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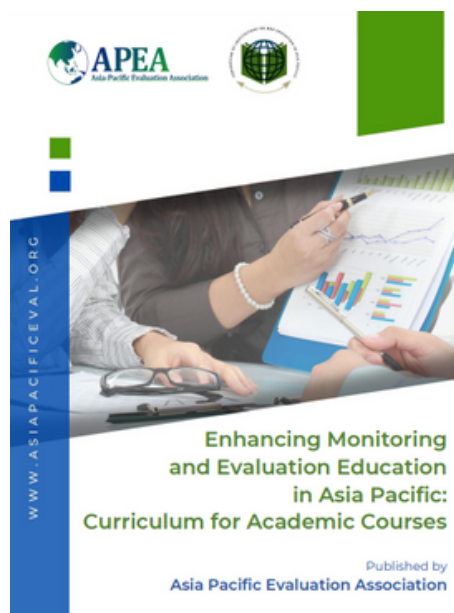
MEA BOARD MEMBER COMMITTED TO CONTRIBUTING TO THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL STRATEGY THEME

Dr. Ganzorig Gonchigsumlaa, a Board member of MEA and Chair of the Costs, Benefits & Economic and Financial Evaluation Topical Interest Group (TIG), committed to contribute to the theme **"Developing partnership for evaluation capacity"** of the Asia Pacific Regional Strategy developed by the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA). The first meeting of the theme was held on 11 January 2024. One of the anticipated outcomes under this theme is **creation of the Consortium of Institutions on M&E for the Asia Pacific Region**. This consortium can serve as a platform for knowledge sharing and offer cross-learning. More importantly, the consortium can also work as a resource group to support academic institutions in setting up formal academic programs and/or offer standalone courses on various aspects of M&E.

In pursuit of the evaluation capacity theme, developing partnership for evaluation capacity has outlined two primary activities to attain its goal:

1. The establishment of a Consortium of Institutions on Monitoring and Evaluation in the Asia Pacific;
2. The creation of a model curriculum.

MEA members will translate the 'Enhancing Monitoring and Evaluation Education in Asia Pacific: Curriculum for Academic Courses' into Mongolia with the support of APEA.



EXPANSION OF COMMITMENT IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL STRATEGY

Four of the MEA members have committed to contribute to the following 4 themes of the Asia Pacific Regional Evaluation Strategy out of 8 themes. The Strategy was led and developed by the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association /APEA/ as a follow-up to the Eval4Action regional consultation held in 2020:

- Ms. Mendbayar Budee, a member of the MEA, Chair of the Organisation & System Evaluation Topical Interest Group (TIG), and a Member of the Professionalization of Evaluation Task Force (PETF), has committed to contribute to the themes "Engaging parliamentarians for demand and use of evaluation" and "Promoting national evaluation policies and systems."
- Ms. Tseveengerel Amgalan, a member of MEA and a member of the PETF, has committed to contribute to the themes "Professionalization of Evaluation" and "Promoting national evaluation policies and systems."
- Ms. Byambasuren Uuganjargal, a member of MEA and Co-Founder of the EvalYouth Mongolia Chapter, has committed to contribute to the theme "Using evaluation to report on SDGs."
- Dr. Ganzorig Gonchigsumlaa, a Board member of MEA and Chair of the Costs, Benefits & Economic and Financial Evaluation TIG, has committed to contribute to the theme "Developing partnership for evaluation capacity."



