

Panel Members of the 2020 OECD DAC – UNEG Peer Review of the WFP Evaluation Function

Chair: [Marco Segone](#)

Director, Evaluation Office of United Nations Population Fund



Marco was previously director of the Evaluation Office at UN Women; Chair, United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG), the network of Evaluation Offices of 46 UN agencies; co-founder and co-chair of EvalPartners - the global partnership for national evaluation capacities – and EvalGender+. Before that, Marco was responsible for the decentralized evaluation function as well as the national evaluation capacity development portfolios at the UNICEF Evaluation Office; Regional Chief, Monitoring and Evaluation in the UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia; Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean; Brazil Country Office, and Niger Country Office. Marco also worked in international NGOs in Albania, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Thailand and Uganda. He has authored dozens of

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[Anu Saxen](#)

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Anu is currently the Head of Development Evaluation Unit of the MFA Finland. Before joining the evaluation unit she was Deputy Head of Mission at the Finnish Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa. She has 30 years’ experience and has held a number of specialist and managerial positions in the foreign and development policy, private business, international business development and project management. She has held leadership positions in donor and international financing institutions such as the European Commission and the World Bank. Anu has been a keen and consistent user of evaluations throughout her career. She is acutely aware of the contribution evaluations can make to strategic planning and policy development.

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Maurya has 20 years of experience working as an evaluator on education, urban, decentralization, and other public sector programs. In addition to evaluation, Maurya also has a background in adult learning, knowledge management, performance management, strategy development, and organizational development. She is senior member of the evaluation capacity development program in the World Bank Independent Evaluation Group. She has trained government professionals in Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Europe, and Latin America on monitoring and evaluation (M&E) methods and systems, as well as needs assessments. She is an instructor in the International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) and regular panelist in international conferences. Maurya is active in the American Evaluation Association (AEA) and has served as co-chair of AEA’s Needs Assessment Thematic Interests Group. Maurya has published numerous articles on evaluation-related topics and is co-author of the book *A Guide to Assessing Needs: Essential Tools for Collecting Information, Making Decisions, and Achieving Development Results*.

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Silvia Salinas

President of the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation



Silvia is a Bolivian anthropologist & feminist, with a specialisation in Andean Studies and a Master's degree in Decentralization and Public Administration. Thirty years of experience as senior consultant, researcher and evaluator in the social development sector. Recognised for her specialised though systemic and creative approaches to key poverty, development and exclusion topics. Advocator and facilitator of transformative planning, management and evaluation processes. Particularly interested in power issues, ethics and intercultural relations. Between 2016 and June 2018 president of the Bolivian Monitoring and Evaluation Network (REDMEBOL). Since December 2017 Chair of the Latin American and Caribbean Monitoring, Evaluation and Systematization Network (ReLAC). Since last April President of the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation. International speaker. Has written a vast number of publications on evaluation, gender and other development and human rights issues.

David Rider Smith

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David joined UNHCR Evaluation Service as Senior Evaluation Coordinator in early 2020. He leads on building the decentralized evaluation function and is Deputy Head of Evaluation. David has over twenty years' experience in evaluation, research and performance monitoring. He was formerly head of evaluation capacity and quality, and Deputy Head of Evaluation at the UK's Department for International Development (DFID). He also formerly worked as an advisor to the Government of Uganda and within the UN system on performance systems. He was team leader in the Joint Inspection Unit of the UN system, tasked with strengthening quality and professional practice across the JIU Secretariat, led a UN system-wide study on change management (2018-19), and was an Evaluation Specialist in the UNDP Evaluation Office. David has published on performance assessment, evaluation and

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Sven Harten

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Sven Harten is Deputy Director at DEval and heads the Competence Centre for Evaluation Methodologies. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the LSE and has more than 20 years of experience in designing, implementing and managing more than 50 evaluations in the field of development cooperation. Main evaluation themes are currently climate change adaptation, financial cooperation (especially blended finance), private sector (MSME) as well as evaluation criteria, quality and standards. Previously, Sven worked at the World Bank (IFC), the European Commission as well as evaluation consultancy firms. He lived more than 10 years in developing countries (Africa and Latin America)

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Consultant:

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Senior Consultant to the Panel



Daniel is a former Department for International Development (UK) (DFID) governance adviser and served in senior positions in Cambodia, Ghana, Palestine and the Caribbean. In Palestine Daniel was seconded to work for former UK PM Tony Blair, serving as Deputy and Acting Head of Mission for five years. Since leaving DFID, Daniel served as Senior Consultant to the 2019 UNESCO UN Evaluation Group/OECD DAC Peer Review and led two assessments for the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network on UNODC and UNESCO. Before his career in development, Daniel was a social anthropologist/political scientist focused on South-East Asia.