

# NEWSLETTER

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## 8TH ASIAN EVALUATION WEEK (AEW) WAS SUCCESSFULLY HELD IN THAILAND

ADB Independent Evaluation Department's flagship knowledge-sharing event co-organized with Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute on 11-14 Sep 2023 in Thailand titled 'Beyond recovery: evaluation for development effectiveness' with 212 participants from various organizations across **58 countries**.

There were **7 Mongolian participants** altogether, of which 5 of them came from Mongolia:

1. Altangerel Radnaabazar, Project Director, MERIT
2. Bayarmaa Lkhagvadorj, CEO, Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA)
3. Delger Enkhbold, Director of Performance Audit Department Of Mongolian National Audit Office
4. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President, MEA
5. Nandinchimeg Magsar, MEA Member
6. Tseveengerel Amgalan, Head of Monitoring and Evaluation Department, Authority of Government Supervisory

The 7th Mongolian delegate, Ms. Oyuntsetseg Chuluundorj, who is a Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser (UNFPA), and a former Assistant Representative of the UNFPA Mongolia Country Office, joined us from Bangkok.

### Here are session recordings:

Day 2: Oyuntsetseg Chuluundorj shared on [how to support and provide opportunities for YEE to engage in M&E](#) in Session: Advancing National Evaluation Capacities in Asia and the Pacific

Day 3: Tseveengerel Amgalan shared on [M&E system in Mongolia](#) in the session: Building Resilience and Accountability: Motivating Policy Makers to use knowledge and evaluative evidence

Day 3: Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren presented on how [MEA's case in the session](#): "One size does not fit all: Adapting and adopting international evaluation norms in the Asia-Pacific region"



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## THE FINDINGS OF THE “LIGHT MID-TERM EVALUATION” YOUNG AND EMERGING EVALUATORS (YEE) INTERNSHIP 2023

The Mongolian Evaluation Association in partnership with EvalYouth Mongolia Chapter and YOUTHinc Young Mongolian Professionals Association launched the Young and Emerging Evaluators Internship Program for Mongolian youth aged 18-34 in the March of 2023. The internship program is halfway through and we have initiated a 'Light Midterm Evaluation' to learn the progress so far against the objectives and course correct in the remaining time.

Within the scope of the Memorandum of Understanding between American University (AU) and Mongolian Evaluation Association, an external evaluation team consisting of a national young and emerging evaluator - Ms. Munkh-Uchral, and Ms. Jennifer Ottolino, Ms. Nada Mousa, and Ms. Shelli Golson-Mickens, who are international experienced evaluators of AU Measurement & Evaluation Program are carrying out this light midterm evaluation as pro-bono.



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### HERE ARE SOME FINDINGS OF THE “LIGHT MID-TERM EVALUATION” YOUNG AND EMERGING EVALUATORS (YEE) INTERNSHIP 2023

#### ENGAGEMENT

Overall, the survey results suggest that interns are highly engaged with the program, look forward to activities and are participating in them, and retain and share evaluation-related information.

#### APPLYING SKILLS IN REAL WORD

While interns are participating and learning in the program, they may be lacking opportunities to test and apply their skills in real-world evaluations.

#### WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Even though 45% of participants expressed that the amount of time required for the program was reasonable, some seemed to struggle to maintain work-life balance and are looking forward to a lighter load in the next phase of the program.

#### EVALUATION CAREER

Less than half of the survey participants plan to pursue a career in evaluation is puzzling and warrants further investigation.

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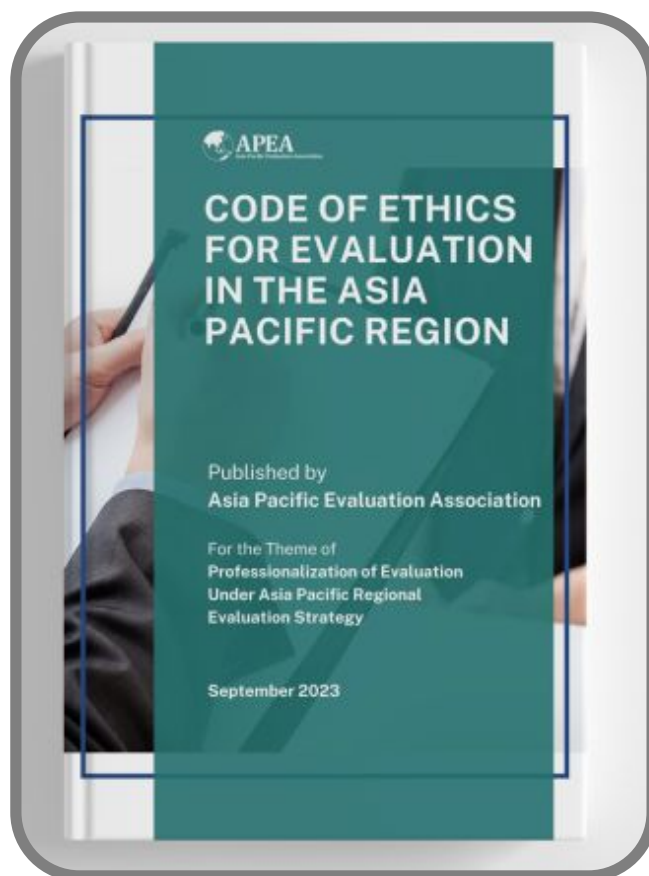


## FOR DEVELOPING "CODE OF ETHICS FOR EVALUATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION"

The Code of Ethics for Evaluation in the Asia Pacific Region developed by the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA) is out.