Congratulations to the members of MEA who joined the APEA's 5 themes



Ms. MENDBAYAR BUDEE
Chair, Organization & System Evaluation
Topical Interest Group (TIG),
Member, Professionalization of
Evaluation Task Force (PETF)

Engaging parliamentarians
for demand and use of evaluation

Promoting national evaluation
policies and systems



Ms. TSEVEENGEREL AMGALAN
Member of Mongolian Evaluation
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Professionalization of
Evaluation Task Force (PETF)

Professionalization of evaluation

Promoting national evaluation
policies and systems



Ms. BYAMBASUREN UUGANJARGAL
Member of Mongolian Evaluation
Association (MEA), and Co-Founder of
EvalYouth Chapter

Using evaluation to report on SDGs



Dr. GANZORIG GONCHIGSUMLAA
Board member of the Mongolian
Evaluation Association (MEA), and
Chair of Costs, Benefits &
Economic and Financial Evaluation
Topical Interest Group (TIG)

Developing partnership for
evaluation capacity

For more information about the Asia Pacific Regional Evaluation Strategy, please visit here: <https://asiapacificeval.org/programs/regional-evaluation-strategy/>



PROFESSIONALIZATION OF EVALUATION TASK FORCE (PETF) HELD ITS FIRST MEETING FOR 2024

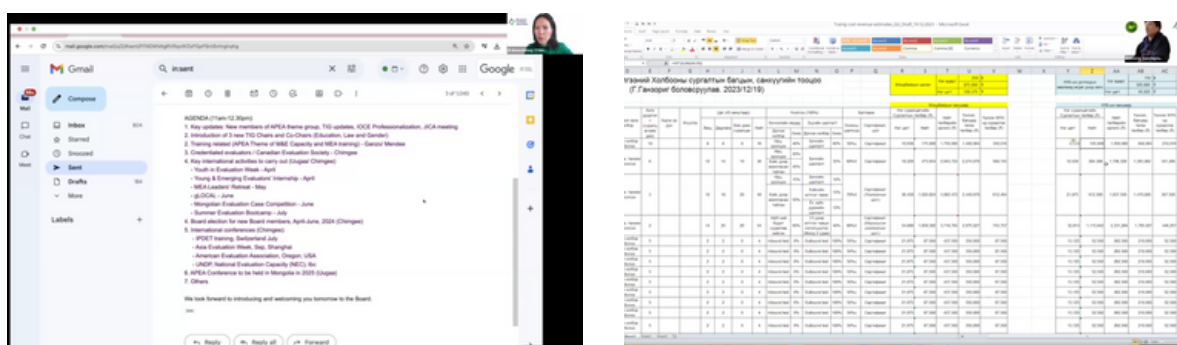
In November 2023, the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) marked a significant milestone with the official launch of its Professionalization of Evaluation Task Force (PETF). The first meeting for this year took place on January 18, 2024, during which members engaged in discussions covering various pertinent topics related to the task force's objectives.


These included insights on professionalization gleaned from the Canadian Evaluation Society, considerations for enrolling in the APEA Professionalization of Evaluation Theme, an exploration of the initiatives put forth by the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE)'s Professionalization Task Force. In addition, the PETF decided to develop 'Competency Framework for Evaluators' led by Ms. Mendbayar Budee in 2024.

1ST BOARD MEETING OF 2024 WAS HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2024

At the board meeting, we discussed the following issues:


1. Consider the reports of the past year's activity, and have Topical Interest Groups' chairs provide an overview of the highlights of 2023 and perspectives for 2024.
2. Introduce the newly appointed Chairs and Co-chairs of the three new Topical Interest Groups (TIGs) of MEA, namely Legal Evaluation TIG, Education Evaluation TIG, and Gender Evaluation TIG.
3. Explore the engagement of MEA members in the four APEA themes, allowing them to introduce the themes and discuss their contributions to the topical interest areas.
4. Discuss the development of a training module and curriculum, focusing on specific topics and the budget of the unit. Ensure that it meets the needs of individuals and organizations, taking into consideration their suggestions.



