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INTRODUCTION

There is growing recognition of the importance of evidence, particularly evidence from evaluations, in national decision-making and the crucial role of parliamentarians and their support staff in ensuring that evidence-based approaches are used for strengthening oversight, budgeting resource appropriation, legislation, and policymaking across all sectors.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is particularly interested in how the use of evidence impacts on sectors related to agriculture. It is important to emphasize that given the nature of parliamentary business, parliamentarians deal with various subjects/issues while carrying out their legislative functions, the use of evidence cuts across all sectors of their work. As such, rather than a sectoral focus, there will be an effort to equip parliamentarians with the right tools that can facilitate the use of evidence in their legislative duties.

Parliamentarians and their staff need data and evidence to make decisions that effectively, equitably, and justly allocate resources and meet people's social and economic needs.

However, they face major technical and political challenges related to the generation and the use of evidence to inform policies. This challenge is acute in Africa given the dearth of information and analysis about the conditions, problems, and solutions of social and economic development. Parliaments in Africa lack the capacity to compile and use evidence in the design, oversight, and evaluation of legislation and policies on the critical economic and social issues facing various countries on the continent.

Better use of evidence by Parliamentarians, and associated research and policy making bodies will facilitate better development outcomes, and more transparent and efficient governance.

Key components of evidence-based policy making include making decisions based on the best available evidence, evidence from monitoring, evaluation, and research; using data and information systems systematically; applying policy-making

frameworks; engaging the citizenry in decision making; conducting a sound evaluation on the effectiveness of laws, legislations, and policies, and disseminating what is learned to further inform future policies, legislations, and laws.

While there is some existing data pointing to the capacity gaps of African parliamentarians in using evidence in legislation and policies, including their M&E and data use skills needs, there is no comprehensive or detailed assessment of their specific challenges and needs or whether and how they currently access and use evidence in legislative drafting, policy formulation, and oversight.

The Assessment, Analysis, and Development of Tools to Strengthen the Use of Evidence in Policies and Legislation in Africa (TSUE) project seeks to improve access to evidence used by parliamentarians and policy makers in their legislative and policy making work. The activity does not seek to evaluate parliaments and parliamentarians. Rather, it is about helping elected representatives use data and evidence from evaluation and other sources, to make informed decisions. To this end, knowledge of organisations and institutions already working on evidence-based policymaking and strengthening capacity of Parliamentarians on access and use of evidence is very critical to improve the use of evidence in Parliament. This document contains a mapping of some organizations working in this space in Africa. It is intended to support Parliamentarians, staff of Parliamentarians, think tanks and other organisations working on evidence-based policy-making on potential organisations they can collaborate with or source for evidence or research materials that can be used to support legislative and policy-making functions.

I. INVENTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (SSA) WORKING ON EVALUATION AND THE USE OF EVIDENCE AS RELATED TO PARLIAMENTS

