



# ***Why we need more feminist evaluations: Global Affairs Canada's experience***



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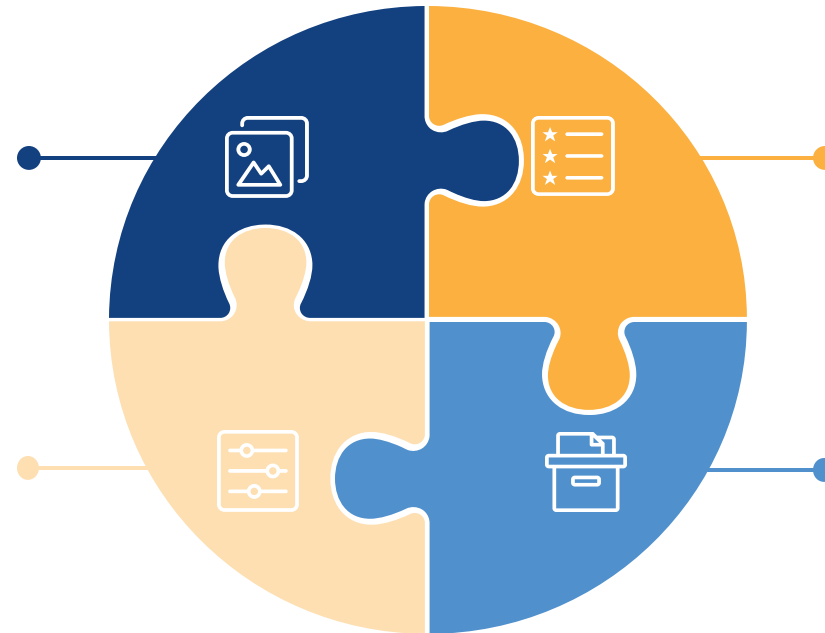
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# What is feminist evaluation at GAC?

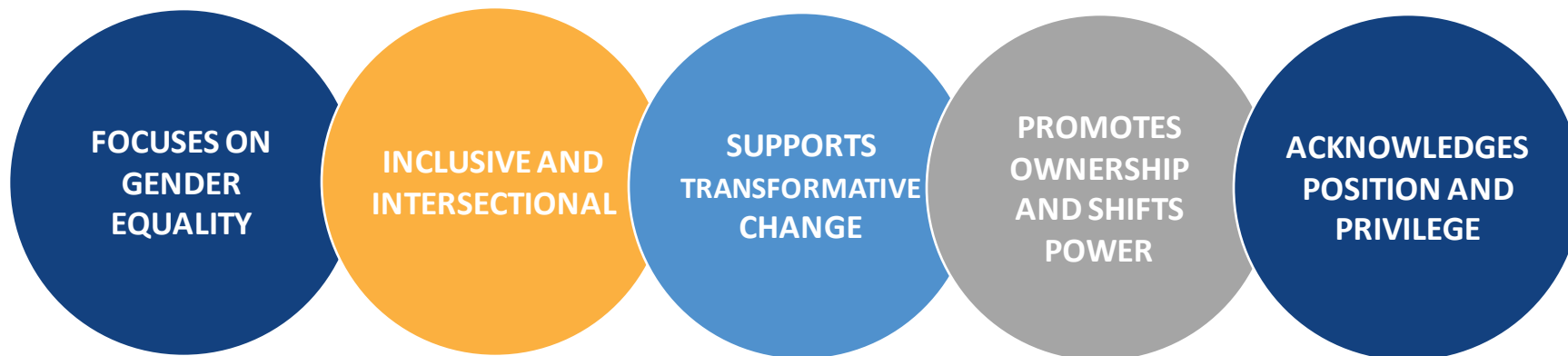
FE provides **a way to think** about the evaluation, not a predetermined set of methods and tools

FE values the evaluation **process** as much as the findings



FE encourages **reflective, empowering, collaborative** and **participatory** processes that actively support **social justice** agendas

FE aims to provide a **platform to women's voices** and others who are often unheard



*Feminist evaluation is not about:*

- *being dogmatic*
- *just using the label*

# Why is feminist evaluation important in the current global context?



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Feminist evaluation is:



# How is feminist evaluation making a difference? Our experience

- **Sharing/shifting power: walking the talk as evaluators**
  - Evaluations as partnerships between evaluators and stakeholders
  - Shifting power to local evaluators and participants
  - Creating spaces for meaningful participation
- **Understanding and measuring results that matter**
  - Co-defining progress towards transformational change (e.g. GEM tool, WROs sustainability framework)
  - An intersectional approach to embrace and understand diversity
- **Being part of the solution: an evaluator's activist stance**
  - Connecting the dots...
  - Planning and budgeting for inclusion
  - Evaluations as platforms for diverse voices
  - The power of recommendations...
- **Reflecting on how we work as a donor**
  - Feminist programming and localization assessment frameworks



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## What challenges are we still facing?

- Maintaining **momentum** and capacity
- Measuring (and communicating) **transformational change at scale**
- Navigating **bureaucratic hurdles**
- The many trade-offs of **meaningful participation**
- Competing or complementary **agendas**?



**Thank you!**

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