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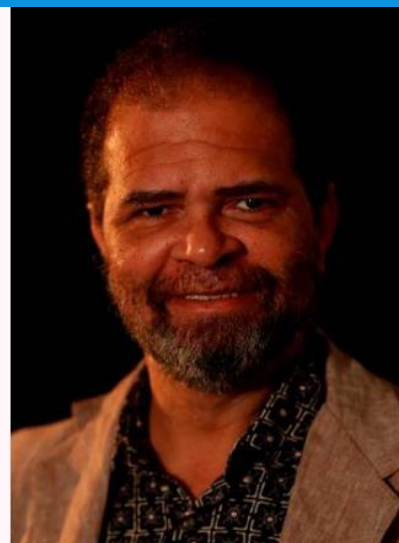
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How to Publish your work in the Africa Evaluation Journal



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Outline of the presentation

- * How to publish your work in the African Evaluation Journal
- * What is the African Evaluation journal?
- * Why the African Evaluation Journal? African Evaluation Association?
- * Why must we write journal articles?
- * (AEJ) Journal Coverage since 2013
- * Finally, how do you submit your journal article?

What is the African Evaluation Journal?



Focus and scope

The journal publishes high quality peer-reviewed articles of merit on any subject related to evaluation, and provide targeted information of professional interest to members of AfREA and its national associations and evaluators across the globe. This encompasses the following aims:

- To build a high quality, useful body of evaluation knowledge for development.
- To develop a culture of peer-reviewed publication in African evaluation.
- To stimulate Africa-oriented knowledge networks and collaborative efforts.
- To strengthen the African voice in evaluation.

Open Access Journal

African
Evaluation Journal

English and French

It is OPEN ACCESS and Peer Reviewed

<http://www.aej.org>

The screenshot displays the African Evaluation Journal website. At the top, a blue banner contains the text "It is OPEN ACCESS and Peer Reviewed" and the URL "http://www.aej.org". Below this is a browser window showing the journal's homepage. The page features a navigation menu with options like "HOME", "ARTICLES", and "EDITORIAL TEAM". A central section titled "ABOUT THE JOURNAL" describes the journal's focus on high-quality peer-reviewed articles. A "LATEST ARTICLES" section lists recent publications, including one on "Power dynamics in international development evaluations" and another on "Evidence-informed policy and practice". On the right, there is an "AFFILIATION" section with the AfrEA logo and a "NEWS" section with a "Call for Papers" link. An "OPEN ACCESS" badge is prominently displayed in the top right corner of the journal's header.

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Read more

LATEST ARTICLES

Original Research

Power dynamics in international development evaluations: A case study of the Girls Education Challenge programme
Rosie O. Emerson
27 August 2020

Original Research - Special Collection: SAMEA 7th Biennial Conference 2019

Evidence-informed policy and practice: The role and potential of civil society
Mine Pabari, Matodzi M. Amisi, Emmanuel David-Gnahoui, Dede Bedu-Addo, Ian Goldman
30 July 2020

