

RESOURCES FOR EVALUATION CAPACITY BUILDING¹

This section lists some of the many resources that are available electronically to individuals or organizations wishing to strengthen the evaluation capacities. The list is certainly not comprehensive but for readers with time and patience these links will lead to many other sources. Recognizing that our readers come from all parts of the world we have included links to resources in Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish.

1. National and International Evaluation Organizations

In recent years that has been a rapid expansion of national and international evaluation associations and organizations are operating in at least the following countries and regions (our apologies to any organizations we have missed). The websites of many of these associations contain extensive material on conferences, publications and usually links to other evaluation websites.

International:

IOCE : International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (ioce.net). There are 60 national associations affiliated with IOCE of whom 27 have websites (in English with some material in French and Spanish).

Africa:

Regional Association: The African Evaluation Association (<http://www.afrea.org>)

National Associations and Networks: Evaluation associations or networks (all listed on the African Evaluation Association website) now operate in the following countries (and more are being created):

- Benin
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Comoros
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mauritania
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Rwanda

¹ Source: Michael Bamberger, Jim Rugh and Linda Mabry. 2006. RealWorld Evaluation: Working under Budget, Time, Data and Political Constraints. Appendix 4. Sage Publications.

- Senegal
- South Africa
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Asia:

- Australasian Evaluation Association (<http://www.aes.asn.au>)
- Japan Evaluation Society (in Japanese) (<http://www.idcj.or.jp>)
- Malaysian Evaluation Society (<http://www.angelfire.com/ab/mes>)
- Sri Lankan Evaluation Association

Europe and the Middle East:

Regional Association: The European Evaluation Society
(<http://www.europeanevaluation.org>)

National European associations:

- **Danish Evaluation Society** (in Danish with some material in English)
(<http://www.danskevalueringsselskab.dk>)
- **Dutch Evaluation Society** (in Dutch) (<http://www.videnet.nl>)
- **Finnish Evaluation Society** (in Finnish and English) (<http://www.finnishevaluationsociety.net>)
- **French Evaluation Society** (in French)(<http://www.sfe.asso.fr>)
- **German Evaluation Society** (in German)
- **Irish Evaluation Network**
- **Israeli Association for Program Evaluation** (in Hebrew and English)
- **Italian Evaluation Society** (in Italian)
- **Newly Independent States: International Project Evaluation Network** (in Russian with English link)
- **Polish Evaluation Society** (in Polish with some material in English)
- **Spanish Public Policy Evaluation Society** (in Spanish)
- **Swiss Evaluation Society** (English, German and French)
- **United Kingdom Evaluation Society**
- **Swedish Evaluation Society (Utvärderana)** (in Swedish with English link)
- **Walloon Evaluation Society** (in French)

The Americas

- **American Evaluation Association:** information is also given on their website (eval.org) on local affiliates in different parts of the country.
- **Brasilian Evaluation Association** (in Portuguese and English)
- **Canadian Evaluation Society** (in French and English)

- **PREVAL** (program for strengthening monitoring and evaluation capacity in Latin America and the Caribbean) (in Spanish).

2. Electronic reference material on evaluation methods

2.1 Collections

Table 1 lists some of the collections of evaluation reference material compiled by the American Evaluation Association and published on their website. This is just a small sampling of the very extensive reference material now available on the internet.

Table 1 Collections of evaluation reference material
<p>Site: Ericae.net Sponsor: ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation Scope: Very extensive comprehensive list of educational evaluation resources, includes broad-ranging searchable test review and test/instrument locator with 10,000 instruments indexed (although not available online) Organization: Highly organized, indexed, searchable Link: http://ericae.net/</p>
<p>Site: The Evaluation Clearinghouse Sponsor: Government Performance Information Consultant's (GPIC) [Canada] Scope: Extensive list of sites that ranges broadly, many Canadian links Organization: Confusing with duplication, difficult to find specific types of links Link: http://members.home.net/gpic/evalwebindex.htm</p>
<p>Site : On-line Evaluation Resource Library Sponsor: National Science Foundation's (NSF) Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) Scope: Extensive list of evaluation plans, instruments and reports developed for NSF/EHR funded projects, uses specific quality criteria for inclusion Organization: Excellent, broken down by project type and resource type</p>
<p>Site: Resources for Methods in Evaluation and Social Research Sponsor: Private site compiled by Ya-Lin Liu and Gene Shackman Scope: Extensive list of free evaluation-related sites, organized with annotation Organization: Good, broken down by topics, can be difficult to find specific types of links Link: http://gsociology.icaap.org/methods/</p>
<p>Site: WWW Virtual Library: Evaluation Sponsor: Confederation of volunteers Scope: Extensive list of evaluation-related sites, many international Organization: Good, broken down by topics, can be difficult to find specific types of links Link: http://www.policy-evaluation.org/</p>
<p>Source: American Evaluation Association website (http://www.eval.org)</p>

Many of the websites of the national evaluation associations listed in Section 7.3.a include links to reference material, often in the national language (although in most cases the majority of the material cited is in English).

The World Bank Operations Evaluation Department website contains hundreds of evaluation reports on World Bank country strategies, programs and projects [<http://www.worldbank.org/oed>].

2.2 Electronic resources on particular topics

- **Statistical software, texts on-line**

<http://members.aol.com/johnp71/javastat.html#TOC> This section of Electronic Resources for Evaluators compiled in coordination with the American Evaluation Association lists statistical software and textbooks available on-line.

www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/prevmed/ps/index/htm. Free web site developed by Vanderbilt University for estimating power of the test and sample size.

Ebook.stat.ucla.edu.

www.surveysystem.com

- **Randomized experimental designs**

<http://www.povertyactionlab.com> Reports on all of the randomized evaluation designs conducted by the MIT Poverty Action Lab.

- **Empowerment evaluation:**

<http://www.stanford.edu>

- **Heuristic evaluation:**

<http://www.useit.com/papers.heuristic>

- **Mixed methods evaluation**

<http://www.ehr.nsf.gov>

- **Preparing terms of reference for evaluation consultants**

<http://www.usaid.gov/ausguide/ausguidelines/index/ctm>

3. Conferences and events

Many of the websites of the national and international evaluation associations include information on conferences, events and sometimes training activities within particular countries or regions or international. A few of the many useful calendars of conferences and training activities are:

American Evaluation Association: <http://eval.org/meetings.html>

PREVAL: Conferences and courses mainly in Latin America:

<http://www.preval.org/pagina.php?secCodigo=7&idioma=7>

European Evaluation Association: Conferences in Europe
<http://www.europeanevaluation.org/conferences/index.html>

4. Evaluation training programs

The Electronic Resources for Evaluators data base compiled in cooperation with the American Evaluation Association is a very extensive reference source for evaluators. It also include a list of universities offering evaluation training programs.

<http://www.tandl.leon.k12.fl.us/programme/Electronic%20Resources%20for%20Evaluators.htm>

One of the most comprehensive training programs for international development evaluation is the International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) at Carleton University in Ottawa. This 4 week training program is organized in cooperation with the World Bank. For general information www.ipdet.org to review the curriculum <http://www.ipdet.org/curriculum.aspx>.

All of the modules (both text and PowerPoint presentations) for the 2 week IPDET core training program are available at: <http://www.worldbank.org/oed/ipdet/modules.html>