

NEWSLETTER

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Highlighted the differential roles of evaluation to monitoring and internal audit

On Nov 15, 2023, Annual Conference of Institute of Internal Auditors was held in which Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President of Mongolian Evaluation Association /MEA/ participated as a panelist at the session 'Internal Audit and 2nd Line.' She highlighted the differential roles of evaluation to monitoring and audit functions, and importance of the function of internal audit to be distinct and independent of monitoring and evaluation departments which is usually combined of these 3 functions in public sector in Mongolia today.



American University's MS. Measurement & Evaluation Student 2nd Practicum Placement

On April 25, 2023, the Mongolian Evaluation Association /MEA/ - Монголын үнэлгээний холбоо signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with American University's MS. Measurement & Evaluation Program based in Washington DC, USA. This agreement entails communicating, collaborating, and cooperating in providing academic activities and practicum assignments for students and alumni. Within the scope of the MoU, Mr. Doug Grindle is undertaking his practicum, focused on complexity-aware monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) framework for the Development Solutions NGO of Mongolia for 8 weeks.



Mr. Doug Grindle
MS. Measurement and Evaluation, AU



PRACTICUM PLACEMENT

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**23 October and 17
December, 2023**

Next practicum will be placed at SICA LL - institutional member of MEA, starting in January 2024. The practicum provides mutually beneficial experience on all parties whereby the AU MS. student gains practical experience in applying their academic knowledge real-time, on the other hand, the receiving organization is exposed to the latest methodological evaluation trend from the student.

4th Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association Conference

APEA is hosting the 4th Annual Conference on 4-7th December 2023 in Manila, Philippines. The Conference is a part of EvalVisionAsia 2023 to celebrate the Asia Pacific's accomplishments in 2023 and to prepare and welcome 2024. Mongolian Evaluation Association is coming to APEA Conference with 10 delegations, and UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office is kindly sponsoring 2 of our young and emerging evaluators (YEEs) to enable their participation. Big thanks to UNFPA APRO for walking the talk in your efforts in supporting YEEs.

- Byambasuren Uuganjargal, MEA Member, Co-Founder and Co-Leader of EvalYouth Mongolia will be a moderator for the session of the "Engagement of Young and Emerging Evaluators: Lessons from UN Agency evaluations in the Asia and Pacific"
- Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President, MEA, will present 'APEA's Code of Ethics in Evaluation'

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Engagement of young and emerging evaluators: Lessons from UN agency evaluations in the Asia and Pacific

TUESDAY 5 DEC 2023

Speakers

- Marco Segone**
Director, United Nations Population Fund, Evaluation Office
- Arushi Pankaj Dubey**
Young and Emerging Evaluator, Regional Evaluation Analyst Consultant, UN Women Asia and Pacific Regional Office
- Randika De Mel**
Co-Founder of EvalYouth Asia and EvalYouth Sri Lanka

Moderator

- Amélie Solal-Celigny**
Evaluation Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
- Oyuna Chuluundorj**
Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser, United Nations Population Fund Asia and Pacific Regional Office
- Byambasuren Uuganjargal**
Co-Founder and Co-Leader EvalYouth Mongolia Chapter

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Professionalization of Evaluation Task Force (PETF) kicked-off



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**A WARM WELCOME TO THE MEA'S
PROFESSIONALIZATION OF EVALUATION
TASK FORCE (PETF)**





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First meeting of MEA's PETF was organized on Nov 30, 23 led by the PETF chair Ms. Tserennadmid (Nadya) Gantumur. Wish the 6 members all the best in your vital role in advancing the professionalization of evaluation in Mongolia and beyond.

PETF will establish the following key documents that would serve as the foundation of professionalizing the field of evaluation and strengthen evaluation practice as a profession.

Ethical and Professional Standards for Evaluation

MEA recognizes that Evaluation can maintain credibility in the industry by establishing and maintaining high-level ethical and professional standards for professional practices.