AFFILIATION

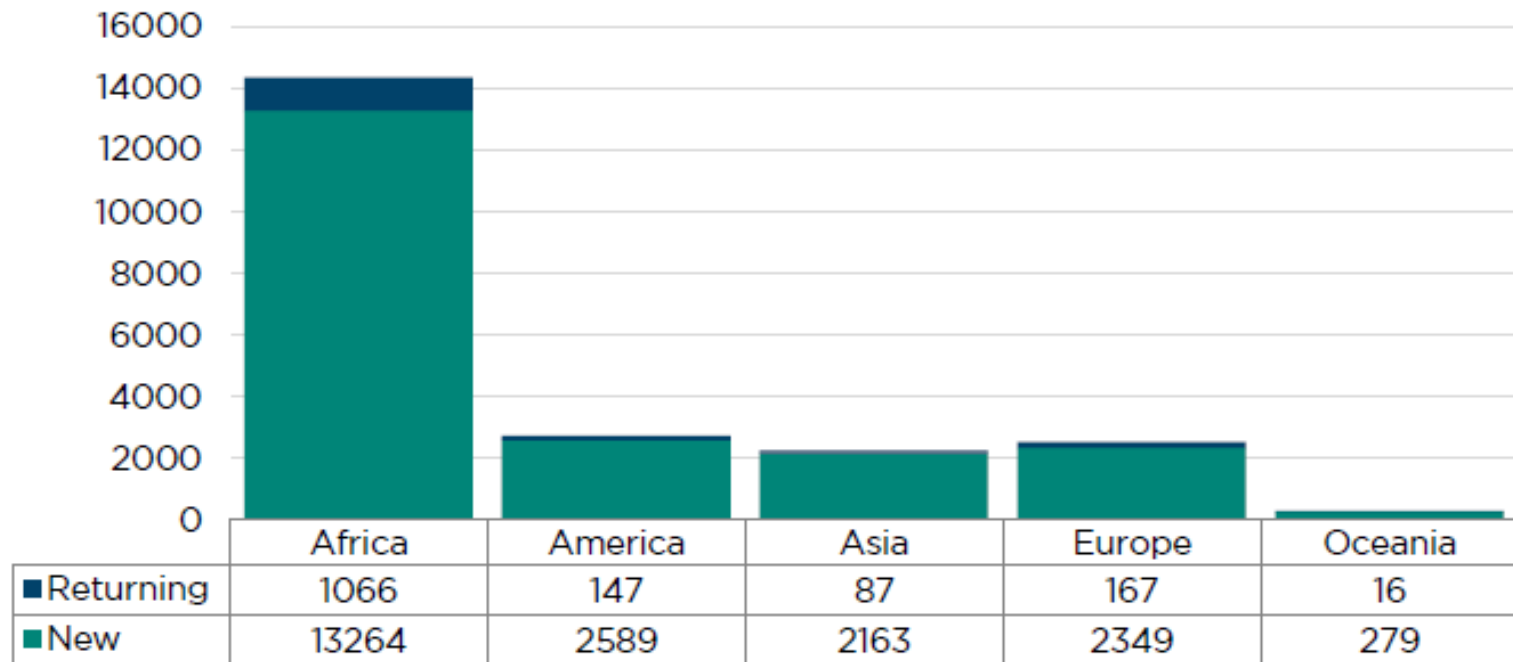
AfrEA
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Association Africaine d'Évaluation

NEWS

Call for Papers

Journal Performance

Visitors to website: 2019 – 20644 New visitors



Why the African Evaluation Journal?

- * We needed to tell our own story about evaluation!
- * We needed to know why things were working, and why NOT?
- * We needed to share with each other – best practices!
- * We needed to communicate with the rest of the world because we have something to teach!

Each one of these masks tells ‘a story’



Why must we write journal articles?

