

Empowering countries through Evaluation,

Evaluation as a country level tool for development results

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 67/226 of 21 December 2012, 66/209 of 22 December 2011, 59/250 of 22 December 2004 and 62/208 of 19 December 2007;

Reiterating the need for enhanced national evaluation capacity to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and the importance of technical and scientific cooperation;

Emphasizing the role of independent and impartial evaluation as an essential country-level tool for supporting national development results;

Reaffirming the principle of national ownership in the development cooperation of the United Nations system, and taking note of the continuous efforts made by Member States to enhance ownership of the development processes;

Noting with appreciation the work of the United Nations Evaluation Group as a professional network setting the norms and standards for evaluation within the United Nations;

Welcoming the initiative by the United Nations Evaluation Group and its partners, to declare 2015 the International Year of Evaluation;

1. Encourages Member States to intensify their demand for, ownership of, and use of evaluation for evidence-based decision-making for development results;
2. Encourages Member States to strengthen their national evaluation policies and systems so national actors can have objective and credible information for decision-making and are sensitive to equitable development;
3. Encourages Member States to undertake actions in order to support the 2015 International Year of Evaluation initiative;
4. Requests the United Nations system and national and international stakeholders to enhance their cooperation, **including partnership initiatives** in national evaluation capacity development, in the spirit of the 2015 International Year of Evaluation initiative;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide an update in 2016 on progress made in national evaluation capacity development.