

OVERARCHING TOPICS, CONCEPTS

Systems	
Workshop title	Using systems concepts in designing external/peer reviews of the evaluation function; from purpose to questions
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Target level	Intermediate
Workshop content	<p>Rather than be led in a certain direction and have to follow a specific pathway, this workshop will try to help evaluation managers tailor their Review according to their needs and their context. Using systems thinking will help orient such reflection and planning. This highly interactive workshop will demonstrate how to use inter-relationships, perspectives and boundary ideas, drawn from primarily from the soft and critical systems fields, to develop evaluation scope focus, purpose, criteria and questions, users, uses, influences and consequences. The workshop will focus on three core aspects of the systems: (i) understand inter-relationships; (ii) engage with multiple perspectives, and (iii) reflect on boundary choices.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successfully completing this course, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the role of systems ideas in the design of evaluation.• Develop their own evaluation design or that of a supplied case study.• Be familiar with the three methods associated with systems ideas that are applicable to systems design.