NAME	HOST COUNTRY	ABOUT	CONTACT
African Centre for Parliamentary Affairs (ACEPA)	Ghana	ACEPA is an African not-for-profit organization registered in Ghana. It is dedicated to building the capacity of African Parliaments and elected representative bodies at all levels of governance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·ACEPA has worked with 20 African Parliaments · It supports legislative reforms, peer-to-peer learning, leadership training, capacity building, knowledge exchange and research.ACEPA also works on Data for Accountability to help Parliaments improve quality of life in Ghana through evidence, using data to oversee progress towards the SDGs. 	No.AGR/2B, Farmland, Beach Road,Accra Tel: +233.30.295.6811 Email: info@acepa-africa.org Website: www.acepa-africa.org
African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP)	Kenya	AFIDEP is an African-led, regional non-profit research policy institute established in 2010 to help bridge the gaps between research, policy and practice in development efforts in Africa. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·AFIDEP's work cuts across SSA · It's work cuts across population dynamics, health and well-being, education, environment and climate change, accountability and gender equity. 	6th Floor (Block A), Westcom Point Building Mahiga Mairu Avenue, off Waiyaki Way Tel: +254 20 4343 116 Email: info@afidep.org Website: www.afidep.org
Africa Evidence Network (AEN)	South Africa	A broad community of nearly 3000 diverse people who share a vision to see an end to poverty and inequality in Africa through evidence-based policymaking.AEN engages with stakeholders to increase the use of evidence in decision-making. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · AEN's network counts 2,822 members in Africa · evidence synthesis. 	c/o Africa Centre for Evidence University of Johannesburg Auckland Park,2006 Johannesburg South Africa Tel: +27 11 559-1909 Email: ace@uj.ac.za Website: www.africaevidencenetwork.org
African Centre for Evidence	South Africa	ACE is a policy research organization based at the University of Johannesburg that was founded in 2016. It aims to produce evidence for researchers in government, policymakers in Parliament, civil rights activist in the private sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·ACE works in all of Africa, particularly in South Africa 	c/o University of Johannesburg Auckland Park, 2006 Johannesburg South Africa Tel: +27 11 559-1909 Email: ace@uj.ac.za Website: www.africacentreforevidence.org
African Centre for Systemic Reviews and Knowledge Translation	Uganda	The Africa Centre for Systematic Reviews and Knowledge Translation was founded in March 2013 with support from the International Development Research Centre, Canada.The aim of the Africa Centre is to build capacity for knowledge translation for public policy in Africa cutting across health, education and food security. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·The Africa Centre for Systematic Reviews and Knowledge Translation aims for Africa-wide work ·The Centre builds capacity for knowledge translation for public policy that cuts across health, education and food security. 	Africa Centre for Systematic Reviews and Knowledge Translation College of Health Sciences, Makerere University Tel: +256414 698 286 Website: www.chs.mak.ac.ug/afcen
African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC)	Kenya	APHRC is the continent's premier research institution and think tank, generating evidence to drive policy action to improve the health and wellbeing of the African people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·APHRC has 20 years of transforming lives in Africa through policy research ·APHRC's work focuses mostly on health and its nexus 	African Population and Health Research Center P.O. Box 10787-00100, APHRC Campus, Kitisuru, Nairobi, Kenya Tel: +254 (20) 400 1000 Email: info@aphrc.org Website: www.aphrc.org

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African Parliamentarians Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE)	Cote d'Ivoire	<p>APNODE is a network of African parliamentarians and development partners promoting the use of evaluation in national decision making. Launched in March 2014, it was initiated by African parliamentarians based on their recognition of the important function of evaluation in national decision-making and the crucial role of parliamentarians in ensuring that evaluation evidence is used for strengthening oversight, budgeting, legislation and policymaking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · APNODE's reach is Africa-wide · APNODE strengthens the capacity of African parliamentarians for quality oversight, policymaking, and national decision-making. The Network further strives to bridge the gap between evaluators and parliamentarians. 	<p>APNODE Secretariat C/O IDEV African Development Bank Avenue Joseph Anoma 01 BP 1387 Abidjan 01 Cote d'Ivoire Tel: +225 27 20 26 51 14 Email: apnode@afdb.org</p>
Afrobarometer	Ghana	<p>Afrobarometer, a non-profit company limited by guarantee with headquarters in Ghana, is a pan-African, non-partisan survey research network that conducts public attitude surveys on democracy, governance, the economy, and society. We are the world's leading source of high-quality data on what Africans are thinking</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Produce high-quality survey data and analysis on African attitudes, experiences and aspirations 2. Widely disseminate findings to key stakeholders, including policy actors and advocates, researchers, and media, as well as ordinary African citizens 3. Build capacity for survey research, analysis, and communication on the continent 	<p>info@afrobarometer.org datarequests@afrobarometer.org Website, digital and social media - Shannon van Wyk</p>
Centre for Evidence-based Health Care (CEBHC), Stellenbosch University	South Africa	<p>CEBHC is a coordinating and directive institution for research and training of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences for evidence-based health care and policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · CEBHC's research focuses on the African continent · The Centre employs strategies to promote the uptake of best evidence in healthcare policy and practice. 	<p>Centre for Evidence-based Health Care Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University Cape Town, 800, South Africa Tel: +27 21 938-9886 Website: www.cebhc.co.za</p>
Centre for Democratic Development	Ghana	<p>The Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) is an independent, not-for-profit research and advocacy think tank, working to advance democracy, good governance, and inclusive economic growth. CDD-Ghana works to complement the broader objectives of strengthening democratic governance, the principles of popular participation and the demand for public accountability. The Center harnesses the power of evidence-based research, ideas, partnerships to encourage dialogue, inform and influence public policy.</p>	<p>Location No. 95 Nortei Ababio Loop, North Airport Residential Area, Accra Digital Address +233-302 776 142 +233-302 784 293 +233-302 784 294 Email Address info@cddgh.org</p>

