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WELCOME MESSAGE

The biennial conference serves as a primary platform for fostering the growth of a vibrant Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) community in South Africa and increasing the use of M&E as valuable tools for achieving equitable and sustainable development. The conference offers a unique opportunity for M&E practitioners, government officials, donors, and policymakers to learn from leading experts and peers, sharing insights on new developments within the M&E field. As one of the most anticipated events of the year for those in the M&E sector, the SAMEA conference promises rich discussions and networking opportunities for M&E practitioners, evidence users and champions.

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This year's theme, "**Vuca-Vuka! Catalysing Change Through Monitoring and Evaluation**", highlights the necessity of proactively responding to our world's volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) nature. The uncertainties and volatilities of the last several years call for us to wake up – *Siyavuka sisebenzele ikusasa elingcono*. Our hope is that the SAMEA conference will inspire and capacitate participants to adopt adaptive, collaborative and innovative approaches to their M&E practice that will help us collectively steer South Africa towards equitable and sustainable development.

We aim to "unconference" this conference by integrating elements that foster co-creation, peer-to-peer learning, and community-building. To enrich the conference with an indigenous African heartbeat, the conference will also be infused with the art of storytelling as critical knowledge sharing. The conference will feature a mix of co-creative mini-hackathons or mini-workshops, oral presentations, panel discussions, World Café sessions, poster presentations, and lightning talks.

We hope that the conference provides opportunities for M&E practitioners, governmental representatives, and professionals from different industries across the continent and beyond to learn from each other and expand our professional capacities. Participants can look forward to engaging in discussions and co-creation sessions that will underline the critical importance of M&E in driving successful outcomes for policies, programmes, and projects that effectively address the diverse development challenges South Africa and the continent face.

We look forward to an engaging and inspiring SAMEA 9th Biennial Conference!

For our collective future,

Jennifer Norins

SAMEA Chairperson

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CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

PLENARY 1 OPENING PLENARY	 <p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER Mr. Seiso J. Mohai DPME Deputy Minister</p>	<p>Mr. Seiso Mohai serves as the Deputy Minister of the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) in South Africa. With extensive experience in public service and policy development, he plays a crucial role in shaping the country's national planning and evaluation frameworks.</p>	PANEL DISCUSSION: 30-YEAR REVIEW Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG Dr Robert Nkuna, DPME • DDG Godfrey Mashamba, DPME • Peter Shube, Mpumalanga Office of the Premier
	 <p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER Indran A. Naidoo (PhD) Director of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD</p>	<p>Indran Naidoo is the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office of the International Fund of Agricultural Development (IFAD). He holds extensive expertise in evaluation, having led global initiatives to strengthen evaluation capacity and promote accountability in development programmes worldwide.</p>	
 <p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER Ashwani K. Muthoo Director General of the Independent Evaluation Office at the BRICS New Development Bank</p>	<p>Ashwani K. Muthoo is the Director General of the Independent Evaluation Office at the BRICS New Development Bank, with over 35 years of experience in the UN System and Multilateral Development Banks. His expertise spans independent evaluations, global policies, and development projects across agriculture, infrastructure, renewable energy, and social inclusion in more than 50 developing countries.</p>		
PLENARY 2 DECOLONISATION	 <p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER Dr. Mamphela Ramphele Commissioner: Global Commission on the Economics of Water</p>	<p>Dr. Mamphela Ramphele is a medical doctor, academic, and co-founder of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa. With a distinguished career in both activism and leadership, she has contributed significantly to social justice, health, and education reform globally.</p>	PANEL DISCUSSION: DECOLONISING EVALUATION – LESSONS FOR SOUTH AFRICA Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Ian Goldman, IEAC Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Bagele Chilisa, University of Botswana • Andrealisa Belzer, Canadian Evaluation Society • Thokozile Molaiwa, DPME
	 <p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER Zenda Ofir (PhD) International Specialist: Transformation, Strategy and Evaluation</p>	<p>Zenda Ofir is an international evaluator and former president of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA). With over two decades of experience, she is renowned for her contributions to global evaluation practice, focusing on sustainable development, resilience, and transformative change.</p>	
	 <p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER Prof. Bagele Chilisa University of Botswana</p>	<p>Prof. Bagele Chilisa is a renowned postcolonial scholar recognised for her extensive work on indigenous research and evaluation methodologies, particularly in decolonizing research in the global South. She is currently the Principal Investigator of a Mastercard Foundation study focused on mapping African-rooted research frameworks and co-designing tools that address power imbalances and elevate marginalised voices.</p>	
PLENARY 3 CLOSING PLENARY	PANEL DISCUSSION: RESPONSIBILITIES OF EVALUATORS IN A VUCA WORLD		Facilitator: Mokgophana Ramasobana, Tiyimele Consulting Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Candice Morkel, CLEAR-AA • Andrealisa Belzer: Canadian Evaluation Society • Josephine Watera, AfrEA • Victor Naidu, DPME

