

EVALUATION APPROACHES

Assumptions Based Evaluation	
Workshop title	Assumptions Based Evaluation
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Target level	Intermediate
Workshop content	<p>Assumptions Based Evaluation (ABE) is an approach that allows evaluators to explore systematically the key assumptions, implicit and explicit, in the evaluation of interventions (policies, programmes and/or projects). It is multi-disciplinary, combining insights from different disciplines. ABE was introduced in 2006, and has evolved into its latest version (5.0), which was developed in January 2016. ABE goes beyond the "theory of change" approach that assumes a rationality in the design of interventions that frequently do not correspond to reality, and which has sometimes misled evaluators into searching for "the" theory of change, without taking into account political economy aspects and power relationships that shape the interventions. The workshop will provide a practical way to identify critical assumptions, with exercises to apply the approach to concrete cases.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successfully completing this course, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve their evaluation practices (for conducting and/or commissioning evaluations).• Understand the ABE approach and its tools.• Use ABE for conducting and/or commissioning evaluations