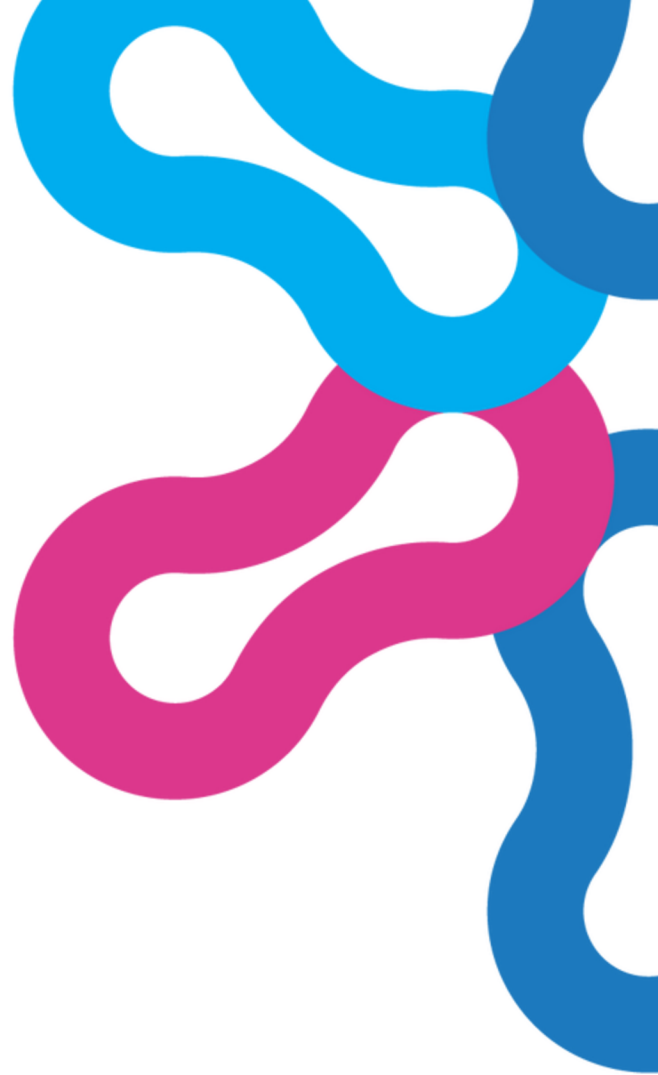


glocal **evaluation** week

2 - 6 June 2025



CONCEPT NOTE

Evaluation for a Better Future: **Environmental Sustainability, Inclusion, and Peace**

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Background

Glocal Evaluation Week is an annual global event that brings together evaluation professionals, policy makers, and practitioners to share knowledge, best practices, and innovations in monitoring and evaluation (M&E). The name 'Glocal' comes from combining the words global and local—reflecting the event's mission to connect global insights with local perspectives and vice versa.

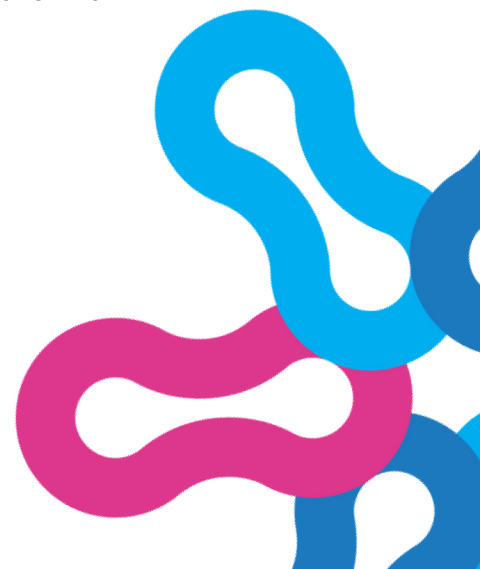
Organized by the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), a global partnership committed to strengthening M&E systems for evidence-based decision-making, Glocal Evaluation Week takes place every June. Participants can join free webinars, workshops, and discussions that aim to enhance evaluation capacity worldwide.