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE

- **Launch of the Competency Self-Assessment Tool:** Join us on Day 2, October 8th at 11:15 AM for the launch of this essential tool, designed to empower all Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) practitioners to drive their professional development by completing this assessment as a first step.
- **Dialogue on Professionalisation:** Participate in an engaging discussion titled "What Does This Mean for Professionalisation in South Africa?" This session will explore the implications and pathways for enhancing professional standards within the Monitoring and Evaluation field.
- **Panel discussion on DPME's 30-Year Review:** The 30-Year Review Report presents the government's assessment of progress since the transition to democratic governance. On Monday 7th of October during the opening session panel discussion, DPME will unpack the critical lessons, progress, challenges, and recommendations highlighted by the report to inform future planning and ensure the promise of a better life for all.
- Curious about **futures thinking** and monitoring and evaluation?: Join the Futures Thinking co-creation session on Wednesday 9 October to engage with emerging results of an ongoing process of using futures thinking approaches to envision M&E's role in addressing the polycrisis.
- **Annual AGM:** Don't miss our Annual General Meeting on Day 2, October 8th at 4:00 PM, where we will announce the newly elected board members and discuss the future direction of SAMEA.
- **Exciting Social Events:**
 - Kick off the conference with our Welcome Event on Monday, October 7th at 6:00 PM, in partnership with Southern Hemisphere.
 - Join us for a Book Launch on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00 PM, in collaboration with Clear-AA, where we celebrate new contributions to our field.

We look forward to an enriching experience filled with learning, networking, and celebration!



EMBRACING SUSTAINABILITY AT THE SAMEA CONFERENCE

We are committed to minimising our environmental impact throughout the conference experience. As an organisation dedicated to driving positive change, we recognise the importance of leading by example and incorporating sustainable practices into every aspect of our event.

To this end, we have taken several intentional steps to reduce waste and promote sustainability:

- **Refillable Water Stations:** We have eliminated single-use plastic water bottles in favor of refillable glass bottles, encouraging all attendees to stay hydrated while minimising plastic waste.
- **Recycling Stations:** Strategically placed recycling bins throughout the venue make it easy for participants to dispose of recyclable materials properly, ensuring that waste is diverted from landfills.
- **Digital Conference Materials:** By utilising our conference app and minimising printed materials, we have significantly reduced paper consumption and the associated environmental impact of printing.

- **Sustainable Venue Partnership:** Our conference venue is committed to reducing food waste and has implemented measures to ensure that surplus food is donated or composted, rather than ending up in landfills.
- **Local Gifts and Merchandise:** To support our local economy and reduce the carbon footprint associated with transportation, we have partnered with talented South African designers to create unique, eco-friendly gifts for our keynote speakers and delegates. These gifts showcase the creativity and sustainability of our local artisans.

By embracing these sustainable practices, we aim to set a positive example for our attendees and inspire them to adopt eco-conscious behaviors in their own organisations and communities. Together, we can create a more sustainable future for our planet while driving meaningful social impact.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

