

Terms of reference of the Global Network on Evaluation (GNE)

Introduction

The Global Network on Evaluation (GNE) aims to: 1) promote independent evaluation as a means to improve programme performance and results through lessons learned and evidence-based findings; and 2) build a community of practice for evaluation across WHO. The GNE gathers WHO staff working on evaluations across the Organization to foster a common practice of evaluation, exchange information, participate in learning and training, support ongoing evaluation work and share best practices. The GNE supports the mechanisms and tools described in the Implementation Framework of the WHO Evaluation Policy to further a culture of evaluation across the Organization.

Purpose

The GNE is an internal informal network of colleagues who work on evaluations and share the objective to promote a culture of accountability and learning from evaluation across the Organization. The GNE is a forum for:

- Ongoing exchange of information, support and debriefings on planned, ongoing and completed evaluations and issues encountered, as needed;
- Sharing of information about, and discussion of, support mechanisms and tools available as per the Implementation Framework of the WHO Evaluation Policy (i.e. rosters, inventory, website).
- Planning and delivery of learning and training events of interest to members with a view to promoting independent evaluation and strengthen the professionalization of GNE members;
- Supporting the establishment of data collection mechanisms to plan, report and disseminate information on evaluation: i.e. the evaluation inventory, the preparation of the biennial Organization-wide evaluation workplan and its annual update, the preparation of the annual report to the Executive Board, and the regular **Evaluation matters** newsletter;
- Facilitation of participation in meetings and networks of common interest (i.e. UNEG, and professional global/regional and country evaluation associations)

Membership

Chair

The GNE is chaired by Director, EVL. EVL provides the Secretariat.

Composition

Colleagues working on evaluations across WHO budget centres can become members of the GNE.

Steering Committee

GNE members with a specific evaluation mandate, i.e. evaluation focal points in the regional offices and across budget centres, will be invited to join the Steering Committee.

Methods of work

The GNE will work virtually through electronic communications and online meetings, including webinars on subjects of special interest, trainings, and discussions fora. The Steering Committee of the GNE meets virtually on a bi-monthly basis and an agenda is established ahead of each meeting to include matters for the attention of Steering Committee members.

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