

# Strengthening National Monitoring and Evaluation Capacities and Use: National Evaluation Societies as a Driving Force

19 - 31 October 2015

Short Training Initiative 2015

From the 19<sup>th</sup> until the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2015, the [Institute of Development Policy and Management](#) (University of Antwerp) organises its first **training programme on National Evaluation societies.**

This training programme aims to **bring together leading evaluation experts (members of National Evaluation Societies)** in developing countries to strengthen those evaluation societies in taking up the role of **developing national M&E capacities and use.** More specifically, this training programme will enable some 25 evaluation experts who are members of different national evaluation societies to become driving forces in **strengthening their national M&E systems and use.**

The training programme wants to attract **evaluation experts from the government sector, civil society, parliament, private sector, donor agencies, academia.** All participants should have a university degree in social sciences (or related disciplines) and should have professional expertise in M&E (mid-level to high level professionals in the government sector, civil society, academia, think tanks, private sector, donor agencies, parliament). Applicants must also be proficient in English.

To be eligible for a [VLIR-UOS scholarship](#) additional requirements apply (aged under 45; member of an evaluation society; national of country on [VLIR-UOS country list](#))

In total, around 25 participants can participate in the programme. Nineteen VLIR-UOS scholarships are available.

More detailed information on the programme and the organizers can be found on:

<http://www.uantwerp.be/iob/evaluationsocieties-iob>

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## PROGRAMME

The programme consists of five main modules.

- Module I reviews the basics of M&E, discusses the importance of M&E in national development and in the context of the Paris/Accra/Busan aid reform agenda.
- Module II builds towards producing a comprehensive and solid **analysis of the main strengths and weaknesses of the national M&E system** and arrangements. This analysis captures six key M&E areas, including policy, methodology, organisation, capacity, participation of non-government actors and use for accountability and learning.
- Module III participants explore **how evaluation societies can contribute to mitigating** the flaws and structural **weaknesses of existing M&E systems** and arrangements.
- Module IV invests in reviewing **strategies to redress organizational weaknesses**.
- Module V expands and deepens the **evaluation methodology capacities** of the participants and thus also of the NES.

The full programme of the training [can be accessed here](#).

Various evaluation experts from around the globe will feature as guest lecturer in the course. Throughout the programme, we invest in **peer-to-peer learning among different evaluation societies**, while simultaneously facilitating collaboration between the different members of the same evaluation society through online interaction with the other members of the NES at home. This networking within and across evaluation societies contributes to **strengthening NES capacity** to contribute to the upgrading of national M&E systems and arrangements.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Registration fee

Registration fee for the training programme is 500 €. The fee covers enrollment, course materials and course activities. Self-supporting participants from low or middle income countries and VLIR-UOS scholarship students are exempt of paying a registration fee.

### Practical Arrangements:

Accommodation and travel arrangements are made for the VLIR-UOS scholars. Participants with no VLIR-UOS scholarship are required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. If so desired, IOB can provide information about available accommodation.

### How to apply?

Apply online through [online application form the website](#)

Deadline online application (scholarship): 31/05/2015

The selection results will be communicated at the latest the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2015.

### Further Questions?

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