DAY TIME	07 OCTOBER MONDAY	08 OCTOBER TUESDAY	09 OCTOBER WEDNESDAY	10 OCTOBER THURSDAY	11 OCTOBER FRIDAY
9:00	Registration	Parallel Sessions B	Parallel Sessions C	Workshops	Workshops
09:30					
10:00					
10:30					
11:00	Orientation	Tea Break	Tea Break	Tea Break	Tea Break
11:30					
12:00	Lunch	Co-Creation Session A	Co-Creation Session B		
12:30					
13:00	OPENING PLENARY	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30					
14:00		PLENARY 2	PLENARY 3	Workshops	Workshops
14:30					
15:00					
15:30		Tea Break	CLOSING PLENARY	Tea Break	Tea Break
16:00	Parallel Sessions A	Tea Break		Workshops	Workshops
16:30					
17:00	Poster Presentations	SAMEA AGM			
17:30					
18:00	Cocktail Function	Book Launch			

FULL PROGRAMME CONFERENCE DAY 1 - MONDAY 07 OCTOBER 2024

08h00 - 11h00	REGISTRATION						
11h00 - 12h00	Orientation						
12h00 - 13h00	LUNCH						
13h00 - 15h00	OPENING PLENARY Jen Norins, SAMEA Chair, Deputy Minister Seiso Mohai: DPME, Dr. Indran Naidoo: IFAD, Mr Ashwani K. Muthoo: Director General, Independent Evaluation Office, New Development Bank, 30 Years of Democracy - DG Robert Nkuna, DDG Godfrey Mashamba, DPME, Peter Shube, MP OTP						
15h00 - 15h15	TEA BREAK						
PARALLEL SESSIONS A							
TIME	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7
	M&E evidence for continuous adaptive management	Made in Africa Evaluation	Competencies of M&E practitioners	M&E for Investing in Impact/ Measuring Impact	M&E for Just Transition	Tech-Enabled MERL	Young Emerging Evaluators
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	Session Chair: Mokgophana Ramasobana Scribe: Joy Banda	Session Chair: Josephine Watara Scribe: Tshidi Molwa	Session Chair: Thokozile Molaiwa Scribe: Ruvimbo Gombakomba	Session Chair: Gugushe Konehali and Anisha Maharaj-Essack Scribe: Andiswa Neku	Session Chair: Desiree Jason Scribe: Makgorometja Chepape	Session Chair: Mutsha Chinyamakobvu Scribe: Vongai Chibvongodze	Session Chair: Stephan Paulsen Scribe: Natefo Mothupi
15h15 - 15h45	LIGHTENING PRESENTATIONS Evidence for Continuous Adaptive Management/Leadership in schools During Covid 19 crisis in Botswana. Mokgophana Ramasobana Creative Mixing & Innovative Matching for Evaluation at the height of a Pandemic: The Case of Coronavirus in Kenya and Uganda. Jackson Mutavi From non- functional to functional: The story of a data driven initiative to fix handwashing stations in schools. Jeanette Neethling, Claire Kerry Partners In Development	A synopsis of challenges and their repercussions on the African-Rooted Evaluation agenda Mokgophana Ramasobana Tiyimele	In their voices: African evaluators' reflections on their evaluation training and practice. Sandra Kokera University of Cape Town	The Cues to the Act: Inductive Practices of Impact Investment Decisions from a Monitoring and Evaluation Perspective Lebone Nkhumeleni University of Pretoria	South Africa's frameworks for monitoring and evaluating the Just Transition Yuri Ramkisoan Presidential Climate Commission. Prof Ian Goldman and Mark Everett Just Energy Transition Investment Plan Project Management Unit (JET-IP PMU)	Leveraging AI for Enhanced Data Analysis in the Love Alliance Mid-Term Review - Dena Lamofsky , Southern Hemisphere; Nana Davies , Southern Hemisphere	From Silence to Strength: Young Women Leading the Change on Gender-Based Violence through Community-led monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (CoIMEAL). John Ougo , SALANGA