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Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEAR)	CLEAR-AA South Africa CLEAR-FA Senegal	The CLEAR network promotes better development outcomes through increased evaluation capacity, learning, and the use of evidence. CLEAR centers are core implementing members of the Global Evaluation Initiative, a global initiative committed to developing country-owned, sustainable monitoring and evaluation (M&E) frameworks and capacities to promote the use of evidence in public decision-making. · CLEAR AA focuses on Anglophone Africa and CLEAR FA on Francophone Africa · CLEAR works on strengthening evaluation capacity (and culture) development and building national evaluation systems.	CLEAR AA, c/o University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa Email: CLEAR.AnglophoneAfrica@wits.ac.za Website: wits.ac.za/clear-aa CLEAR FA, c/o Centre Africain d'Études Supérieures en Gestion Boulevard du Général De Gaulle 3802, Dakar, Sénégal Email : clear@csag.edu.sn Website: www.clearfa.org
Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC)	Uganda	EPRC is Uganda's leading think tank in economics and development policy-oriented research, policy analysis and change. · EPRC work focuses mainly on Uganda · EPRC's research-based evidence and policy analysis supports the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of government policies in Uganda.	Plot 51, Pool Road, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda Tel: +256-414-541-023/4 Email: eprc@eprcug.org Website: www.eprcug.org
Effective Basic Services Africa (eBASE)	Cameroon	eBASE Africa is an international charity registered in Cameroon working to make basic services more effective by ensuring best available research evidence is applied in service delivery at the national level. It works across the evidence ecosystem – project implementation, primary research, evidence synthesis, evidence translation and evidence implementation. · eBASE's work aims to reach all of Africa · It focuses mostly on health, education, water, sanitation and hygiene, local governance and arts.	P.O Box 5175 City Chemist Round About Bamenda, NWR, Cameroon Tel: +237 6971 18090 Email: contact@ebaseafrica.org Website: www.ebaseafrica.org
Evaluation Society of Kenya (ESK)	Kenya	ESK promotes professionalization, capacity building, advocacy, utilization and sound governance of Monitoring, Evaluation and Research practice. · ESK's work focuses mostly on Kenya · It aims for high quality, responsive and innovative M&E and research evidence culture and practice.	Evaluation Society of Kenya c/o Daystar University, Nairobi City Square Post Office Phone: +254723240955 Email: admin@evaluationkenya.org Website: www.evaluationkenya.org
IDinsight	Senegal/Kenya	IDinsight is a global advisory, data analytics, and research organization that helps global development leaders maximize their social impact. It tailors a wide range of data and evidence tools, including randomized evaluations, to help decision-makers design effective programs and rigorously test what works to support communities. · IDinsight's work currently cuts across North and West, East and Southern Africa It supports clients' use of data and evidence for routine decision-making, informs funding decisions, creates and shares tools, knowledge and ideas that expand the use of data and evidence for social good.	Email: inquire@idinsight.org

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Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)	Nigeria	IPA is a research and policy non-profit that creates and shares evidence, while equipping decision-makers to use evidence to reduce poverty. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · IPA's work covers East and West Africa · It focuses on developing evaluation methods and mobilizing decision-makers to use them to reduce poverty. 	Physical Address: 4 Fez Street Wuse II, Abuja, Nigeria Email: celuemunor@poverty-action.org Website: www.poverty-action.org
Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)	Kenya	KEMRI is a State Corporation established in Kenya in 1979. Engaging with policymakers, the institute improves human health and quality of life through research, capacity building, innovation and service delivery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · KEMRI is Kenya based · KEMRI focuses on human health evidence. 	Kenya Medical Research Institute P.O. Box 54840 00200 Off Raila Odinga Way, Nairobi, Kenya. Tel: +254 722205901 Email: director@kemri.org Website: www.kemri.go.ke
Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA)	Kenya	The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis is a state corporation established by an act of Parliament with a primary mandate of providing quality policy advice to the Government of Kenya. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · KIPPRA has been working in Kenya for 25 years · Its main work area is public policy research and analysis 	2nd Floor Bishops Garden Towers, Bishops Road P.O. Box 56445-00200, Nairobi, Kenya Tel: +254 20 4936000 Email: admin@kippra.or.ke Website: www.kippra.or.ke
Local Development Research Institute (LDRI)	Kenya	LDRI works with African governments to support their efforts in taking practical evidence-informed actions to end hunger, poverty and inequality. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · LDRI has a continental reach · LDRI's recent work has been at the nexus of enabling environment, human capital, sustainable financing. 	Wing B, 13th Floor One Padmore Place George Padmore Road Nairobi, Kenya Tel: +254 718 610298 Email: thinking@developlocal.org Website: www.developlocal.org
South African National Department of Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation (DPME)	South Africa	DPME facilitates, influences and supports effective planning, monitoring and evaluation of government programs aimed at improving service delivery, outcomes and the impact on society. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · DPME is based in and focuses on South Africa · Its recent work comprises performance monitoring of government priorities; citizen-based monitoring; evaluation of government priorities and assessment of the quality of management practices in government departments. 	The Union Buildings, East Wing, Government Avenue, Pretoria, 0001 Tel: +27 (0)12 312 0000 Website: www.dpme.gov.za

