



**INAUGURAL SAMEA CONFERENCE –
EVALUATION IN ACTION 28 - 30 MARCH
2007, BIRCHWOOD HOTEL,
JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**



The South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA), in partnership with the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), will be co-hosting the Inaugural South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association Conference. The Conference will convene under the theme:

“Monitoring and Evaluation in Action”.

Aims of the conference

- To bring together people working on monitoring and evaluation in order to promote the development of M&E thinking and practice in South Africa.
- To stimulate debate and research around M&E practice.



Presentations

About forty-five oral presentations are expected mostly from South Africa, but with input from Egypt, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, USA, Australia, Germany, UK, The Netherlands and India. Some of the highlights are:

- Implementing of an online Monitoring System for a nationwide HIV/AIDS initiative
- Measuring progress in development cooperation projects
- Impact assessment of Rural Poverty alleviation
- Monitoring and evaluation of government policy across all three

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- New model for working with Donor Funded Programmes
 - Implementing M&E for the multi-sectoral AIDS Programme in Gauteng: Using behavioural surveillance surveys (youth and taxi drivers)
 - Building on the National M&E system to monitor the national action Plan (NAP) programmes of support for Orphans and Vulnerable children in Zimbabwe.

Panel Discussions will focus inter alia on implementation challenges for the Government-wide Monitoring and Evaluation, Utilisation of information from M&E systems for service delivery improvement.

Key Note speakers

Speakers at this conference will include:

Prof. Stan Sangweni (Chairperson: Public Service Commission (PSC)

Prof. Patricia Rogers (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology; Australia)Dr. Zenda Ofir (Board member American Evaluation association)

Dr. Sulley Gariba (Acting Chair: African Evaluation Association)

Pre-conference Workshops activities (26-27 March 2007)

Two days prior to the conference, SAMEA will host **24 M&E professional development workshops**. These will be hands-on, interactive sessions that provide an opportunity to learn new skills or hone existing ones.

SAMEA strives to cultivate a vibrant community that will support, guide and strengthen the development of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) as an important discipline, profession and instrument for empowerment and accountability in South Africa.

The conference offers a great opportunity to connect with the M&E community in South Africa!!!

For more information, bookings and registration visit the SAMEA website at <http://www.samea.org.za> or contact Nomvuzo Mamabolo at the SAMEA information desk at info@samea.org.za, or +2712430 2009.

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