

# Editorial note

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The need for overwhelming support in using the 2015 International Year of Evaluation to creating awareness in Governments and institutions alike all over the world is presently being felt as the need for accountable and transparent governance in the wake of the target year of reaching the United Nations development goals. In this edition, the first article authored by Masuku and Ijeoma, *"A global overview of Monitoring and Evaluation and its meaning in the local government context of South Africa"* provides a new dimension of how relevant the culture and tradition of a people need to be put into consideration in developing and utilisation of monitoring and evaluation tools.

On one hand, Byamugisha and Basheka's second article is detailed on *"Evaluating the budget and efficiency of the security, justice and governance cluster in Uganda: An empirical analysis."* The article provides a chronicle of events, trends and options available for improving the discussed platform; while on the other hand, the third article *"The performance evaluation system in Pakistan's civil service,"* authored by Tanwir and Chaudhry provides a bird's-eye view on the need for strict adherence to Monitoring and Evaluation guidelines for improved work performance in the public service. Afegbua's fourth article titled *"Professionalization and Innovations in Nigerian Public service: How far the dream of Success"* suggests the need for professionalising public service in Nigeria, which the articles articulates as one of the major reasons that stifles innovation in the sector. The fifth article authored by Thakrar and Minkley titled *"Re-Imagining the Eastern Cape Province: Sustainable Human Development from the Perspectives of the State, Civil society and University"* put human development in the core of the Eastern Cape development agenda, and its sustainably into the future. The sixth article by Dlan, Ijeoma and Zhou attempts to x-ray some green city policy issues in an article titled *"Implementing the green city policy in municipal spatial planning: The case of the Buffalo city Metropolitan Municipality."* The seventh and the last article in this edition by Igbokwe-Ibeto titled *"Re-inventing Nigeria's Public sector: A review of National Agency for Food, Drug Administration and Control"* carefully articulates a policy shift and the

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need for a greater policy and operational improvement towards achieving the organisational objectives.

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