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Josephine Watera is an Assistant Director, Research Services and the past Head, of the Monitoring and Evaluation Division at the Parliament of Uganda. She holds 15 years of working experience in areas of research, monitoring and evaluation, and evidence-based systems strengthening.

Watera is an advanced PhD candidate at the University of Cape Town. She is a triple masters' degree holder: Monitoring and Evaluation; Business Administration; and Social Sector Planning and Management. She has recently supported the development of guidance for conducting responsible evaluations for the Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank. She led the development of guidelines for the establishment of Monitoring and Evaluation Systems in African Parliaments. She led the process of developing the African Evaluation Principles by the Africa Evaluation Association (AfrEA). She has mentored Young and Emerging Evaluators under the EvalYouth International Mentorship Program of EvalPartners. She developed the Monitoring and Evaluation Module for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Academy and organised roundtable discussions on evaluation in African parliaments in collaboration with the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Watera is a member of the Canadian Evaluation Society. She is a Council Member of the International Evaluation Academy (IEAc), a Board Member (Sub-Saharan Africa Representative) of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS), a Member of the Joint Advisory Committee-Africa Centre for Evidence (ACE) and South African Centre of Evidence (SACE) and the Vice President of Uganda Evaluation Association (UEA).

Watera received the accolade of, "the most promising evaluator from developing countries" from the American Evaluation Association in 2015.