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**"GENDER EVALUATION"
TOPICAL INTEREST GROUP (TIG)**


CHAIR



**ERDENECHIMEG
TSERENDORJ**

*Executive Director,
Center for Social Work
Excellence*


CO-CHAIR



**Dr. BATKHISHIG
ADILBISH**


*Lecturer, National University of
Mongolia,
Director, Open Window of
Future NGO*

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**"LAW EVALUATION"
TOPICAL INTEREST GROUP (TIG)**


CHAIR



**OYUNBOLD
GANCHULUUN**

*Founder and Board member of
Mongolian Criminological Society,
lawyer and criminologist,
researcher for the research center
of Mongolian Bar Association,*


CO-CHAIR



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MUNKHZAYA**


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**"EDUCATION EVALUATION"
TOPICAL INTEREST GROUP (TIG)**


CHAIR



**DR. BAYARMAA
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*Professor of Research Methodology
Department, Mongolian State
University of Education*

CO-CHAIR



**NARANGEREL
BAYARSAIKHAN**

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MEET THE NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS OF 3 NEW TOPICAL INTEREST GROUPS (TIGs) of MEA.

✓ Gender Evaluation TIG

- Chair: Ms. Erdenechimeg Tserendorj is an electronic engineer and social worker, and is an Executive Director for the Center for Social Work Excellence
- Co-Chair: Dr. Batkhishig Adilbish is a social worker and policy expert, and a lecturer at the National University of Mongolia.

✓ Law Evaluation TIG


- Chair: Mr. Oyunbold Ganchuluun is a lawyer, Founder and Board member of the Mongolian Criminological Society, criminologist, and a researcher for the Mongolian Bar Association
- Co-Chair: Ms. Munkhjin Munkhzaya is a lawyer and she works as a Legal advisor at Trade and Development Bank Capital

✓ Education Evaluation TIG

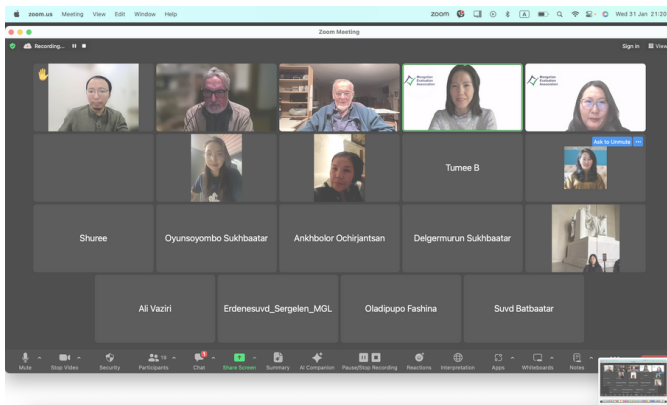
- Chair: Dr. Bayarmaa Badrakhbayar is a statistician and mathematician, and works as a Professor of Research Methodology Department of the Mongolian State University of Education
- Co-Chair: Ms. Narangerel Bayarsaikhan is an education expert and is a Founder of Erdem Insight.

With these 3 new TIGs, MEA expands its existing below 7 TIGs to 10 TIGs:

1. Costs, Benefits, and Economic and Financial Evaluation
2. Quantitative Evaluation Methods
3. Climate Change and Environmental Evaluation
4. Health Sector Evaluation
5. National Evaluation Policies and Systems
6. Social Impact Measurement and Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG)
7. Organizational and System Evaluation.

 All our members are welcome to join up to 5 TIGs and please find the information about the TIGs here:
https://www.mongolianevaluation.mn/files/editor/source/TIG_description_chairs_2023.pdf

KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES



Mongolian Evaluation Association **ONLINE**

LEARNING SESSION #1, 2024

TOPIC:
INTERNATIONAL APPROACHES TO PROGRAM EVALUATION AND APPLICATION TO MONGOLIA

WEDNESDAY | 31 JANUARY 2024 | 20:00 (ULAT)

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Our speakers

Dr. Michael Bamberger
Senior Research Fellow, International Initiative on Impact Evaluation

Dr. Raymond Gervais
International M&E consultant (IRM), MERIT program

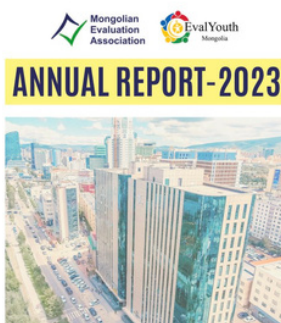
Our discussant and moderator

Discussant:
Ms. Nandinchimeg Magsar
M&E Consultant, Member of Mongolian Evaluation Association

Moderator
Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulzilsuren, Founder and President of the Mongolian Evaluation Association

We successfully hosted the Mongolian Evaluation Association /MEA's Learning Session 2024/01.

