

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

## I. Basic profile information

<b>1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)</b>	Svenska utvärderingsföreningen, SVUF The Swedish Evaluation Society
<b>2. Geographic scope of organization</b>	National: Sweden
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<b>4. a. Current formal/ registered membership – numbers of individuals, by their affiliation (if known; please at least give total)</b> <b>4. b. Informal membership (persons on your mailing list)</b>	Government: NGOs/CSOs: Academics: Private sector (consultants): Other: <b>a. Total official membership:</b> 200 <b>b. Total informal membership:</b> ____
<b>5. Year VOPE was founded</b>	2003
<b>6. Current status (identify which)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legally recognized by government</li> </ul>
<b>7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.</b>	Stable size of memberships
<b>8. Purpose and mission of VOPE</b>	Our aims: . To promote diversity in professional and scientific perspectives on evaluation through facilitation of continuous dialogue around the role of evaluation and evaluators in society . To promote the practical and interdisciplinary competence among evaluators . To promote the international contacts of the Swedish evaluation community
<b>9. Current strategy and emphasis</b>	Recruiting more institutional members. The conference 2013 is the main task this year.
<b>10. Organizational capacity:</b> Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	Board consisting of eleven members. Annual budget is about 300 000 SEK. Linked to sister organisations, particularly Nordic VOPEs
<b>11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website</b>	Website <a href="http://www.svuf.nu">www.svuf.nu</a> Listserv with members and former conference participants Contacts with other evaluation networks and institutions in the field
<b>12. Past events (e.g. during past year)</b>	National Evaluation Conference 2011 In 2012, the organisation contributed to Nordic Evaluation Conference in Aarhus, Denmark
<b>13. Forthcoming key events/conferences – dates, location</b>	National Evaluation Conference 2013: "Evaluation and politics, politics and evaluation"
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## II. Experience with Evaluation Capacity Building

<p><b>1. Background:</b> Please provide a brief history of the formation of this organization (VOPE).</p> <p>1.1 Who were/are the key players?</p> <p>1.2 How many members do you have on your governing board/ committee?</p> <p>1.3 What are the main existing strengths that your VOPE is trying to capitalize on?</p> <p>1.4 What are the main challenges that your VOPE is trying to address?</p>	
<p><b>2. Organizational motivation:</b> What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?</p>	
<p><b>3. Evaluation Capacity Building:</b> What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&amp;E) capacity?</p>	
<p><b>4. Context / target entities:</b> More specifically, who are the persons or institutions your organization seeks to influence (to strengthen evaluation capacity)? For example:</p> <p>4.1 Technical capacities to <i>supply</i> quality evaluations, partnering with experts, local universities or others to provide training for members, etc.;</p> <p>4.2 Strengthening VOPE organizational capacity itself;</p> <p>4.3 Enhancing the enabling environment for evaluation, including strengthening the <i>demand</i> for and use of evaluations by policy makers;</p> <p>4.4 Influencing governmental policies related to evaluation, evaluation designs and implementation of M&amp;E systems, etc.</p>	
<p><b>5. Public accountability:</b> Is your VOPE helping to strengthen oversight and transparency of government programs? If so, in what ways? Can you share any success stories of evaluators or others promoting public accountability?</p>	
<p><b>6. More specifically, what are some of the key themes for which you advocate?</b> For example, are you promoting issues related to cultural sensitivity, equity, social justice, empowerment, transformation, gender, environment, poverty? If so, please describe or attach</p>	

relevant documents.	
<p><b>7. Methods:</b> Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• organizing workshops led by local experts;</li> <li>• organizing webinars with international speakers;</li> <li>• designing and delivering e-learning programmes;</li> <li>• administering mentoring programmes; etc.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Standards:</b> Has your VOPE developed professional standards/ ethical codes/ competencies (or adheres to those developed by others)? If so, please provide documentation.</p>	
<p><b>9. Job opportunities:</b> Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?</p>	
<p><b>10. Progress and results:</b> What progress has been achieved so far in any of the above or other domains? What are expected and unexpected results achieved?</p>	
<p><b>11. Lessons learned:</b> Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.</p>	
<p><b>12. Next steps:</b> What does your organization plan to do next?</p>	
<p><b>13. Willing to share with other VOPEs?</b> For example, would you be interested in forming peer-to-peer partnerships with one or more other VOPEs to share lessons learned, advise each other? If so, describe what you would be willing to share / advice you would seek.</p>	
<p><b>14. Suggestions:</b> What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of the EvalPartners Initiative?</p>	
<p><b>15. Want to be actively involved?</b> Does your VOPE want to be actively involved in EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?</p>	
<p>16. Would you be willing to write up a case study providing more detailed analysis of your VOPE's experiences?</p>	