## ECG Webinars for all staff

**Wednesday 18 October 2023**

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| **Evaluating Organizational Decentralization: Insights from IFAD and AfDB** |
| **Details** | Organizational decentralization is more than just a structural transformation; it's a strategic journey many development organizations embark on to enhance their proximity to clients and boost development effectiveness. This strategy is rooted in the belief that closer client engagement heightens relevance and overall development outcomes. But does this approach truly deliver as anticipated? And how do evaluations inform and optimize the effectiveness of such organizational shifts? Join us for an in-depth discussion on the methodologies and findings of evaluations of organizational decentralization, featuring real-world applications from IFAD and AfDB.After this webinar, you will be able to: * Understand the essence of organizational decentralization and its evaluation methods;
* Grasp key findings from IFAD and AfDB evaluations of decentralization; and
* Identify lessons and tools for future evaluations or reviews of decentralization.

**Chair:*** Indran Naidoo, Director, IOE IFAD

**Presenters:** * Nanthikesan Suppiramaniam (Lead Evaluator, IOE, IFAD)
* Oswald Agbadome (Principal Evaluation Officer, IDEV, AfDB)
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| **Experimenting with GPT and Generative AI for evaluation practice** |
| **Details** | Over the past few months, there has been a lot of hype around Generative AI, ChatGPT, and other Large Language Models. Oscillating between awe and catastrophism, many opinions have been voiced. The Independent Evaluation Group’s Methods Team decided to take a dispassionate approach by doing what it does best - setting up clear experiments and assessing the models as objectively as possible. In this webinar we will share with you how we set up the experiments, what we found and what we recommend. Join us to discuss and learn about the promises, the risks, and the results of leveraging GPT, other Large Language Models and Generative AI for evaluation practice.After this webinar, you will be able to: * Understand what Large Language Models are, and what they are not.
* Know how to set-up experiments to test LLMs on various evaluative tasks.
* Identify use cases for evaluation practice based on concrete example.
* Assess the risk-cost-benefit of using LLMs for various evaluation tasks.

**Presenters:** * Estelle Raimondo ([Program](https://intranet.worldbank.org/people/search?page=1&q=&psort=relevance&items=10&rvpu=&runit=&rjob=Senior%20Evaluation%20Officer&rinstitution=&rlocation=&raoe=&rskill=&rlanguage=) Manager and Methods Advisor, Independent Evaluation Group)
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