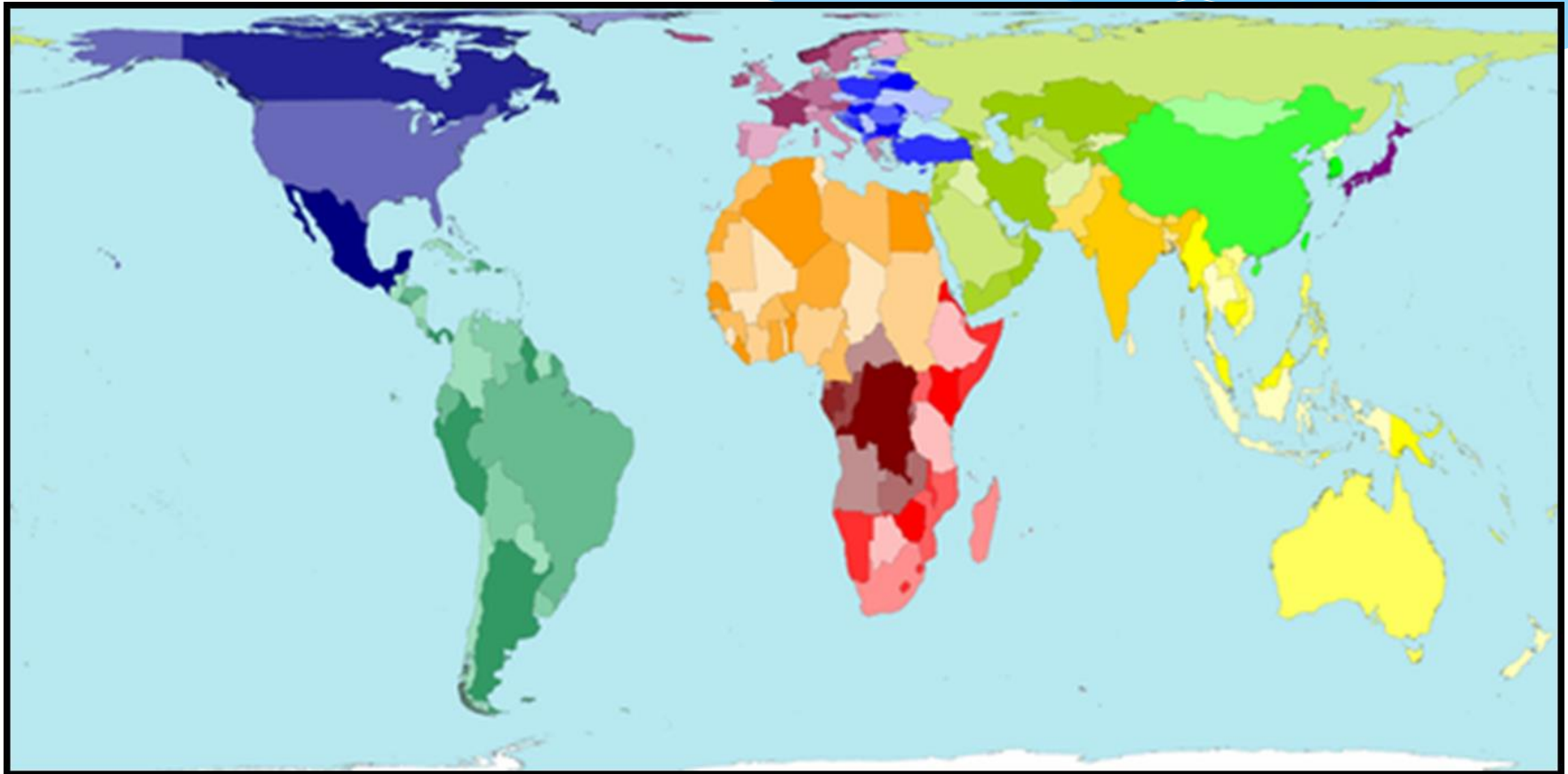
- * If we don't tell our own story someone else will.
- * We owe it to our children's children to tell our story.
- * We need to change the patterns of knowledge production!



