



**CENTRE FOR
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
IN AFRICA**

The Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA) is now accepting applications for a short learning programme called Practices of Evidence-Informed Decision-Making (PEIDM).

ABOUT THE CSDA

The Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA) aims to engage in cutting-edge, rigorous, and interdisciplinary research that contributes to understanding and innovatively solving complex, contemporary social development challenges facing people and communities in Africa and the Global South. In doing so we aim to challenge and shape social development theory internationally drawing from evidence.

PURPOSE OF PROGRAMME

Africa and the Global South have much to gain from using evidence to inform decisions regarding development. The use of evidence increases the effectiveness of policies, plans, strategies, interventions and their implementation. As such the CSDA is offering a short learning programme on Practices of Evidence-Informed Decision-Making (PEIDM).

The purpose of the PEIDM is to equip mid-level and senior officials, practitioners, and researchers across sectors with the skills to apply evidence-informed decision-making to real-world, everyday challenges faced by those working in the field of development in South Africa and beyond. This SLP provides essential skills for interpreting, synthesizing, and using evidence in planning.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

This SLP will be offered online allowing for interactions with facilitators, content and fellow students anywhere. The SLP is Africa-relevant, focused on Africa-centred processes, actors and activities. It unpacks the principles, processes, and practices of interpreting and using evidence

effectively, and requires students to apply this learning to real-world situations that have relevance for the country and region.

The SLP foregrounds the crucial role of collaboration and co-production. It brings together peers from a diverse range of sectors and disciplines and fosters a network of learning that will last beyond the course duration.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for the programme, you should:

1. Have a Bachelor's Honours degree or equivalent four-year degree or post-graduate diploma
2. Have had prior appropriate exposure to practices in /of the evidence-informed decision-making (PEIDM) field, at the discretion of the course convener)

ASSESSMENT

Assessment in this programme comprises integrated project-based assessment that combines a variety of formative and summative assessment, and individual and group assessment will be used.

TIMELINES

The course is suitable for working professionals. It is run over 14 weeks and requires approximately 10 hours of study time per week facilitated online.

APPLICATION

To apply visit <https://www.uj.ac.za/admission-aid/continuing-education-programmes/>

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