



OPEN SESSION

Monday 1 October 2018, 17:00 – 19:00

“Ioannis Vellidis” congress center, Hall 6, room 16
Thessaloniki, Greece

Panel discussion

Moderator

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Panelists

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Vice-mayor of Thessaloniki

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*Participation at the open session “Evaluating the gender perspective in SDGs” is free.
The language is English without interpretation.*

Evaluating the gender perspective in SDGs

The **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** marks a shift to sustainable and equitable development, including dialogue among policymakers to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. Within this context, local authorities are strongly encouraged to ensure gender-sensitive urban development planning and processes, fostering community cohesion and personal security and stimulating innovation and employment, by removing social and economic barriers to gender equality.

With a view to strengthen accountability and ensure gender-equality follow up mechanisms, national and local stakeholders are invited to act upon, in line with the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** review mechanism and the **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action**.

From 15 to 17 March 2016 was organized in New York, a **high-level event and technical workshop** gathering the evaluation community to reflect on how to evaluate SDGs with an equity-focused and gender-responsive lens. Delegates from member states, international organisations and parliamentarians who attended the event, made a commitment to moving forward in evaluating the SDGs with a more equity-focused and gender-responsive lens by increasing collaboration. Evaluators should drive the invitation to re-frame the SDG agenda for the next 15 years with an emphasis on transformative change.

The objective of this open session is to examine the evolution in this approach in the last two years, in line with the high-level event resolutions. Attendees will be invited to present the measures taken by their organisations and the results achieved. Evaluators will explain how they work together with policy makers and their approaches, methods and perspectives to ensure evidence-based policy making.

The panelists will be asked to reflect upon questions on how to build-up a gender responsive framework to evaluate the SDGs; how to ensure gender-responsive demand and use of evidence collection from evaluation; what is the new reality for evaluation within complex contexts?

The open session is addressed to decision makers, national, regional and local authorities, civil society organisations, evaluators and researches in the areas of SDGs and gender equality.