Since its launch in 2019, Glocal Evaluation Week has hosted thousands of events across multiple time zones to become one of the world's largest M&E knowledge-sharing platforms.

GEI, through its regional Centers for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEARs) and other partners, provides tailored M&E capacity-building and technical support, advancing evaluation practices globally through initiatives like Glocal Evaluation Week.

Building on Glocal Evaluation Week 2024

In June 2024, Glocal Evaluation Week brought together nearly 25,000 participants across 368 events worldwide under the theme "Evaluation and Transformational Change: Balancing Ambition and Realism." Participants discussed the role of evaluation in driving systemic change and addressing global challenges. Key insights highlighted the importance of producing actionable evidence and finding a balance between ambitious goals and practical strategies. These discussions have paved the way for Glocal Evaluation Week 2025 to explore further how evaluation can contribute to building a better future.



Theme of Glocal 2025

In 2025, Glocal Evaluation Week will focus on the theme "Evaluation for a Better Future: Environmental Sustainability, Inclusion, and Peace." With 2030 approaching, progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals remains slow and uneven. Growing inequalities, political polarization, and escalating climate crises present urgent challenges, disproportionately impacting vulnerable populations and highlighting the critical role of evaluation in tackling these interconnected issues and driving meaningful solutions.

Addressing Polarization Through Evaluation

Political polarization threatens societal stability and weakens democratic institutions, eroding trust and hindering cooperation. This fragmentation hampers governance, making it harder to tackle urgent global challenges like climate change, inequality, and conflict.

In this divided landscape, evaluation plays a critical role in bridging gaps by focusing on lessons learned that drive sustainable development, climate action, social justice, and peacebuilding. It provides a platform for diverse stakeholders to assess policy impacts in real time, fostering collaboration and continuous learning. By adapting methodologies and engaging stakeholders across divides, evaluation can shape informed public discourse and build consensus based on evidence. To stay relevant and impactful, evaluation must evolve—embracing innovative, context-responsive methods that deliver timely, actionable insights to influence policies, behavior, and institutional reforms. By doing so, evaluation becomes a powerful tool for driving systemic change, advancing sustainability, inclusion, and peace.

Glocal Evaluation Week 2025 invites the global M&E community to explore how evaluation can help build a more sustainable, inclusive, and peaceful future. Through collaboration and innovation, participants can chart pathways to overcome polarization and address interconnected global crises.



Sub-themes

Glocal Evaluation Week 2025 will feature discussions on four sub-themes:

1. **Climate Action and a Just Transition**
2. **Gender Equality and Social Justice**
3. **Sustaining Peace**
4. **Sustainability, Efficiency, and Growth**

To spark meaningful discussions during Glocal Evaluation Week 2025, event organizers are encouraged to address questions such as:

- How should evaluation evolve to meet future needs?
- What approaches, methods, and tools are needed to keep evaluation relevant?
- How can evaluation support climate action and a just transition?
- How can evaluation address inequalities and promote social justice?
- How can evaluation contribute to peace in fragile and conflict-affected settings?
- How can evaluation contribute to sustainable growth?

Organizers are encouraged to share experiences, lessons learned, challenges, and opportunities to contribute to these debates.

Event Formats, Dates, and Planning

Event Formats: Event organizers can choose from a variety of formats, including presentations, roundtables, panel discussions, training sessions, and workshops. Events can be in-person, virtual, or hybrid.

Dates: Glocal Evaluation Week 2025 will take place from June 2 to 6, 2025.

Call for Proposals: Event organizers can submit their proposals from February 26 until March 26, 2025.

Proposal Feedback: Organizers will receive feedback by April 25, 2025.

In addition to the special theme, event organizers are welcome to propose sessions on diverse M&E topics, including methodologies, evidence use, capacity development, and emerging trends.