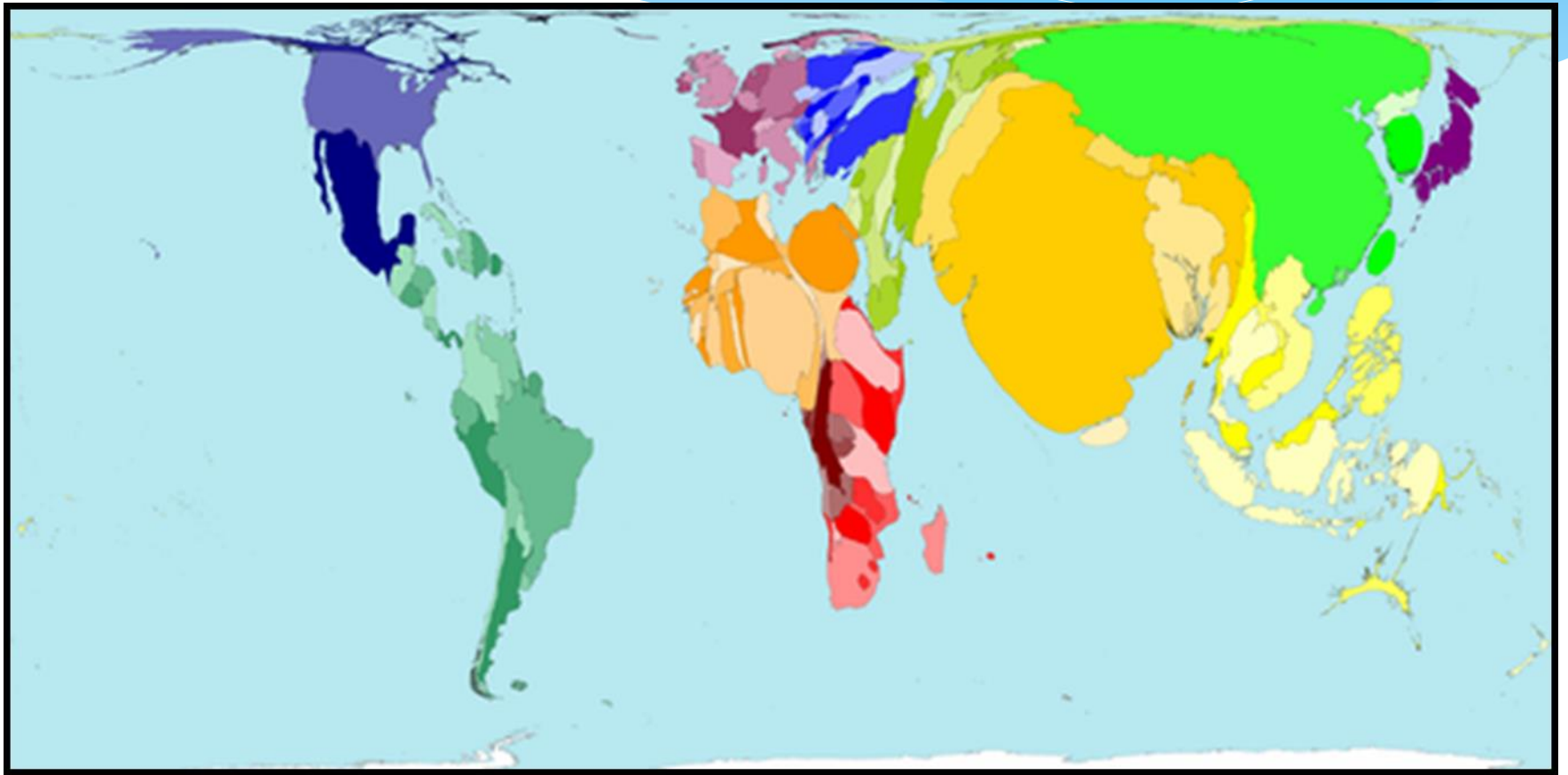
Background, assumptions and realities

- * The bulk of the evaluation education and training work conducted in Africa remains donor-driven and focused on training of individuals and/or technical assistance to NGOs and/or government departments.
- * There is a prominence of short-term training and most of the knowledge disseminated through evaluation capacity development strategies in Africa is generated in North America, Europe or Australia with very little, if any, real 'Made-in-Africa' evaluation methodologies included.
- * There is a short supply of a highly knowledgeable, skilled, experienced, thoughtful, indigenous cohort of professional evaluators across Africa!

