

The global political participation and leadership of women: use of the ISE₄GEMs approach to undertake a UN Women corporate evaluation

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ABSTRACT:

In 2016 a collaboration of researchers from Australia and the UK collaborated with UN Women's Independent Evaluation Office to develop the Inclusive Systemic Evaluation (ISE) Approach for Gender Equality, Environments, and voices from the Margins (GEMs): A Guide for Evaluators for the SDG Era (hereon known as the ISE Guidance). Intended to be a practical tool to support the future provisions of people with serious unmet needs, whether physical, social, economic, educational, or political. It contains a dozen tools, examples of practice and other resources to evaluate multiple and concurrent systems of complex situations. It was also developed in response to meeting the demand for robust and appropriate systemic methodology, tools, strategies, and training for practitioners working with the Agenda 2030, Sustainable Development Goals in the international development sector. The Guidance was published mid 2017 but testing and refining the draft methodology commenced in late 2016 with the UN Women corporate evaluation of the global participation of women in leadership and politics. In this presentation Anne Stephens will introduce both the ISE Guidance and UN Evaluation Expert Shravanti Reddy (via skype) to discuss the benefits and learnings of using this approach to high-level corporate evaluation. They will also discuss how the ISE contributes to building knowledge and practice of evaluation across a range of complex situations and the capacity development required to implement the ISE Guide in your setting.