01

Competence Framework for Evaluators

MEA thrives on establishing a repository of knowledge and creating a knowledge-sharing culture in the community so that all its members efficiently utilize best practices in the professional field.

02

Certification of Evaluation profession

MEA aims to set professional and technical standards for the profession so that professionals may provide quality work for the service of their clients. Teaching a body of professional knowledge, enforcing life-learning, and certifying technical competence will serve this purpose.

03

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Lkhagvadulam Chimeddamba (LC)

Lkhagvadulam Chimeddamba, known as LC among her colleagues is an informed research specialist with over 12 years of professional experience at the National Statistics Office of Mongolia, practicing in areas of population and social statistics, census and household surveys, and SDG monitoring and reporting. She holds an MSc degree in Social Policy and Social Research from University College London (UCL), following her management experience at an ADB-administered project focused on environmental awareness raising and waste recycling, she took an active interest in pursuing a career specializing in the evaluation of international development, specifically in areas of environment and public policy.

LC was one of the volunteers to contribute to the Mongolian language translation and editing of OECD-DAC Better Criteria for Better Evaluation, which are intended to guide evaluations to improve their quality and usefulness. The Mongolian version of the criteria is believed to benefit all evaluation stakeholders in Mongolia to understand the criteria and suggest.

TOPIC: EVALUATIVE THINKING

THURSDAY | 21 DECEMBER 2023 | 21:00 (ULAT)

WWW.MONGOLIANEVALUATION.MN

Our speaker

Thomas E. Grayson is a recent retired Professor of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and served as American Evaluation Association's President in 2020 - 2022.

In addition to his work in the United States, Dr. Grayson has provided technical assistance and training to professional evaluators in international settings, including the Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, Mexico; the Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium; the International Program Evaluation Network (IPEN), Moscow, Russia; and the International Labor Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

Tom received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Illinois, his M.S. in Instructional Technology from Syracuse University, and his B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University.



TOM GRAYSON
American Evaluation Association,
Past President
Ph.D, Evaluation Consultant

Our moderator



Ms, Suzanna Sumkhuu,
MEA Member,
Researcher on Policy Analysis

UPCOMING TRAININGS AND EVENTS



WFP IMPACT EVALUATION FORUM

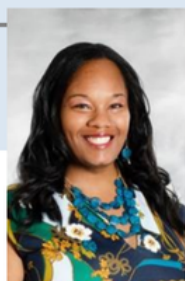
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What difference are we making?



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Evaluation Planning with Ayesha Boyce



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Quantitative Research and Evaluation Methods with Tarek Azzam



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THE COMPETITION

The Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank (IEG), the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), and EvalYouth invite Young and Emerging Evaluators to participate in a writing competition that aims to promote and share expertise in culturally responsive evaluation.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You must be an emerging evaluator with less than 5 years of professional experience. Make sure the submitted essay or portion of your essay has not been previously published. Essays authored by a maximum of 3 co-authors are considered acceptable.

ESSAY TOPICS

1. Case studies of culturally responsive evaluation in practice.
2. Explorations of challenges/opportunities of integrating culturally responsive evaluations principles into evaluation practice.
3. Discussions of the specific role emerging evaluators can play in the advancement of culturally responsive evaluation.
4. Reflections on meeting the challenge of communicating the validity of culturally responsive evaluation and getting influential voices and change-makers to listen.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Participants should submit an essay of max 1500 words and a short abstract between 300-500 words that lays out their main ideas and what they believe would be innovative about their approach - a short, biographical statement in English (no more than a paragraph) to yeecompetition@worldbankgroup.org

The deadline for submission is December 31st, 2023

Note: The essay should follow APA style guidelines and can originate in any language but should be submitted in English.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/454EEaa>.
Submit your essays by December 31, 2023.



Prepared by Ms. Oyundalai Odkhuu, MEA Member