15h45 - 16h15	Adapting in Crisis: The Evaluation of Zim-TTECH's Cervical Cancer Programme During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Oscar Tapera University of Cape Town	Strengthening Indigenous Knowledge Systems In Enhancing Made In Africa Evaluation. Caroline Makuvire Zimbabwe Office of the President and Cabinet, Evaluation and Learning	Are all evaluators born the same? The differences & similarities between the evaluation commissioners and consultants. Ali Khalib Palestinian Evaluation Association	The Nexus of Impact Measurement and Management (IMM) and Made in Africa Evaluation principles: A Systematic Literature Review Kirsten Amsterdam Bertha Centre For Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship	The DPME-SAMEA guidelines on Transformative Equity and Climate and Ecosystems Health, including application to the Water Research Roadmap Sinenhlanhla Tsekiso CLEAR-AA	Real Time Monitoring Tool and its Use in Enabling Evidence-Driven Social Development Programs to Promote Wellbeing of Vulnerable Children and Their Families. Desiree Jason (chair) Tamary Maluleke Department of Social Development	
16h15 - 16h45	Lessons we have learned from COVID on adaptive management. Pulling themes from the presentations, and discussing their implications for the field of M&E. Eleanor Hazell JET Education Services	African Indigenous Knowledge System Evaluation on Agrifood Systems: Swahili proverbs Perceived reality and evaluative insight. Francis Mwaljande, Rosefii Nabbumba, & Carlos Akligo , Mzumbe University Tanzania	Can Youth Employment Programs work? Promoting the use of Design Evaluation to first assess 'how programs work' before evaluating 'do programs work' Gail Smith	Championing Mutually Positive Futures: The Role of Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning (MERL) and Innovation in Corporate Social Investment (CSI) in Africa Zinhle Mkhabela Old Mutual Foundation	PANEL DISCUSSION Harnessing Just Transition through Sustainable Infrastructure: Experience of the BRICS New Development Bank and key development partners Fariha Ahmed, Henrique Pissala De Souza New Development Bank	PANEL DISCUSSION Insights and Lessons from Virtual Evaluation Practice in South Africa Lesedi Senamele Matlala , University of Johannesburg Shadrack Mlambo - African Ctrl Corporate Service (Pty) Oriel Tshlidzi Sithomola University of Johannesburg Conny Motlanthe (DPME) Kgaugelo Moshia-Molebatsi (DPME) Dr Ruth Mojalefa (SA National Department of Sports, Arts and Culture) Seirah Ngcobo (DPME) Eleanor Hazell (JET education)	Pathway to Brighter Futures: Empowering Out-of-School Youth through an Integrated Functional Literacy Program. Meseret Gizaw International Youth Foundation
15h45 - 17h15		The role of African evaluation Journal in advancing MAE, Mark Abrahams, Southern Hemisphere	LIGHTENING PRESENTATION Did I really think M&E was a walk in the park? Followed by session discussion Lucille Smith JET educations services	Investing in partnerships for impact assessment Dominique Dix-Peek		LIGHTNING PRESENTATIONS Harnessing the Power of One-Stop Data Management with Kinaki John Ougo, Salanga Exploration of how emerging technologies, such as AI and blockchain, are transforming M&E practices in response to VUCA challenges in South Africa Tshegofatso Mashaphu JET Education Services Enhancing Rapid Humanitarian Response: Machine Learning-Based Classification of Household Food Security in Burkina Faso Moumini Kabore DKF Utilising Generative AI for Enhanced Programme Planning in the JET IP Mark Everett JET IP PMU	LIGHTNING PRESENTATIONS Youth Inclusion Framework: Lessons Learnt from Khulisa Sithenjisiwe Wendy Dube Experiences using competencies as a way of assessing youth and the lessons learnt. Ramone Comalie Stellenbosch University Monitoring and Evaluation for Quality Assurance of Research: A case study of youth unemployment in Africa Jenean Pretorius CLEAR-AA
17h15 - 18h00	POSTER PRESENTATIONS						
18h00 - 20h00	WELCOME COCKTAIL FUNCTION						

