



The International Centre for Evaluation and Development

ICED builds Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity at the 7TH Kenya National M&E Week in Mombasa

Theme; “Towards realization of the ‘Big Four’ Agenda: Evidence based decision making for sustainable development”

The National Treasury and Planning, through its Monitoring and Evaluation Department, (MED) has hosted the National Monitoring and Evaluation Week every 45th week of the year since 2012. In collaboration with county governments, development partners, think-tanks, academia and civil society organizations, MED has endeavored to promote a culture of monitoring and evaluation in the country.

The 7TH National M&E Week consisted of two days of pre-conference professional development workshops and three days of main conference that included keynote speakers on topical issues, individual paper presentations on thematic areas, panel discussions, expert round-tables, book and photo exhibitions and presentations on success stories from model countries

Attracting participants and representatives from across the continent, including national and county governments and private sector professionals, the 7TH Kenya National Monitoring and Evaluation Week had the following strands as the areas of focus:

1. Collaborative research and innovative evidence-based policy making.
2. Evaluation of the ‘Big Four’: Food and Nutrition Security, Universal Health Coverage, Affordable Housing and Manufacturing.
3. Developing high quality evaluation practice for national and county governments.
4. Monitoring and Evaluation: Addressing new developments and challenges in the field.
5. Monitoring and Evaluation of emerging issues, including climate change, gender and human rights.
6. Meeting monitoring and evaluation data needs through ICT, science and technology innovations.
7. Resource mobilization for monitoring and evaluation.

The collaboration between the International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED) and the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation (MED) to host the 1ST African Evidence to Action Conference and Exhibition 2018 in Nairobi created a fruitful relationship between the two organizations. The partnership has seen both parties work closely together on different projects including review of the draft National Monitoring and Evaluation Policy and the Monitoring and Evaluation Week.

The International Centre for Evaluation and Development delivered their exclusive **‘Executive Leadership Program on Monitoring and Evaluation for Public and Private Sectors’** at the 7TH Kenya National Monitoring and Evaluation Week. The course aims to promote a culture and practice of monitoring and evaluation in both the public and private sectors and covers the fundamental

concepts and tools for monitoring and evaluating of public and private sector development programs. To address gaps in the evaluative capabilities and knowledge of stakeholders while utilizing monitoring and evaluation evidence for decision making and development actions, the course objective include:

- To bridge the gap between monitoring and evaluation theory and practices in Africa and other global south countries
- To understand the basic concepts and practical approaches for performance monitoring and evaluation in public and private sectors.
- To learn state-of-the-art, tools and techniques used specifically to monitor and evaluate development programs in public and private sectors in Africa.
- To gain hands-on experience in designing monitoring and evaluation plans for public and private sectors

The training program offered by ICED was delivered to over one hundred participants from the national and county governments. M&E Week was a key opportunity to build capacity on monitoring and evaluation systems and enhance service delivery at a time when the country is embarking on the implementation of the Third Medium Term Plan (MTP III) of the Vision 2030 and the second-generation County Integrated Development Plans (CIDP II) having incorporated the national Big Four Agenda.

Looking forward, ICED and MED will continue to collaborate to promote the use of monitoring and evaluation for decision making, policy development and impact. This includes capacity building for policymakers, innovative tools to support implementation of policy and creating awareness of the value of evidence and research to advise decision making and drive the development agenda.

For more information on the Executive Leadership Program on Monitoring and Evaluation for Public and Private Sectors, [click here](#).