

## VOPE Leadership Boot Camp

The **International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE)** and **EvalPartners**, supported by the **Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland**, the **Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI)**, the **African Development Bank Group (AfDB)**, and the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**, launched the **VOPE Leadership Boot Camp**, a unique professionalization program for IOCE member VOPEs to **strengthen their institutional capacities** by providing strategic, organizational, and results-oriented skills to their leadership.

The Boot Camp kicked off on March 7th 2022, with **60 participants** (25% of whom are YEEs) from **31 VOPEs**. Its innovative program and microlearning platform include lessons, live sessions, and materials **in English, Spanish, and French**, divided into 6 modules.

Each module incorporates **networking and coaching sessions** where participants meet and interact to share common challenges, find solutions, and set up partnerships. They also develop self-awareness of their leadership, while learning and practicing soft skills to motivate and inspire commitment in their teams to reach their VOPE's goals. Each week all VOPEs complete **assignments** that will make up their **VOPE Project Portfolio**, which will be presented by them as the final product of the VOPE Leadership Boot Camp.

Participants are now in the final stages of their Boot Camp. They are seeing the benefits of putting what they have learned into practice and showing a strong commitment to co-lead and co-shape their VOPEs to leave no one behind. They have also started working with other VOPEs to **build new alliances** on a wide range of interesting projects that connect people from all around the world.

The VOPE Leadership Boot Camp will have a great **Closing Event** which will be on April 26th, 27th, 28th, uniting the evaluation community through these final presentations, conferences, discussion forums, and interviews **streaming 48 hours uninterrupted**.