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Webinar 1

Engaging with Children in Evaluation: A critical Review of Transformative Methodological Approaches

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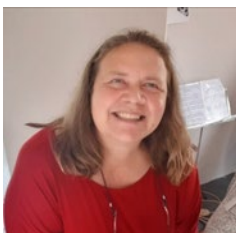
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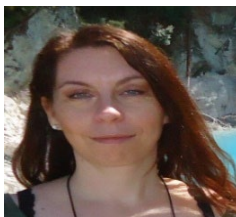
With the realisation of children's and young people's rights at the heart of UNICEF's mandate, it is essential to engage with them and let their views inform our evaluation work, as also called for in international conventions. Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), for instance, envisages that children's participation, which is defined as "girls and boys (individually and/or collectively) forming and expressing their views and influencing matters that concern them directly and indirectly", is a fundamental human right. Similarly, other regional conventions, such as the [African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child \(1990\)](#), recognize that it is a child's right to express themselves freely and the adults' duty to listen to children's voice.

To this end, engaging with children and young people in evaluation ensures that they actively contribute to the decisions being made by adults about programming, advocacy, and partnerships that directly affect their lives and future. The three panelists, winners of the UNICEF WCARO/AfrEA Child-Focused Evaluation competition launched in 2021, will share some unique experiences developed across Africa in this relevant area of work, along with some concrete tools (e.g. visuals and adapted measuring instruments) that could be employed to better engage with children and young people in evaluation processes in the future.

Presenters



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