

IOCE EvalPartners profile survey of Voluntary Organizations of Professional Evaluators (VOPEs)

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Nigeria Evaluation Association (NEA)
2. Geographic scope of organization	National: Nigeria
3. Contact Details	Name of main contact person: Dr. Zakari Lawal and Oji George Okechukwu E-address: evaluationinitiative.nigeria@gmail.com Postal address: P. O. Box 2403 Garki P. O. ABUJA - Nigeria Telephone: +234 8037045421 VOPE website URL: www.evaluationinitiative-africa.org
4. Current membership – numbers of individuals, by their affiliation (if known; please at least give total)	Government: NGOs/CSOs: Academics: Private sector (consultants): Other: Total membership: Eighty Nine (89)
5. Year VOPE was founded	November 2011
6. Current status (identify which)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal network – National Consultative Forum to be hosted by the National Planning Commission to adopt or amend draft bylaws may hold in May 2012 • Charter and bylaws to be adopted
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	Informal network – National Consultative Forum to adopt or amend draft bylaws may hold in May 2012. No governance structure in place yet. At present it is only a collective of interested professionals following the clarion call by National Planning Commission in November 2011 requesting interested stakeholders to identify by registering on the Networks yahoo group page. The response is a demonstration that as yet there is no national organization of professional evaluators in Nigeria. Following donor assistance as acknowledged by National Planning Commission, the National Evaluation Association for NIGERIA will be established in the next few weeks after the Consultative Forum.
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ To develop and standardise the practice of Development Evaluation as a profession in Nigeria; ✚ To develop programmes to guide evaluation practice; ✚ To develop and strengthen the capacity of members through coordinated trainings on the Fundamentals, Tools and Methodologies of Evaluation; ✚ To promote high quality intellectual, ethical and professional standards in the evaluation profession in Nigeria ✚ To promote the development and adoption of monitoring and evaluation approaches and methods suitable to Nigeria's development context. ✚ To help build understanding of international developments and trends in monitoring and evaluation ✚ To establish and maintain collaborations and affiliations with public sector, third sector organizations/institutions, local agencies and international evaluation organizations
9. Current strategy and emphasis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership drive and mobilization 2. Institute official governance structure 3. Conduct training workshops
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	At present, NEA is only an Informal network – National Consultative Forum to adopt or amend draft bylaws may hold in May 2012. No governance structure in place yet. It is only a collective of interested professionals following the clarion call by National Planning Commission in November 2011 requesting interested stakeholders to identify by registering on the Networks yahogroup page.
11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	Listserv

12. Past events (e.g. during past year)	
13. Forthcoming key events/ conferences – dates, location	National Consultative Forum, tentative date in May 2012
14. Name and e-address of person submitting this information	George Okechukwu OJI, Executive Director, African Initiative for Development Evaluation (AIDE); evaluationinitiative.nigeria@gmail.com
15. Date of this update	March 30, 2012