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08h00 REGISTRATION							
PARALLEL SESSIONS B							
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09h00 - 09h30	Improving both Evaluative and Evidence-Based Culture: The Need for Parliamentary Research in African Parliaments Mbav Yav Germain Formative Evaluation on the Implementation of the Gender Responsive Planning, Budgeting, Monitoring, Evaluation and Auditing Framework (GRPBMEAF) The evolving landscape of the 21st century governments: A need for adaptable and responsive Monitoring and evaluation systems in South Africa Thembelihle Mpungose The practice and sustainability of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation in the Public Sector against the imperatives of the Government-Wide Monitoring and Evaluation System. Stellah Masombuka	Empowering Communities: A Case for Community-Led Learning, Monitoring, and Evaluation in Africa. Lindiwe Trudi Mahlale	Competencies of M&E Practitioners as Catalysts of change in the time of VUCA Philip Browne Citofield	Impact Assessment and Social Return on Investment of a Social Employment Programme Boitumelo Mokotong Lings Naidoo Redflank	LIGHTNING PRESENTATIONS Adaptation and decision making for a just transition Caitlin Blaser Mapitsa University of the Witwatersrand ‘We heard about climate change but didn’t know where to start’: Effectiveness of a climate change adaptation intervention Claire Kerry Independent Consultant	WORLD CAFE CHAIR: JERUSHA GOVENDER Leveraging ChatGPT to conduct a SWOT analysis for the Western Cape Department of Agriculture Lelethu Bodlani , PDG Consultants Mobile Internet’s Contribution to Development and Livelihoods Jamie Robertsen GSMA Mobile for Development Enhanced Data Management in African MERL Frameworks Through Open-Source Innovations Issaka Ouedraogo Science Granting Council Initiative (SGCI) Project, DSI/NRF/Newton Fund Trilateral Chair in Transformative Innovation	Lessons Learned from including young people as collaborators, participants, and valued team members in the evaluation process. Petronella Ncube Empowering Emerging Evaluators in Evaluation Project Phases: Practical Recommendations for Programme Evaluators. Lesedi Senamele Matlala University of Johannesburg Insights from inclusion of youth voices in evaluations. Rumbidza Tizora , UNICEF Zimbabwe
09h30 - 10h00		Using Shona proverbs as an indigenous knowledge system for evaluation in Zimbabwe. Zacharia Grand Acmeret Solutions	Putting participatory processes at the centre of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning towards social justice Wilma Wessels-Ziervogel Southern Hemisphere	Achievements and lessons from a social impact review of a Community Water Programme Prinesa Reddy Tshikululu Social Investments	Development interventions of the 21st Century: Applying new approaches to old and emerging problems Maja Wisenberge World Food Programme	World Café Chair: Jennifer Bisgard Prospects and constraints of using AI technologies for Monitoring and evaluation in Africa. Jaya Sojen JET Education Services	
10h00 - 10h30		Role of Traditional Leadership in Programme Monitoring and Evaluation using indigenous knowledge Siviwe Mdilshwa Eastern Cape Department of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs Parameters for the Development of an African-centric M&E system. Dr Eziwe Mutsikiwa	Evaluations in decentralised environment: Challenges and Lessons learnt Angel Mathebula Department of Higher Education and Training	The power of IMM for decision-making purposes Reinoud Willemssen Embedding Impact	WORLD CAFÉ Community based planning, implementation and M&E Victor Munnik – Life After Coal-GroundWork	Surfing the AI tsunami: using AI to enhance, not replace, participation in evaluation. Gordon Freer Insight Strategies	
10h30 - 11h00	WORLD CAFÉ The significance of MAE in strengthening evaluation practice and shifting power. Jerusha Govender , Palmer Development Group Reimagining MEL for Transformational Change: Shifting Power Dynamics in International Development. Dena Lomofsky , Mark Abrahams , Southern Hemisphere	Characteristics of evalpreneurs in Africa to bring about change Nicolas Uwitonze Center for Cooperative Problem Solving (CCPS) at Virginia Tech	Achievements and lessons from an Impact Assessment of a Scholarship Programme Prinesa Reddy Tshikululu Social Investments	Asset-based Community Development as a strengths approach to co-creation & re-defining success within the social impact sector Maurisa Moloto - Lefika Janine Ward - Lefika	What Insights and Lessons can be drawn from Harnessing the Power of AI in Evaluations? Petronella Ncube	Discussion: What we have learned on how to successfully engage YEEs in a meaningful manner in an evaluation team.	
11h00 - 11h15	TEA BREAK						