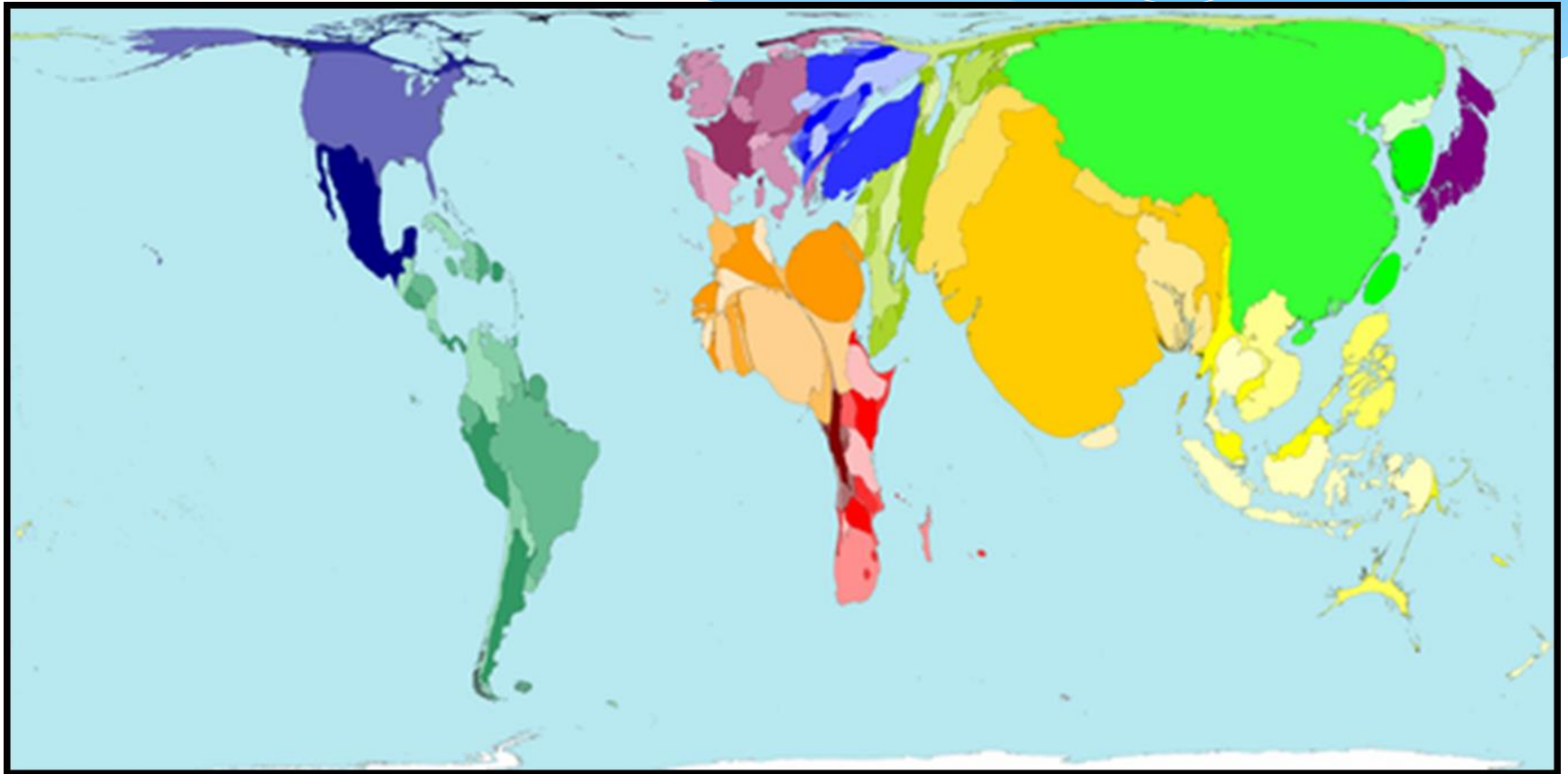
Historical Challenges – World Map “2007 data”