As a part of the Professionalization of Evaluation Theme Group, Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President of MEA, along with other members of Professor. Keiko Nishino, Randika De Mel, and Madhuka Liyanagamage worked on this.

Following this, the Mongolian Evaluation Association's Professionalization of Evaluation Task Force (PETF) will work on the Code of Ethics for Evaluation in Mongolia contextualizing to our country.

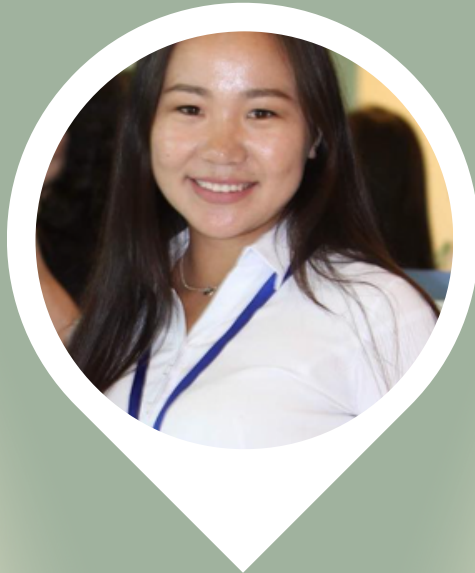


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### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE PRESENTED IN DECEMBER DURING THE 4TH APEA CONFERENCE AND EVALVISIONASIA 2023.**

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Baasanbat Bat-Erdene**  
**MEA Member, Young and Emerging Evaluator**

She is a dedicated and enthusiastic member who joined the Mongolian Evaluation Association in March 2023. She may be relatively new to the field, but her passion for evaluation is palpable. Since joining MEA's Young and Emerging Evaluator Internship Program, she has displayed a curiosity and a willingness to learn that is truly commendable. She has been an active member, attending workshops, webinars, and training to enhance her knowledge of various evaluation methodologies, data collection, techniques, and analysis tools.

She is a young lady with ten years of work experience in a variety of sectors, including livelihood, tourism, and construction within international settings, business, and government organizations. Furthermore, she is thrilled to work in the environmental care sector of Mongolia and study as an Environmental Economist at the University of Finance and Economics for her master's degree.

Additionally, she contributed to the translation of the Manifesto and Standard for Governmental Organizations into Mongolian during the 'Youth in Evaluation week' global campaign. Also, successfully contacted with municipality and participated in a meeting with representatives of the Ulaanbaatar city mayor's Administrative office's Monitoring and Evaluation department to explain the importance of youth inclusiveness in the evaluation process.



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# MONGOLIAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

MEA is committed to promoting professionalization and institutionalization of evaluation at national level. Its members have had immense contribution to fulfilling this vision. Within the scope of this mission, we now call for the MEA members to become a part of the Professionalization of Evaluation Task Force (PETF).

**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.

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### **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.

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If you are interested in joining the PETF, please contact Tserennadmid (Nadya) Gantumur at [info@mongolianevaluation.mn](mailto:info@mongolianevaluation.mn) and **send a Letter of intent to join the task force and your CV.**

**The deadline to submit an application is Oct 20, 2023.**

**The estimated level of effort for volunteers is three days per month.**

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# UPCOMING EVENT 1

## COMPETITION: YOUNG AND EMERGING EVALUATORS ON CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE EVALUATION

At gLOCAL 2023, the **Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) of the World Bank** - in collaboration with the **Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI)** and **EvalYouth** - announced a call for papers from Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEEs) on the topic of culturally responsive evaluation in countries in the majority world.

The aim of the competition is to promote a more reflective practice among evaluators and to encourage evaluators to share their expertise on culturally responsive evaluation. The deadline for submission is November 1, 2023.



**IMPORTANT NOTE:**  
THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

# UPCOMING EVENT 2

## UK EVALUATION SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

**A highly successful call for abstracts (which is now closed) welcomed submissions related to the main theme in the following areas:**

- Transdisciplinary evaluation approaches
- Ethics for Evaluation and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in evaluative practice
- Innovative evaluation methods to address competing challenges, crises and uncertainty
- How evaluation is taught and learned to meet challenges in an uncertain environment.



How does Evaluation rise to the challenge of competing issues, crisis and uncertainty?

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**  
THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD  
FROM 2 - 4 OCTOBER 2023  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON

## UPCOMING EVENT 3

The EnCompass Learning Center equips professionals with the skills they need to face tomorrow's challenges

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### Evaluation Management

with Tessie Catsambas and  
Lynne Franco



Nov 2023



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### Survey Design

with Bianca Montrosse-Moorhead



Nov 2023



## UPCOMING EVENT 4

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning (MEAL) 10-day Training in Bangkok

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