

**Invitation to the
UNECA/ UNICEF/ African Union Side Event on**

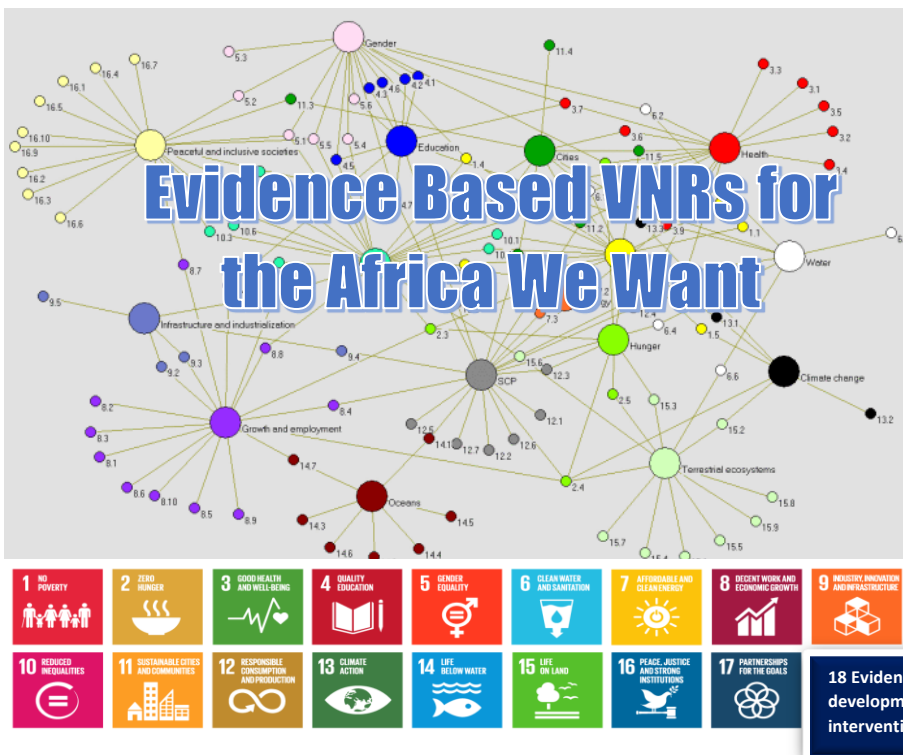
***“Towards evidence-based SDGs and Agenda 2063 reporting: Strengthening National Evaluation Capacities for the Africa we Want” held at the
Fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)***

This side event intends to follow up the discussion and the commitments of the 3-days Multi stakeholder Forum on “Strengthening National Evaluation Capacities for the Africa we Want” held in Addis Ababa on December 10 to 12th, 2018. UNICEF partnered with the AU, AfrEA, UNECA and the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations to organize the said Forum. Representatives from Governments, AfrEA, parliamentarians

and UNICEF and UNECA staff, got together to discuss ideas; to exchange experiences and to devise the way forward towards strengthening national evaluation capacities for the Africa We Want. The Forum aimed at reinforcing capacities of African Countries for evidence-based Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). A follow up side event was conducted in the frame of the AfrEA regional evaluation conference in March 2019.

This side event intends to contribute to the 5th session of the Africa Regional Forum on sustainable development.

The format of the side event will be a multi-stakeholder panel. The side event has been scheduled for **April 18th** following **objectives:**



from 14.30-16.00 at the Coupole Room, with the

- i) To further debate on the need relevance of positioning evaluation in the 2030 and 2063 Agendas;
- ii) To follow up on countries’ roadmaps towards evidence-based VNRs; and on their main challenges/difficulties;
- iii) To foster a dialogue between communities of evaluators, policymakers and other stakeholders on the need to integrate evaluative thinking and practice in the Agenda 2030/ 2063 follow up and reviews;
- iv) To pave the way to ensure that good practices of evidence-based VNRs will be presented to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), in July 2019 and beyond.

The panel will be made of: two government representatives, one representative each from UNICEF and UNECA and a representative from the Moroccan Evaluation Association.

You are kindly invited to attend the side event at Coupole Room

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