
Evaluation in UNAIDS

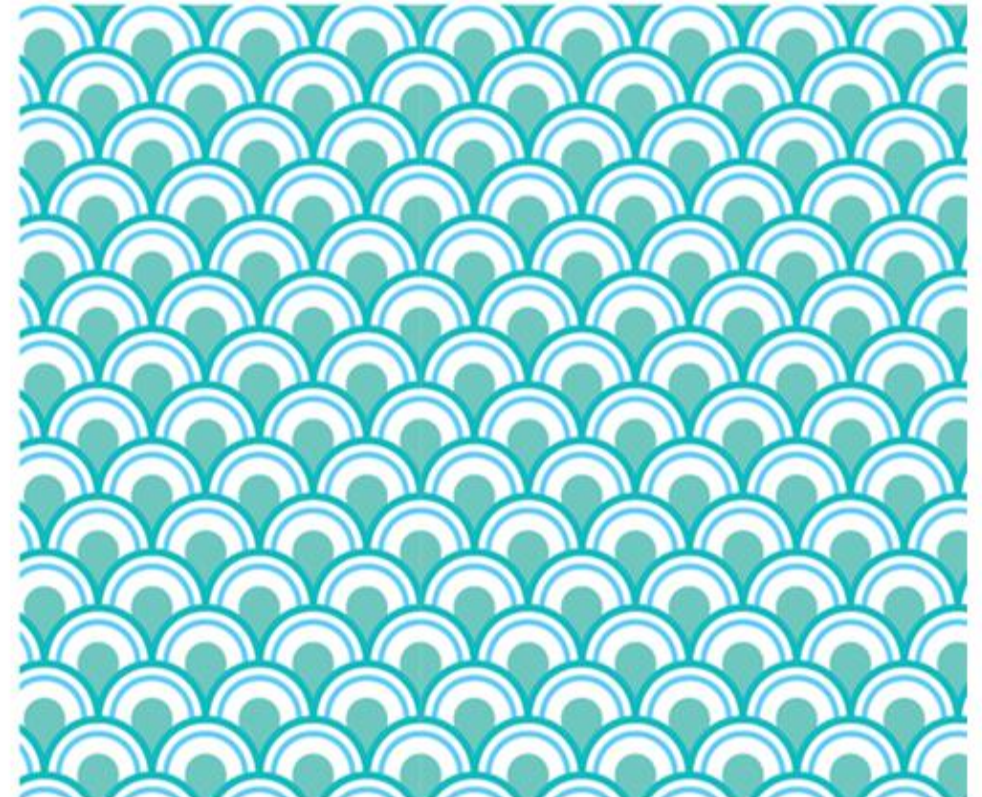
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UNAIDS EVALUATION POLICY

ENHANCING ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND
ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING

2019



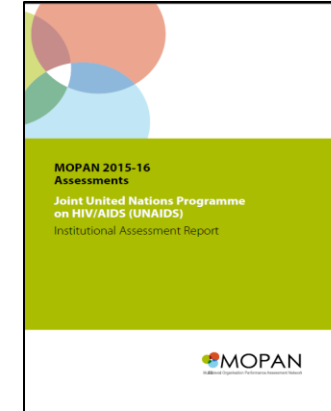
Monitoring and evaluation in UNAIDS

Tracking the epidemic and response



Performance monitoring

MOPAN and other reviews of UNAIDS



38th PCB
June 2016



Increased emphasis on evaluation



Stand-alone evaluation office

Independent evaluation function

Key steps in the development of UNAIDS evaluation policy

- Engagement with Cosponsors, Member States, Civil Society and Partners
- Dedicated multi-stakeholder consultation on the draft evaluation policy
- Peer review of policy by the evaluation offices of UNAIDS Cosponsors

