

## **Statement of Intent**

After serving at the board for three years, I am even more convinced that the field of evaluation and evaluation research are essential for responding to the economic, social and political problems the world is encountering. The Corona pandemic has hit the world, and rearranged our way of living and foremost changed, maybe forever, our “gaze” at our fellow citizens and friends. We do not know the consequences; we as human beings are social and cultural beings and we have developed our societies as a collective. Europe is still facing a multifaceted migration and integration challenge that we try to meet with research, development projects and an array of socio-economic support systems and evaluation. To interrogate these issues we need to continue to refine evaluation models and praxis to emphasis longitudinal research in order to make better use of the “fuzzy stuff of culture” because culture matters. We need to continue to bridge the gap between theory and practice, ideas and impact and strengthen the relationship between research and evaluation. IDEAS is a global and robust organization upholding ethical standards within critical domains of evaluation. I would relish the opportunity to contribute to the work of IDEAS for a second term of office.

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