

Side Event
to the
2021 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

**Evaluation – an effective path towards
the achievement of the 2030 Agenda**

7 July 2021

1.00 – 2.30 pm EDT | 19.00 – 20.30 CEST

Join the event online:

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Evaluation is crucial in assessing value, worth, and merit of national SDG-related policies, plans, and results, and can generate recommendations on how, in what direction, and how fast to drive change to achieve the SDGs. In crisis contexts, evaluations can contribute towards agility in response, re-routing strategies towards the most relevant SDGs, and adjusting resources with a focus on the most marginalized.



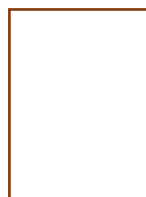
Sami Pirkkala
Secretary General of the
National Commission on
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Prime Minister's Office, Finland



Bala Yusuf Yunusa
Senior Technical Advisor to the
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Pilar Garrido
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Government Representative from
Nepal (TBC)

Opening remarks:

Anu Saxén, Director Evaluation Unit,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Keynote speaker:

Dr. Jörg Faust, Director, Deval

Moderator:

Kassem El-Saddik, Co-Chair EVALSDGs

Synthesis:

Stefano D'Errico, Head of Monitoring,
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Closing remarks:

Denis Jobin, Senior Evaluation Specialist,
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