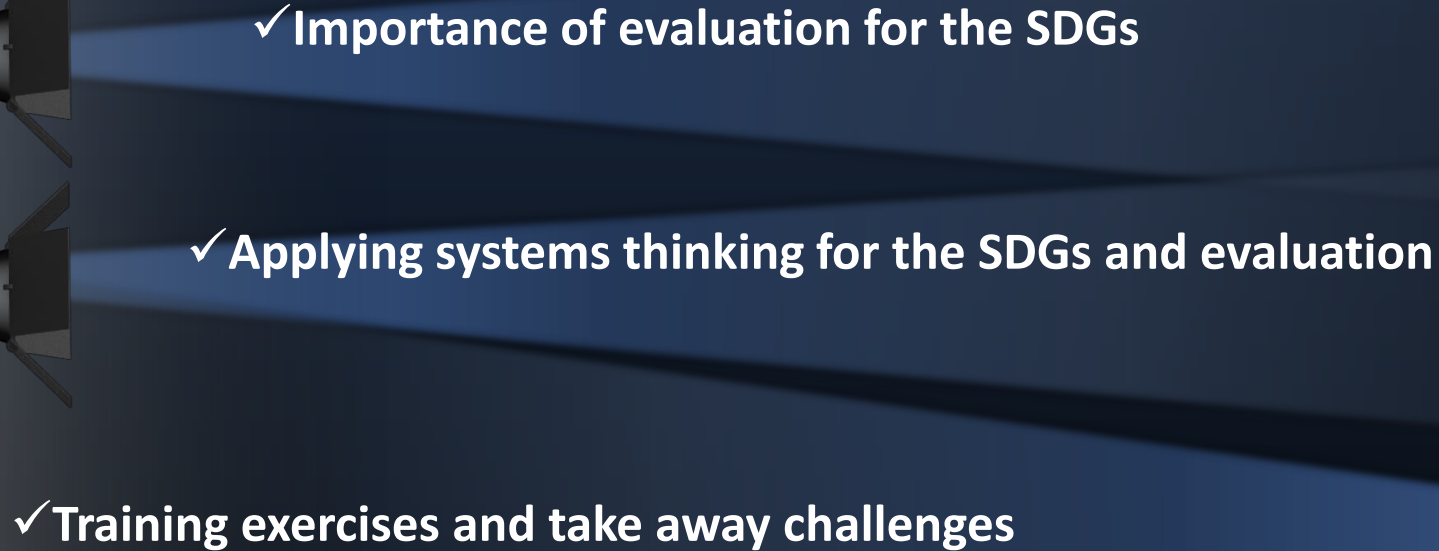


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Using a systems thinking approach
for evaluating progress on the SDGs

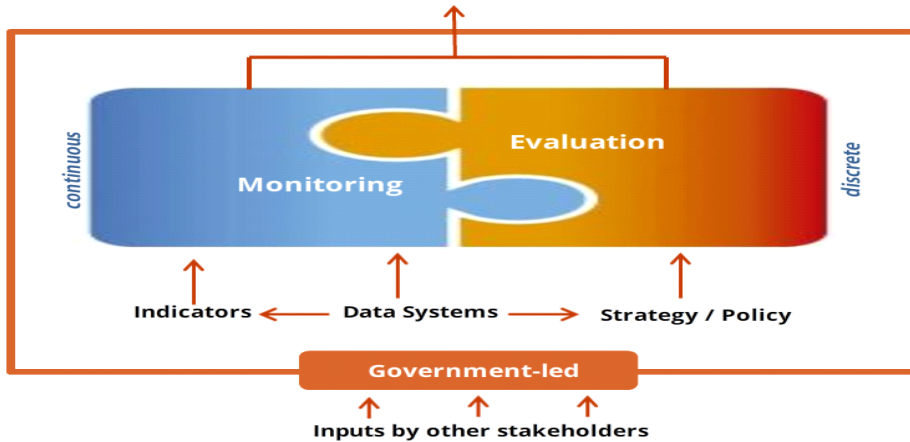
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Objective of this Session

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- ✓ Importance of evaluation for the SDGs
 - ✓ Applying systems thinking for the SDGs and evaluation
 - ✓ Training exercises and take away challenges

A Systems - Approach

- Regular :**
- **Global Review** (SDG Progress Report / National Presentations)
 - **Regional Review**
 - **National Review** (National Report)