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11h15 - 11h45	<p>WORLD CAFÉ Enhancing Title Deed Delivery for Subsidized Housing in South Africa: Insights from Kepner Tregoe Methodology. Sanmari Briedenhann Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <p>Enhancing Local Government Utilisation of Evaluation Studies to improve decision making – The Story of eThekweni Municipality. Nirmala Govender eThekweni Municipality</p> <p>Towards the Institutionalisation of Monitoring and Evaluation System in Local Government. Siviwe Mdilshwa Eastern Cape Department of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs</p> <p>Investing in Impact: Evolution of DPME's Frontline Monitoring Support Division. Seirah Ngcobo Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation</p>	<p>CO-CREATION SESSION Mapping African Rooted Evaluation Frameworks, Methods, and Tools: Findings from a Systematic Review of Literature. Prof Bagele Chilisa, University of Botswana</p> <p>Cultural Values, Norms and Beliefs Implications for Made in Africa Evaluation Processes and Approaches: A Systematic Review of Literature Prof Bagele Chilisa University of Botswana</p> <p>Evaluator Experience in Made in Africa Evaluation: Unpacking IKS Data Collection Tools. Tshidi Molwa</p> <p>LINCS: A potential framework for relational governance on the African continent? Amy Murgatroyd ICLEI AFRICA</p>	<p>Launch of the online self-assessment evaluator competencies tool. SAMEA</p>	<p>A critical review of key components of impact measurement and management frameworks Nyaradzo Mufanha Breadline Africa</p> <p>Practical application of the IISA IMM best-practice guide: Accelerate-the Accelerator Programme Shane Radford Marketplace Maker (IISA Demand Side/ UNDP)</p>	<p>CO-CREATION SESSION: Applying the DPME-SAMEA Transformative Equity / Climate and Ecosystems Health guidelines to real evaluations</p>	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION Digital Monitoring and Evaluation Knowledge Management/Results tracking systems to improve evidence-based governance: the cases of Ghana and Uganda Ayabulela Dlakavu Twende Mbele; et.al</p>	<p>CO-CREATION SESSION Draft guideline/intent for involving youth and YEEs in a meaningful manner when conducting evaluation. Chair: Natefo Mothupi</p>				
11h45 - 12h15											
12h15 - 12h45											
12h45 - 13h15						<p>PANEL DISCUSSION Moderator: Babette Rabie Adopting a co-production approach in developing South Africa's Evaluation Evidence Map: lessons and early outcomes. Thokozile Molaiwa, Dr Laurenz Mahlanza-Langer, Harsha Dayal, Carin van Zyl</p>					
13h15 - 14h15	LUNCH BREAK										
14h15 - 15h45	<p>PLENARY 2 Dr. Mamphela Ramphele Dr. Zenda Ofir</p> <p>Decolonising Evaluation – Lessons for South Africa (Andreilisa Belzer, Professor Bagele Chilisa, Thokozile Molaiwa, Professor Ian Goldman)</p>										
16h00 - 17h30	SAMEA AGM										
18h00	BOOK LAUNCH										