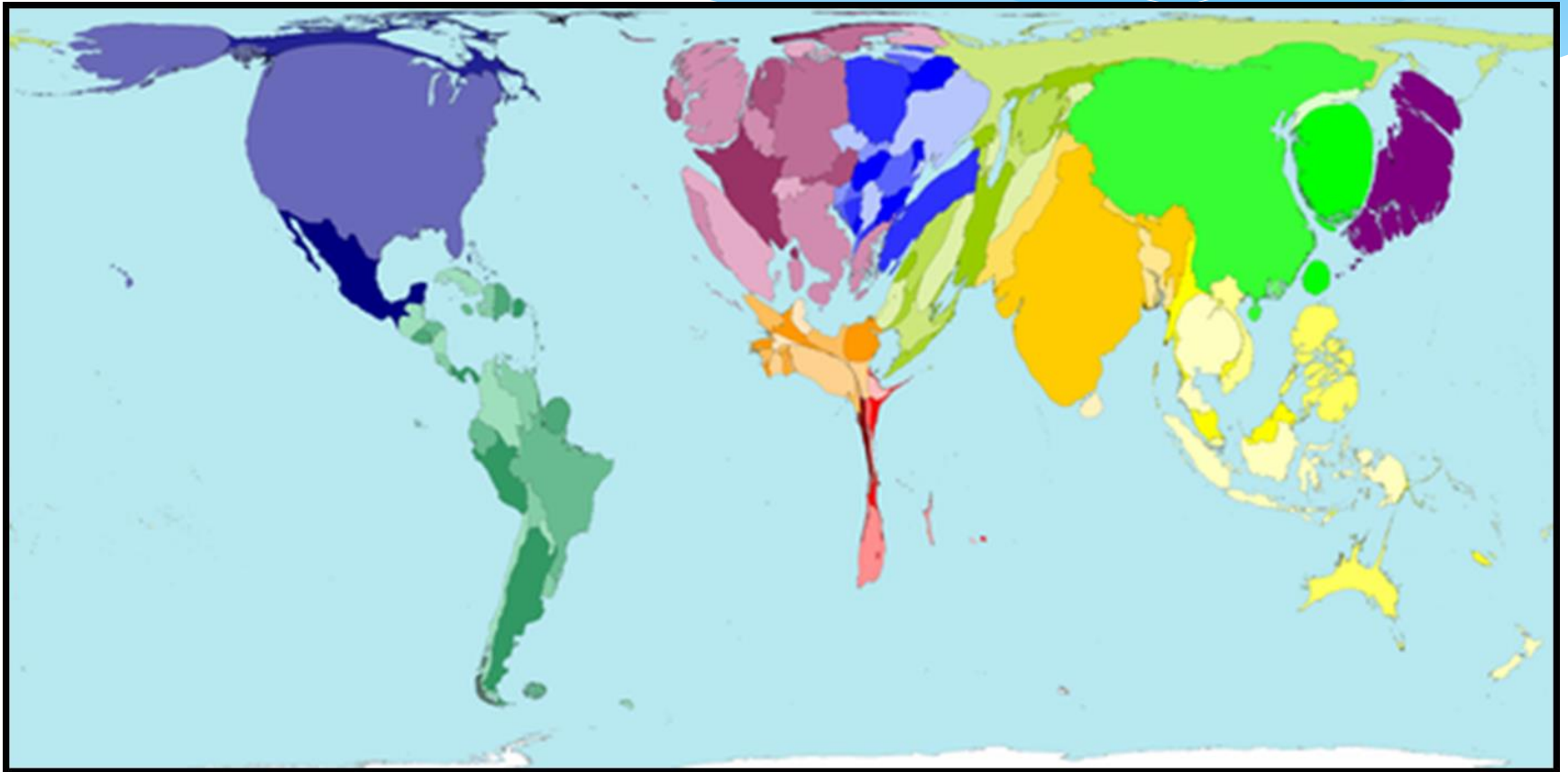
Primary Education enrolment



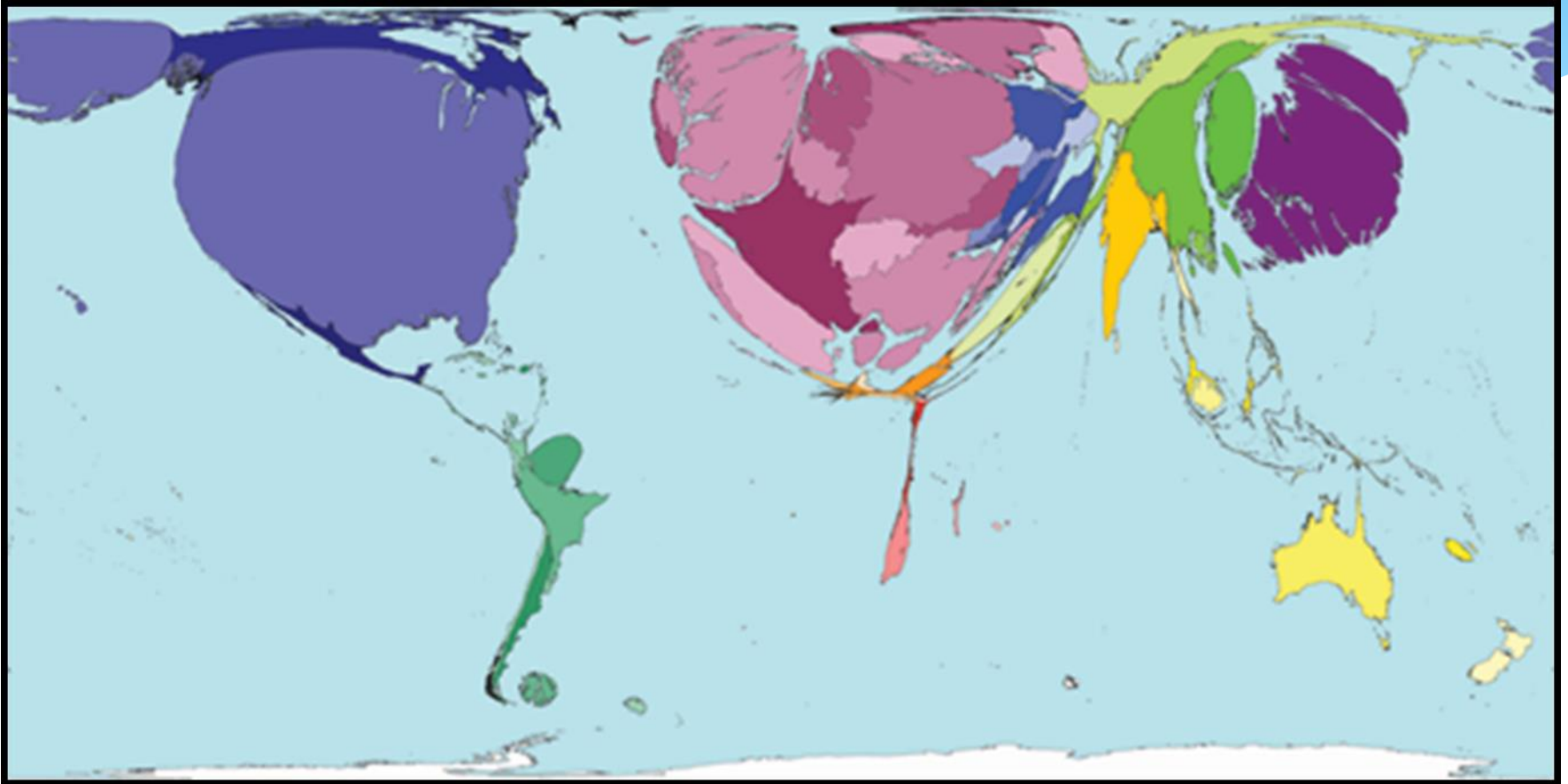
Secondary Education enrolment



Tertiary Education enrolment



SCIENCE RESEARCH – Research papers e.g. Maths and Science



Journal Coverage since 2013

- Articles from ACROSS AFRICA
- AfrEA Conference Editions (2014/ 2017/ 2019)
- M&E in South Africa
- Health Evaluation in Africa (USAID)
- Evaluation Capacity Development in Africa (Twende Mbele/ CLEAR AA)
- Measuring Social Impact Investment (Rockefeller Foundation)
- M&E Lessons from Africa
- ? Francophone Edition ?
- M&E conference in South Africa - SAMEA

Whose knowledge again!



Whose Knowledge?

Whose appraisal, analysis and planning?

Whose action?

Whose monitoring and evaluation?

Whose knowledge counts?

Whose values?

Whose criteria and preferences?

Whose learning

Whose empowerment?

Whose reality counts?

Whose?

