



OPEN SESSION

Tuesday 2 October 2018, 15:00 – 17:00

“Ioannis Vellidis” congress center, room OLYMPIAS
Thessaloniki, Greece

Panel discussion

Moderator

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Panelists

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

SDGs and engagement on evaluation

In 2015, more than 190 world leaders committed to **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** to help achieving equitable and sustainable development through dedicated action and active stakeholder engagement. All countries are strongly encouraged to setup appropriate planning and policy frameworks ensuring stakeholder engagement and policy integration in the context of the SDGs. The definition of clear monitoring and evaluation systems and criteria are of particular importance to successfully advance integrated implementation.

Greece has shown its commitment to the implementation of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, in the context of reframing of the country's development perspectives. In 2017 Greece endorsed at the highest political level and through a wide social dialogue, a set of eight (8) overarching National Priorities encompassing all 17 SDGs, which are also in line with the National Growth Strategy adopted by the Greek government in 2018. The first **Voluntary national review (VNR) for Greece**, was published in 2018, while as of 2019, a National Implementation Plan for the SDGs will be developed, providing for monitoring, evaluation and review measures.

The objective of this open session is to discuss **EvalSDGs approach for the evaluation of SDGs**, present Greece's VNR, and exchange on good evaluation practices from other countries

Panelists will be invited to discuss the role of evaluation mechanisms in transformative development put forward by the SDGs and the preparedness of the evaluation actors (evaluation practitioners and users) to address development challenges.

The open session is addressed to decision makers, national, regional and local authorities, civil society organisations, national evaluation societies, evaluators and researches.