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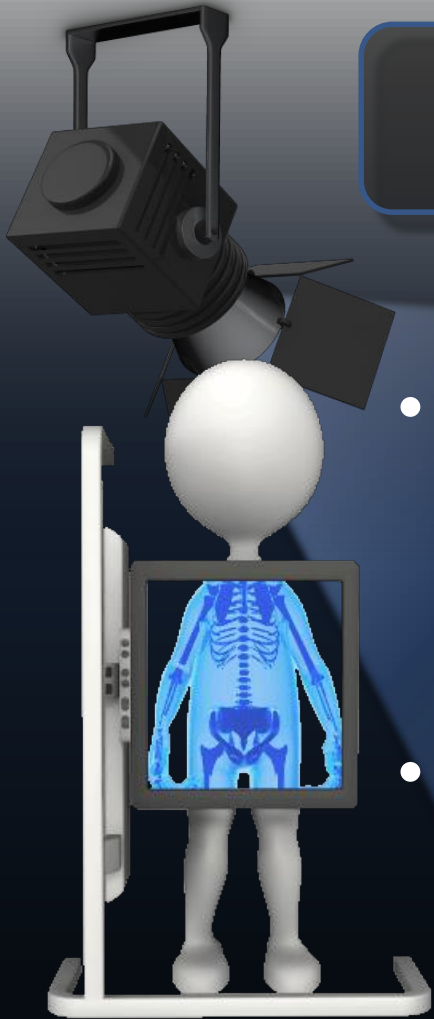
A Systems - Approach

- Characteristics of a system: A set of things working together as parts of a mechanism or an interconnecting network; a complex whole; parts that inter-relate and influence collective function.

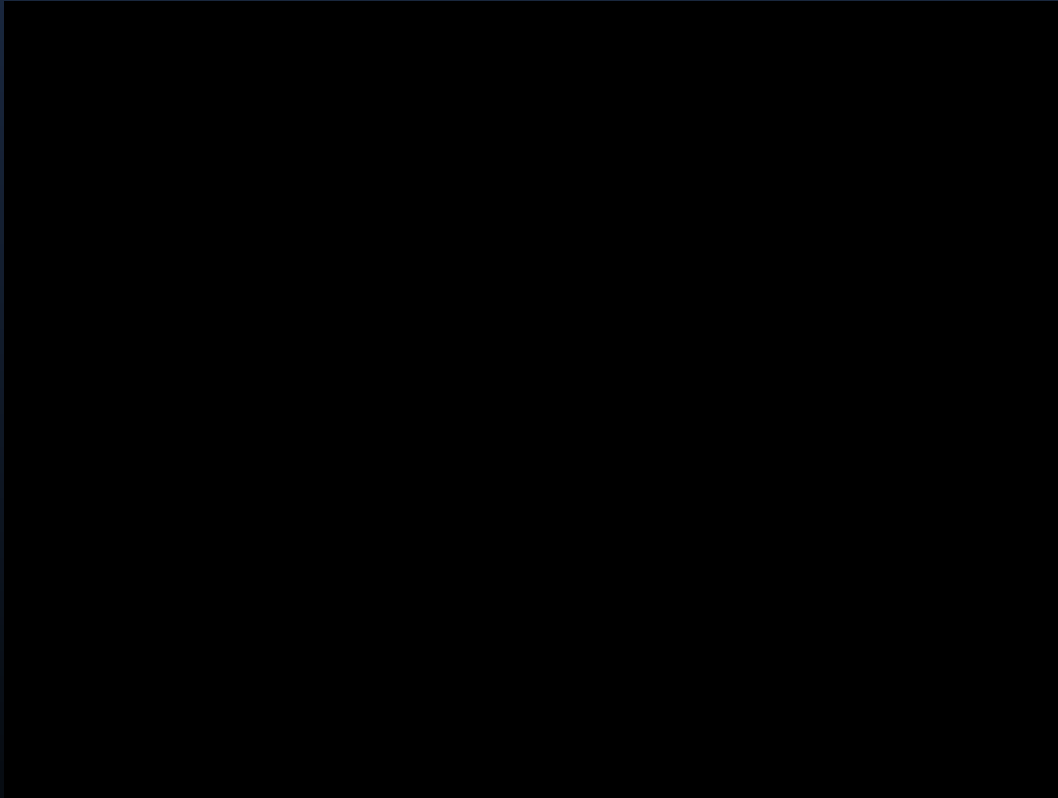


A Systems Approach for the SDGs

- SDGs cover multiple, complex systems: natural systems, social systems, transport system, health systems, education systems
- Example of a complex system – our own bodies comprise nervous, blood, skeletal, digestive systems, amongst others...



Exercise 1: World systems in your hands



Evaluation critical for systems analysis

MONITOR

Tracking the pulse- continuous

REVIEW

Heart beat & rate – **indicator** of life and well-being

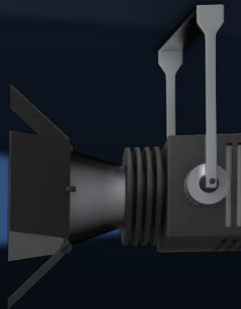
EVALUATION

Diagnose concerns - before death occurs

Understand patterns

Prevent future threats to well-being

Contribute knowledge to better future health



Different causes for increased heart rate



Exercise 2

- Select at least 2 SDGs that are important to your own context
- Consider what systems are most important to connect them
- Explain why these systems are important
- Suggest where evaluation could assist to find causes for issues in the systems

What can you do in future?



Examples:

- Commit learning more about systems thinking (see suggested readings)
- arrange for more training in your organisation on systems thinking and evaluation,
- Start dialogue on how systems related to SDGs you are interested in could be improved.