN Summit of the Future in September 2024. EIO is co-leading the **Prosperity** pillar. (More details in the "Announcements" section below).

I hope you will enjoy reading this EVALNEWS, and our latest products, which are also available on the revamped [EIO website](#).

I trust that our EIO findings will trigger further reflection and actions in response to the identified challenges and areas for improvement.

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LATEST RELEASES

Since the last edition of EvalNews, the following **key strategic evaluation reports** have been issued:



[Synthesis of UNIDO Independent Evaluations 2018-2022 and its Infographic](#)

This report summarizes the most pertinent findings, conclusions, and areas for improvement based on 80 project evaluations conducted by EIO in 2018-2022. The findings show that the performance of evaluated projects on the evaluation criteria of relevance is strong. However, other criteria such as effectiveness, efficiency, likelihood of sustainability, design, monitoring, RBM, and gender mainstreaming show room for improvement and need attention. Two areas are underreported in UNIDO project evaluation reports, namely, UNIDO's contribution to the achievement of the SDGs and digital transformation.



[Independent Evaluation of the UNIDO Programme for Country Partnership \(PCP\) Framework and its Infographic](#)

This independent evaluation assessed the overall Programme for Country Partnership framework of UNIDO and its effectiveness in achieving expected results. It also provides inputs for UNIDO management on the PCP framework and its potential as a model for accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development in its Member States. The evaluation covered the period from 2014 to 2022 and used standard UNIDO evaluation criteria as well as cross-cutting criteria such as gender equality and social and environmental dimensions to assess the validity and success of the PCP framework.



[Independent Evaluation of the Programme for Country Partnership in Peru, 2016-2022](#)

This report constitutes the final evaluation of the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) in Peru. The PCP Peru was signed in December 2015. Following an inception phase in 2016 and 2017, the implementation started in 2018 and ended in December 2022.

In addition, EIO has issued 21 project evaluation reports since our last EvalNews. Findings from completed evaluations were presented to UNIDO management and staff, and highlighted in briefings to concerned stakeholders. These reports can be accessed on our [website](#) and from the below list under the latest evaluation reports.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Several evaluations are under finalization, ongoing, or planned. The terms of reference for these evaluations can be accessed on our [website](#).

The EIO evaluation function continues its active engagement with the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG); it regularly attends online Evaluation Practice Exchange seminars organized by UNEG. It organized the second Vienna Evaluation Group meeting that brought together colleagues/representatives from Vienna-based evaluation offices for professional exchange on evaluation-related subjects on July 12, 2023.

In July 2023, members of the Independent Evaluation Unit participated in the International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) in Bern, Switzerland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GLOBAL SDG'S SYNTHESIS COALITION

UNIDO EIO is active member of the [Global SDGs Synthesis Coalition](#), which aims to synthesize rigorous and evaluative evidence organized around the five pillars of the Sustainable Development Goals - **People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership**. This Coalition brings together more than 40 UN entities, as well as several bilateral and multilateral organizations, and global evaluation and synthesis bodies and networks. EIO is co-leading the “**Prosperity**” Pillar which includes SDGs 7,8,9,10 and 11. The objective is to complete all five syntheses in time for the UN Summit of the Future in September 2024.



EIO BRIEFING TO MEMBER STATES IN SEPTEMBER 2023

On September 7, 2023, EIO will conduct a debriefing to Permanent Missions to provide information on findings from selected strategic and country-level evaluations, and on EIO ongoing and planned activities under its updated work plan for 2023.



UPDATED EVALUATION MANUAL

EIO is committed to the high quality of evaluation processes and products. We have updated the UNIDO [Evaluation Manual](#) and encourage you to read and use it!



UPDATED EVALUATION TRAINING MODULES

EIO keeps committed to contribute to evaluation capacity building. For this purpose, we have designed a new online training that will allow staff and national partners participate in evaluation training activities remotely. The training can be accessed here: [Evaluation training](#).

LATEST EVALUATION REPORTS

STRATEGIC EVALUATIONS (Thematic / Programmatic / Impact)

- [Synthesis of UNIDO Independent Evaluations 2018-2022](#) and [Infographic](#)
- [Independent Evaluation of the UNIDO Programme for Country Partnership \(PCP\) Framework](#) and [Infographic](#)

COUNTRY-LEVEL EVALUATIONS

- [Independent Evaluation of the Programme for Country Partnership in Peru, 2016-2022](#)

PROJECT EVALUATION REPORTS

- [Evaluation report on Agro-technology development for economic growth in South and Central Somalia \(2023\).pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on the Integrated adoption of new energy vehicles in China \(2023\).pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on Facilitating youth employment through entrepreneurship and enterprise development in disadvantage governorates in Tunisia \(2023\).pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on the Sustainable and inclusive industrial development of the automotive supply chain in Colombia \(2023\).pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on the Renewable Energy \(PARE\) project \(2023\).pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on First operational phase of the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on Industrial energy efficiency improvement in South Africa.pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on Start-up and first operational phase of the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency \(CCREEE\).pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on Promoting integrated biomass and small hydro solutions for productive uses in Cameroon.pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on GHG emissions reductions in targeted industrial sub-sectors through EE and application of solar thermal systems in Malaysia.pdf](#)

- [Evaluation report on Sustainable cities management initiative for Senegal.pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on Environmentally sound management of municipal and hazardous solid waste to reduce emissions of unintentional POPs in Senegal.pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on Sustainable conversion of waste to clean energy for Greenhouse Gas \(GHG\) emission reduction.pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on Hosting and Managing Private Financing Advisory Network.pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on Promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy in selected micro, small and medium enterprise \(MSME\) clusters in India.pdf](#)
- [Evaluation report on Development and Implementation of a Sustainable Management Mechanism for POPs in the Caribbean \(UNIDO project No. 150049\).pdf](#)

Please visit EIO's Evaluation website for all issuances since our last update.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING EVALUATIONS

You can obtain an overview of **ongoing and upcoming evaluations** by taking a glance at the respective [Terms of Reference](#). Should this remind you that you need to bring a planned evaluation activity to EIO/IEU's attention, please contact our office.

ABOUT EIO EVALUATION FUNCTION

The EIO evaluation function in UNIDO has the purpose of providing a credible and useful assessment of the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, coherence, sustainability, and impact of UNIDO operations and interventions, projects, programmes, thematic areas, and strategies. EIO manages and conducts independent evaluations, and develops and provides evaluation guidelines, methodology, and training tools to support full evaluation processes and to ensure that quality standards are met.

KEY UNIDO EVALUATION RESOURCES

- [Charter of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight](#)
- [UNIDO Evaluation Policy](#)
- [UNIDO Evaluation Manual](#)
- [Templates and Guidance](#)
- Additional resources in [EVA Tool Centre](#)
- [UNIDO Evaluation Website](#)

NEW EXTERNAL PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

- [SDGs Synthesis Coalition web-site](#)
- [Report of the Joint Inspection Unit Review of accountability frameworks in the United Nations system organizations](#)
- Website of the [United Nations Evaluation Group](#)
- [UNEG Evaluating Policy Influence Stocktaking Report](#)



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