



CLEAR Global Forum 2017

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WHAT:

CLEAR Global Forum Seminar on *The value of evaluation evidence in a 'post-truth' world.*

WHERE:

University of the Witwatersrand, Humanities Graduate Centre - Seminar Room (Google map link - <https://goo.gl/maps/FgnertcsNp52>)

WHEN:

Monday, 23 October 2017, 13:00 for 13:30 – 15:00.

WHO:

Keynote speaker: Adam Habib (Vice Chancellor of Wits)

Panellists: Barry Gilder (Director Operation of Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection - MISTRA)

Fatima Shabodien (Director of Action Aid)

Dugan Fraser (Chairperson of South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association - SAMEA)

Facilitator: Iman Rappetti (Award-winning journalist and host of POWERTalk on PowerFM)

THE VALUE OF EVALUATIONS IN A POST-TRUTH WORLD

The term “post-truth” gained its popularity in 2016 in the context of the EU referendum in the UK and the US presidential election. Current politics and policies are more often constructed on the basis of their resonance with public opinion as expressed through social media likes, ratings and ultimately votes. These populist tendencies are well understood in Africa, and the regional scholarship has much to offer the current global political climate.

At the same time, evaluations have become a way for policy makers to “speak truth to power”. They work to ensure that public resources are used to produce results, work in the best interest of citizens, and influence policy. However, evaluation systems are caught in the contested space of public sector bureaucracy, and one of the most urgent challenges of Africa’s contemporary public sector is to transform the culture of decision making in favor of evidence. This multi-stakeholder seminar explores some of the current challenges confronting the use of evidence in decision-making.

RSVP

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