

# Towards evidence-based SDGs and Agenda 2063 reporting: Strengthening National Evaluation Capacities for the Africa we Want

*UNECA/UNICEF side event at the sixth session of the  
Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)*

26 February 2020, 13.00–14.30, Elephant Hills Resort, Chapala 1 Room

This side event intends to follow up on discussions and commitments made during a series of multi-stakeholder forums and workshops on “Evidence-Based SDG and Agenda 2063 Reporting”. UNECA has partnered with UNICEF, AUC, AfDB, the Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEAR-AA), ILO, African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) and African Parliamentarians Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE) to deliver sessions and training workshops on the subject. The events were cross-sectoral regional dialogues and awareness-raising and training workshops on the importance of embedding evaluative thinking and practice in Agendas 2030 and 2063 as well as strengthening the capacities of African Member States in producing evidence-based Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs).

The side event will bring together government representatives, civil society organizations, parliamentarians, researchers as well as development partners to further dialogue on the importance of evidence-based reporting on the SDGs and Agenda 2063. The event will also be an opportunity to share experiences and ensure that good practices of evidence-based VNRs will be presented to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2020 and beyond. In doing so, the side event will contribute to all the themes of the sixth session of the ARFSD.

The side event will be held on **26 February 2020** from **13:00 to 14.30** at **Elephant Hills Resort** in **Chapala 1 Room**.



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**Key questions guiding the discussion will include:**

1. **Why is it important to embed evidence** and evaluative thinking in the reporting of 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063?
2. **What are the main challenges** African countries face to embed evaluation in national policies and plans; and to conduct country led evaluations of SDGs and Agenda 2063?
3. **What can be done jointly** to support countries to report on SDGs achievement building upon evidence-based VNRs and country led evaluations?