



**PLEASE INSERT YOUR PICTURE**

### **Personal Details**

Name: Sophie Busi

Age: 40

Current employee (if employed): Not employed

Experience in evaluation (years, months): approximately 6 years

### **Workshop Reflection**

Name of the workshop(s) attended:

- 1) Navigating what actually happens – Developmental Evaluation over time and through a time of crisis [S. Soal, M. Mbopha and T. Konstant]
- 2) How learning networks contribute to one's professional development journey, in and out of times of crisis [P. Kariuki, J. Norins, C. Dunn, V. Naidu, A. Bhikoo]

Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Highlights** *(Please specify three highlights from attending the workshops):*

1. Learning from and meeting other SAMEA members virtually, one of the workshops had a larger representation from other countries other than SA.
2. Ample communication in the run up to the workshops and no glitches in connecting or joining the meetings.
3. The workshop on learning networks and COP was interesting as I learnt that there are forums out there that are useful for learning and interacting with other like-minded people.

**Lessons learnt** *(Please specify three things you have learnt from attending the workshops):*

1. From navigating what actually happens – How they were able to adjust and reprogram during covid and also the role played by the people external to the evaluation and how these can influence the results in both positive and negative ways
2. How to take advantage of the current situation and engage more in the discussions especially since most meetings are now online. It is much easier to attend or participate in meetings from wherever you are this has been especially encouraging for SAMEA members outside of SA.
3. It was interesting to learn about the smaller groups (TIG) meetings and also that there were some specifically for emerging evaluators.

**Challenges** *(Please specify any challenges you experienced while attending the workshops):*

1. Connectivity challenges – This was specific to me on day 1 because my internet was not so good.
2. The workshop on navigating what actually happens was all day and conflicted with other gLocal evaluation events so I had to miss some parts

**Next steps** *(please specify three things you intend to do following participation in the workshops, this can be things you want to do differently, changes you want to implement, your personal plan of action):*

1. Join the LMS and take advantage of the resources available on there.
2. Follow up and connect with speakers that resonated with me especially those from the COP to enable me join a COP and also schedule to attend their upcoming discussions.
3. Explore more from the SAMEA website and utilise the resources available on there. I learnt from the workshop that there are TIGs which would be useful for me as I intend to pursue individual consulting.