

EVALUATION APPROACHES

Developmental Evaluation	
Workshop title	Doing (developmental) evaluation using boundary critique
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Target level	Intermediate
Workshop content	<p>The objectives of the workshop are to (i) demonstrate the relevance of boundary critique for evaluators, (ii) provide a simple, practical framework to guide the application of boundary critique alongside conventional evaluation methods, and (iii) expand participant's methodological repertoire in evaluating complicated, complex, and conflictual situations (evaluands). The workshop will demonstrate the relevance of boundary critique for evaluators' own practice. Work sessions will help participants identify situations where the application of these tools is particularly appropriate, as well as provide opportunities for guided practice and testing out the boundary critique tools on relevant case studies. The boundary critique ideas are introduced and demonstrated using a contemporary international case study, which demonstrates the relevance of the three sets of systems tools in the group-work sessions.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successfully completing this course, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise and describe 3 core activities associated with boundary critique relevant to evaluation practice (understanding interrelationships in developing systemic insight; engaging with multiple perspectives in developing stakeholding; and reflecting on strengths and weaknesses of tools used for understanding interrelationships and engaging with multiple perspectives in developing for improvement). • Apply the techniques of boundary critique and critical systems heuristics to help enrich existing evaluation methods from a systems perspective. • Assess and convey the practical relevance of boundary critique to clients and sponsors, and partner colleagues including fellow professional evaluators associated with evaluation practice.