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09h00 - 09h30	The Learning Based Management (LBM) Approach: International IDEA's Monitoring and Evaluation system. Elizabeth Margret Asimwe International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance An assessment of the living experience of recipients of projects funded by the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA). Lessons learned and challenges encountered Megan Govender DBSA	Made in Africa Evaluation Curriculum: African Evaluators Wish list. Sandra Kokera University of Cape Town	An exploration of key concepts to inform the design of evaluation standards in the context and discourse of professionalization of evaluation practitioners. Morakane Segopolo Department of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation	From outputs to impact: M&E Lessons learned from 30 years of implementing infrastructure projects Nyaradzo Mutanha Breadline Africa Evaluation Of The Student Housing Infrastructure Programme: A Case Study Of The University of Venda in the Limpopo Province Sydwell Leggau DBSA	Seeing differently, doing differently, evaluating differently: Early Childhood Development Interventions seen through a local and global systems lens. Benita Williams Benita Williams Evaluation Gugu Zulu Sasol Foundation	LIGHTNING PRESENTATIONS Comparative analysis of the outputs derived from a Qualitative Data Analysis Software versus an AI tool Jaya Sojen JET Education Services Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Climate Change Integration in Evaluation Frameworks Chineme Anowai Colgar, Nigeria Case Study: Deploying GenAI in a Voice-Based Virtual Assistant service in Zambia Jamie Robertsen GSMA Mobile for Development	SAMEA's EE programme: Responding to EE challenges and lessons learned. Dineo Madiba
09h30 - 10h00	Harvesting outcomes in education: A case study of JET Education Services Tshegofatso Mashaphu Jet Education Services Eleanor Hazell co-presenter Evaluations That Leaves No One Behind: Rapid Evaluation of Critical Policies and Interventions in Africa Parfait Kasongo, Oumarou Saley, Abdulaye Gounou, Thabo Makhosane Twende Mbele	Exploring the significance of Made in Africa Evaluation for Emerging Evaluators. Andiswa Neku CLEAR AA	Canadian Perspective: Competencies and Credentials, Canadian Evaluation Society, Andrealisa Belzer , past President of the Canadian Evaluation Society	The changing non-profit M&E landscape: insights from the MTN Awards for Social Change Judith Matthys Social Impact Advisory	Applying the transformational change concepts in mapping the pathway of change for GEAPP's Just energy transition portfolio in South Africa Tabitha Olang - Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP)	The Electronic M&E System for Social Development Sector (eMEs) Tshepiso Diako Department of Social Development	Improving YEEs capacity development for meaningful and transformative career pathways. Stephan Paulsen SAMEA Samukelisiwe Mkhize CLEAR-AA
10h00 - 10h30	Data informed advocacy for addressing gender based violence (GBV) in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Dr Claire Kerry Independent Consultant An encounter with Table Mountain by the youth from the Phillipi informal settlement awakens their senses and mitigates psycho-social challenges. Lindela Mjexane Beyond Expectation Environmental Project	The Potential of Tech-enabled tools in advancing the Made in Africa Evaluation agenda Viwe Kulu	DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION What does this mean for professionalisation in South Africa	Technology and Capacity barrier for effective II and IMM. Jason Bygate Capacitate	Evaluating transformational change for climate action: concepts and tools Kevin Moull German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)	Using Digital Tools for Better Monitoring and Evaluation: The Propel Example in Africa Andres Roue Propel	
10h30 - 10h45	TEA BREAK						
CO-CREATION SESSIONS B							
10h45 - 11h15	LIGHTNING PRESENTATIONS: The use of evaluations in strategic planning processes. Shelton Kabamandondo, Kevin Kelly Department of Agriculture Programme planning: a pre-requisite for monitoring and evaluation Edeshri Moodley DBSA, Euody Mogaswa Theory of Action for adaptive management Marlene Roefs Wageningen Center for Development Innovation Co creation session on lessons from adaptive management for programme planning, design, and causal linkages. Dr Candice Morkel CLEAR-AA	CO-CREATION SESSION Decolonising National Evaluation Systems Prof Ian Goldman, Dr Candice Morkel and Thokozile Molaiva IEA, DPME, CLEAR AA	CO-CREATION SESSION Siyavuka! Evaluation Professionalisation in a Vuca world.	Impact Driven Monitoring and Evaluation. Mandlenkosi Bewuzana Context matters: The role of context in understanding the impact of the work in South African community based organisations Dominique Dix-peek , Independent Consultant ForAfrika to Thrive: Measuring the impact of ForAfrika's programmes on community Self-Sufficiency Fabio Bezerra ForAfrika	CO-CREATION SESSION The Three Horizons Approach: M&E's contribution to transformative change Ian Kendrick	CO-CREATION SESSION Exploring AI in Evaluation: A Practical Guide with ChatGPT - Dive into the world of Artificial Intelligence as we explore the practical uses of ChatGPT in evaluation. Together, we'll learn, experiment, and document a comprehensive "how-to" guide, empowering you to harness AI's potential in your evaluation practice.	CO-CREATION SESSION What are the lessons learned about the YEE programme?
12h45 - 13h45	LUNCH BREAK						
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14h30 - 16h00	CLOSING PLENARY Responsibilities of Evaluators in a VUCA world - Victor Naidu, Candice Morkel, Andrealisa Belzer, Josephine Watera						