Barriers to writing

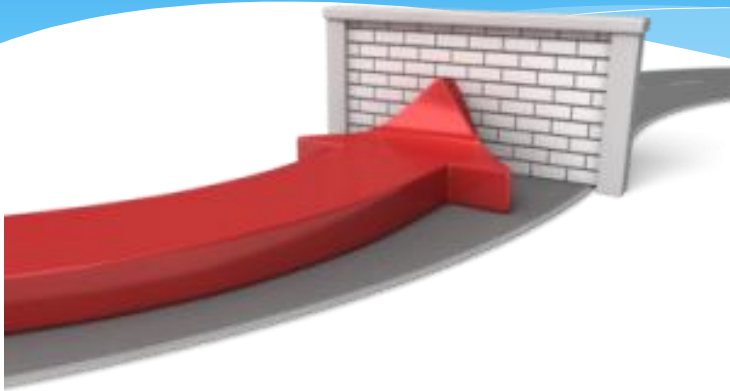
Language

Technology

Connectivity

- Reading culture

NO Communities of practice



WRITING - PURPOSE

- * Writing to communicate ideas
- * Writing to share information
- * Writing to communicate/ dialogue with inner self
- * Writing to sharpen your thinking
- * Writing to develop new and better ideas
- * Writing for enjoyment
- * Writing so that others may enjoy.
- * Writing to heal

Different forms

- * The diary – to self
- * Letters to others
- * Blogs, webpages
- * Newsletters
- * Journal articles
- * Monologues
- * Book chapters
- * Books

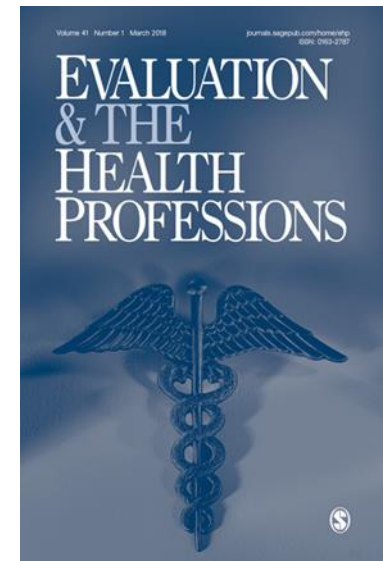
Do you know which journals are available for M&E practitioners?

- * Education
- * Health
- * Economics
- * Finances
- * Public Administration
- * Politics
- * International Relations
- * Methodological concerns
- * Development studies
- * Anything under the sun

Some International Evaluation Journals



The Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation | La Revue canadienne d'évaluation de programme



Finally, how do you submit your journal article?

- * The how is easy, follow the online instructions carefully
- * Read about the scope and focus of the journal
- * Pay attention to the guidelines, they are there to assist
- * Ask a friend or colleague to assist with the quality of your writing, use technology
- * Pay attention to detail, your peer reviewers will
- * Become a peer reviewer, that will help you to assess the quality of your own writing

AEJ and AfrEA



Dr Florence Etta



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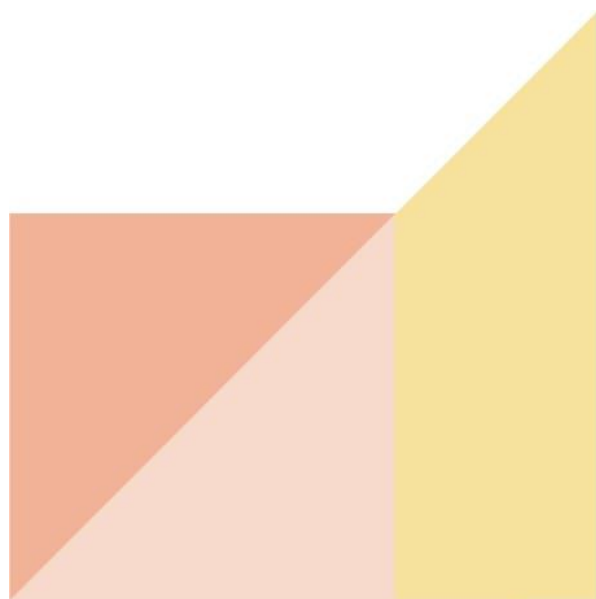
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**President of the African
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Opportunities going forward



Engage • Understand • Impact

EVIDENCE 2020 ONLINE

23 - 25 September 2020



Thank You!

- * Make sure you visit the journal website
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