II. ORGANIZATIONS NOT REGISTERED IN SSA BUT WORKING ON EVALUATION AND THE USE OF EVIDENCE AS RELATED TO PARLIAMENTS IN THE REGION

NAME	PRIMARY BASE	ABOUT	CONTACT
African Parliamentary Knowledge Network (APKN)	Harvard, Cambridge	<p>The APKN's mission is to increase the capacity and effectiveness of Parliaments by improving the skills of the parliamentarians and their staff. A significant accomplishment of the APKN to date has been the creation of the Drafting Guidelines, which offer instructions on the technical aspects of legislative drafting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · APKN's documents are destined to all SSA countries Parliaments. 	<p>C/O Centre for African Studies 1280 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02138 Tel: +1.617.495.5265 Email: africa@havard.edu Website: www.africa.harvard.edu</p>
Harvard Kennedy School Building Capacity for Use of Research Evidence (BCURE)	London	<p>BCURE is a program of work funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) which aimed to build the skills, knowledge and systems that allow policy makers and practitioners in low-income countries to access, appraise and use rigorous evidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · BCURE focused chiefly on building the skills of new and existing policy makers in Ghana, South Africa and Zimbabwe · It developed organizational processes in South Africa that enabled policy makers to better articulate their research needs. 	<p>King Charles Street London SW1A 2AH United Kingdom Tel: +33 020 7008 5000 Email: fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk Website: www.gov.uk</p>
International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP)	Oxford	<p>INASP's aim is to support Southern individuals and institutions to produce, share and use research and knowledge, which can transform lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · INASP has particularly worked with parliaments in Ghana, East and Southern Africa. · INASP's work focuses on evidence for policy and practice, research capacity, understanding and supporting impact, and higher education and learning. 	<p>The Old Music Hall 106-108 Cowley Road Oxford OX4, 1JE, UK United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0) 1865 249909 Email: info@inasp.info Website: www.inasp.info</p>
Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	Geneva	<p>IPU empowers parliaments and parliamentarians to promote peace, democracy and sustainable development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · IPU's work, which cuts across SSA, is currently focusing on shining a light on sexism against women in African Parliament. · IPU also works on boosting youth parliamentarians in Africa. 	<p>Inter-Parliamentary Union 5, chemin du pommier Case postale 330 CH-1218 Le Grand Saconnex Geneva Switzerland</p>
National Democracy Institute (NDI)	Washington, DC	<p>NDI is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental organization that works in partnership around the world to strengthen and safeguard democratic institutions, processes, norms and values to secure a better quality of life for all. NDI envisions a world where democracy and freedom prevail, with dignity for all.</p>	<p>National Democratic Institute 455 Massachusetts Ave, NW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20001-2621 tel: +1 202.728.5500 fax: +1 888.875.2887</p>
Overseas Development Institute (ODI)	London	<p>ODI inspires people to act on injustice and inequality. It focuses on research, convening and influencing, to generate ideas that matter for people and planet. ODI's work cuts across Africa and focuses on Parliamentary strengthening.</p> <p>It has also worked on CSO-Parliamentary engagement in East Africa and on the role of parliaments in poverty reduction.</p>	<p>203 Blackfriars Road London SE1 8NJ United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0) 20 7922 0300 Email: odi@odi.org Website: www.odi.org</p>

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