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Responsibility and Accountability: Strengthening Evidence Generation and Use in Support of Policy Reform and Development Agenda



## Abstract Submission is now Extended! Deadline 31st May2019

The International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED), the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) and Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Assets and Market Access (AMA Innovation Lab) in conjunction with the Office of the President, Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation, Ghana, the Campbell Collaboration, Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI), Innovations for Poverty Action, Ghana (IPA) and other partners are organizing the 2nd Evidence to Action Conference and Exhibition at the ISSER Conference Hall, University of Ghana, Accra on 9th - 12th July, 2019. Theme of the Conference is 'Responsibility and Accountability: Strengthening Evidence Generation, Dissemination and Use to Improve Policy Reforms and Sustainable Development Agenda.'The Conference aims to identify and discuss accountability and responsibilities of stakeholders in the use of evidence to address developmental needs. During the forum, participants will explore how they can contribute to the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda.

## **Conference Objectives**

- To facilitate dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders in research and evaluation agenda and priority setting to influence policymaking and governance.
- To identify effective ways research and evaluation findings can be translated and utilized for evidence- based policy making, funding, and action.
- To highlight and share what has worked and what has not worked, integrating and using cutting-edge research and evaluation results and findings for policy making and sustainable program development.
- To identify and discuss successful models that support responsibility and accountability in research and evaluation among stakeholders for action and impact
- Toanalyse and examine how policies and programs can continuously be infused with evidence to move evidencebased interventions into practice for accountability,

## **Central Themes**

- 1. Communication
- 2. Innovation and Technology
- 3. Framework for Evidence Value Chain
- 4. Tools and Instruments for Evidence Based Generation and Use

#### Sectors

The focus sectors are as follows:

- 1. Agriculture and Food Systems in sub-Saharan Africa
- 2. Climate Change and Environment
- 3. Agriculture Risk, Index Insurance and Risk Mitigation
- 4. Private Sector in Development
- 5. Impact of investment in Agriculture and Food Systems
- 6. Innovative Finance, Credit and Savings for Smallholders
- 7. Gender and Youth in Agriculture and Food Systems
- 8. Youth Employment
- 9. National and Local Governance and Accountability
- 10. Evidence Synthesis and Impact Evaluation for Policy Making
- 11. Knowledge Brokering and Knowledge Translation

## Who should submit?

Presenters at the 2nd Evidence to Action Conference and Exhibition 2019 are experts who have conducted research and evaluations across multiple settings and influenced policy and development interventions, policy makers using evidence for decision making, and development professionals who have undertaken development and policy interventions based on rigorous evidence through research and evaluation.

## What type of content are we looking for?

The 2nd Evidence to Action Conference and Exhibition 2019 will include keynotes

addresses, breakout sessions, policy dialogue, and workshops. In addition, there will be a full-day pre-conference training sessions, exhibitions and side events by partners and sponsors.

The Topics to be presented include:

- From Papers to Policy: Case Studies on Research Uptake in Policymaking
- · Approaches and Methodologies that have worked and those that have not worked
- · Lessons Learned and Best Practices
- Technology and Tools that have been used by Researchers and Evaluators
- · Stakeholders Engagement
- Policy Round Table Setting research agenda and priorities
- $\cdot\,$  Evidence and Gap Maps for Policy Making

### Delegates

Conference delegate will be drawn from a diverse range of stakeholders working in Africa, who are involved in research and evaluation. They include:

- $\cdot$  Relevant Government Ministries
- Farming Organizations
- $\cdot$  Universities
- $\cdot$  Development Think Tanks
- $\cdot$  Civil Society
- $\cdot$  Policy Makers
- Research Organizations (National and International)
- Development Agencies and Donor Community
- Private Sector Organizations

Abstracts should be approximately 250-350 words and include the title of the presentation and its topic, full names and contacts of the presenter. The abstracts can be sent to: info@iced-eval.org.

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