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

NAME	Organisation	Title	Theme
Obakeng Giff Mmolotsane	National Department Of Social Development	Linking Government Administrative Databases for Better Monitoring and Evaluation: Case Study on Measuring the Educational Outcomes of Learners Receiving Social Protection Services	Tech-enabled MERL
Ronald Kakeeto	Makerere School of Public Health	Assessing the Effect of Results-Based Financing on the Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Indicators for a Community Health Program in, Uganda	Tech-enabled MERL
Claire Kerry	Independent Consultant	The ECD equity imperative: Contributing to filling the gaps	Tech-enabled MERL
Gezani Given Makaringe	University Of Johannesburg	Unlocking the Potential: Exploring Novel Strategies for Sustainable Urban Development	M&E for Just Transition
Rumbidzai Mashava	Univeristy Of Botswana	The Boundaries of evaluation in illiberal context	Tech-enabled MERL
Lesedi Senamele Matlala	University of Johannesburg	Perceptions and attitudes of south african evaluators towards virtual evaluation	M&E for Adaptive Management
Dan Moody & co-author Zanele Ntwentle Sokatsha	Palmer Development Group	Where is Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)?: Co-designing Accountability Tools For Inclusion	Evaluation for and by youth
Phindile Nonyane	Ethekwini Municipality	The Rapid Evaluation of the Integrated Development Plan process	Tech-enabled MERL
Bernard Naledzani Rasila	Limpopo Department of Education	Importance of effective monitoring and evaluation on good governance and effective service delivery in Public Sector	Tech-enabled MERL
Rize van Rooyen & co-author Khanyisa Manzini	Nelson Mandela University	DMERLS: Reimagining impact measurement for participatory community engagement within higher education	Made in Africa Evaluation
Thea Wynne	The Do More Foundation	Driving Systemic Change for Early Childhood Development: The Do More Foundation's Conceptual Framework	M&E for Adaptive Management
Jean Yves Adou	Aprm Continental Secretariat	A Study of Perception of Stakeholders on the Impact of African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) on Governance in Africa	M&E for Adaptive Management
Obakeng Giff Mmolotsane	National Department Of Social Development	Design and Implementation Evaluation of the Access to Justice Programme Implemented by Letlhabile Network	Made in Africa Evaluation
Nicolas Uwitonze	Center for Cooperative Problem Solving (CCPS) at Virginia Tech	Characteristics of evalpreneurs in Africa to bring about change	Investing in Impact
Lemogang Chisiyanwa		Social Media as a Platform for Evaluation Research: Opportunities and Challenges	Tech-enabled MERL
Ms Thembelihle Luthuli, Dr Shanaaz Dunn		Language as a Lens: Enhancing M&E Through Linguistic Diversity in Africa	Made in Africa Evaluation

POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP PRESENTERS



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POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

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The following is a list of post-conference workshops. Register for the workshop in one easy step here: <https://sameaconf.co.za/workshops/>

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Leveraging the opportunity: From M&E to IMM	Reana Rossouw	Intermediate	One-day	10 October 2024
Mastering Virtual Evaluation	Eleanor Hazell and co-presenters: Khumo Pule, Ruth Mojalefa, Lesedi Matlala	Intermediate	One-day	10 October 2024
Equity x Design x Impact. Africa	Lebone Nkhumeleni	Beginner	One-day	11 October 2024
Exploring a storytelling framework approach to Impact measurement and Management	Shawn Theunissen	Intermediate	One-day	11 October 2024
Using AI-based approaches (LLMs and NLP) and digital audience segmentation for design and MERL of social and behaviour change (SBC) interventions	Nicola Harford	Intermediate	One-day	11 October 2024
Teamwork, creativity and problem solving skills of M&E practitioners to bring about change: insights from Adaption-Innovation theory and its inventory (KAI)	Nicolas Uwitonze	Advanced	Two-day	10 & 11 October 2024
Skills and processes for participatory programme design, monitoring, evaluation and learning	Wilma Wessels-Ziervogel Dena Lomofsky	Intermediate	Two-day	10 & 11 October 2024
Exploring programme design and evaluation with an intersectional lens	Tracey Phillips Elena Mancebo	Intermediate	Two-day	10 & 11 October 2024
Systems Thinking – An essential perspective, language and set of tools every evaluator should command	Benita Williams	Intermediate	Two-day	10 & 11 October 2024
Introduction to Social Impact Monitoring and Evaluation	Maurisa Moloto	Beginner	Two-day	10 & 11 October 2024

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