Key elements of UNAIDS evaluation policy

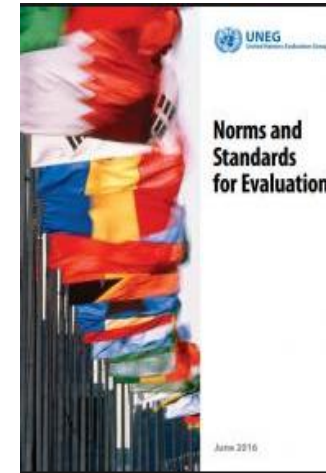
Vision and purpose



Decision-making, learning and accountability



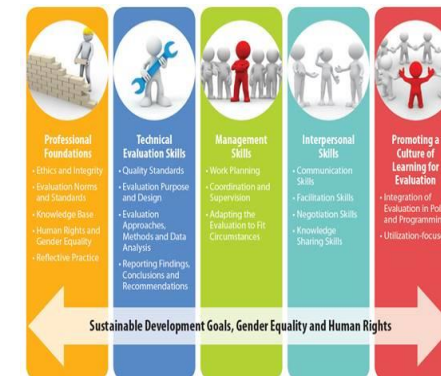
UNEG and OECD/DAC norms and standards



System-wide evaluations and UN reform



Responsibilities competencies and quality assurance



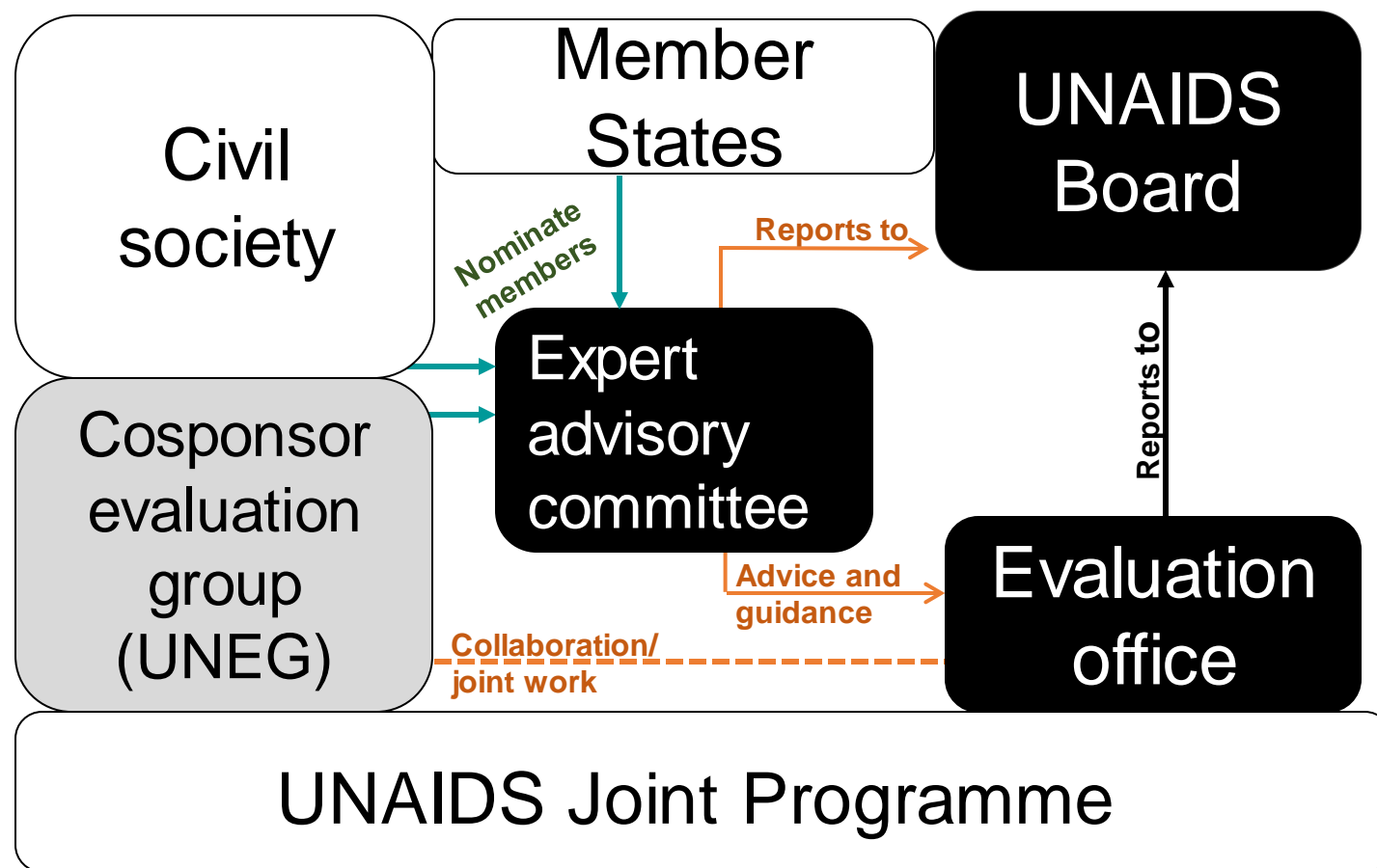
Independence – a key aspect of evaluation

The UN Evaluation Group norms and standards identify **behavioural and organizational independence** as key aspects of evaluation

This requires an **evaluation office** that is:

- responsible for **setting the evaluation agenda**
- able to carry out evaluations **without undue influence**
- provided with **adequate resources** to conduct its work
- positioned **independently** from management functions

Responsibility and accountability for evaluation



Roles and responsibilities

Programme Coordinating Board

Approves the evaluation policy, plan and budget, considers annual reports on implementation and draws on evaluations for decisions

Appoints a geographically representative and gender balanced advisory committee and ensures required technical expertise

Expert Advisory Committee

An independent external body appointed by the Board which provides advice and guidance on the UNAIDS evaluation function

Consists of seven members, nominated by Member States (5), PCB NGO delegation (1) and Cosponsor evaluation offices (1)

Roles and responsibilities – cont.

Cosponsor Evaluation Group

Brings together and leverages the resources of the Cosponsor evaluation offices for HIV-related evaluations

Promotes and advises on system-wide and joint evaluations related to HIV and serves as a reference for HIV-related evaluations

UNAIDS Executive Director

Fosters an enabling environment for evaluation, safeguards the integrity and independence and ensures follow up to evaluations

Ensures resources for evaluation, provides management oversight of the evaluation function and promotes a culture of learning

Roles and responsibilities – cont.

Evaluation Office

Evaluates the work of the Joint Programme, i.e., the UNAIDS Secretariat and HIV-related activities of UNAIDS Cosponsors

A structurally and functionally independent unit with an overall budget corresponding to 1% of organizational expenditures

Director of Evaluation

Appointed by the EXD in consultation with the PCB Bureau; provides an independent report annually to the PCB.

- develops the evaluation policy, plans, guidance and tools
- manages evaluations and ensures use of findings and conclusions
- builds awareness, evaluation capacity and partnerships

Next steps towards the 45th PCB meeting in December 2019

- 1. Establishment of an expert advisory committee on evaluation**
 - PCB to nominate technical experts
- 2. Consultative process to develop evaluation plan for 2020-2021**
 - to be approved by the PCB in December 2019
- 3. System-wide evaluation of the UN response to AIDS**
 - i.e., evaluation of 2016-2021 Strategy and UBRAF