Our distinguished speakers for the session featured Dr. Michael Bamberger, Senior Research Fellow at the International Initiative on Impact Evaluation, offering valuable insights into international approaches to program evaluation. Complementing this, Dr. Raymond Gervais, an International Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) consultant with expertise in Results-Based Management (RBM) from the MERIT program, delved into the enhancement of program evaluation practices specifically tailored for Mongolia.



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Please download the full report here:

We are grateful to share with you the 'MEA Annual Report - 2023.' Thanks to each one of our members and friends of Mongolian Evaluation Association /MEA/ around the world for their continued support and active participation in creating this history of advancing evaluation together in 2023.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Jargalsaikhanii Sanchir is a passionate and dedicated social scientist, development practitioner, and consultant with 10+ years of experience across international, public, and civil society organizations. So far he has been responsible for various tasks and responsibilities and specialized in advanced qualitative and quantitative research; strategy and innovation; project and knowledge management; election observation and coordination; evaluation and learning (including evidence collection and synthesis); and technical writing/editing. Currently Sanchir works as research associate at the University of Oxford's (China Centre) China, Law and Development project and as governance consultant for McKinsey and Co.

Sanchir joined MEA in December 2023 and volunteers as co-chair of ESG, Social Impact thematic interest group. As ESG is a relatively new and emerging trend not only in Mongolia but all around the world, there are significant overlaps as well as differences in challenges different countries face. First, there is an urgent need for all stakeholders including NGOs, policymakers, professionals to ensure that initiatives related to ESG avoid all varieties of greenwashing. Second, Mongolia along with many emerging economies face challenges in the availability and quality of ESG data. Improving and integrating existing data infrastructures is imperative if the country is to have significant ESG investment and embark on green transition. Sanchir believes that we must carefully balance between developing our own, locally embedded ESG data/policy infrastructure and adoption of global standards across business to avert excessive fragmentation of markets and regulatory approaches as well as its own policy space.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**GLOBAL
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Save the date for the EvalPartners Global Evaluation Forum IV | Leading Progressive and Contemporary Evaluation Practice from 26-29 February 2024 in Morocco



Save the date for the National Evaluation Capacity Conference from October 28 to November 1, 2024.



Save the date for the Asian Evaluation Week in Shanghai from 2-6 September, 2024.



Save the date for the American Evaluation Association's (AEA) conference from 21-26 October, 2024 in Portland, Oregon.

UPCOMING TRAININGS



MONITORING & EVALUATION AND RESULT-BASED MANAGEMENT PRACTICE



Ms. MENDBAYAR BUDEE

Chair, Organization & System Evaluation Topical Interest Group (TIG), Member, Professionalization of Evaluation Task Force (PETF), a member of the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA)

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Ms. Mendbayar Budee serves as the Chair of the Organization & System Evaluation Topical Interest Group (TIG), a dedicated member of the Professionalization of Evaluation Task Force (PETF), and an active participant in the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA).

She is set to lead the inaugural training session for the Organization & System Evaluation TIG, titled 'Monitoring & Evaluation Practical Training in Result-Based Management.' Stay tuned for the official announcement of the date, which will be confirmed as soon as possible.



Live Webinar

Using MSC in Final Evaluations: A Mali Case Study

Join AU's Measurement & Evaluation Program for a practical session on using Most Significant Change.

Ashley will discuss how she approached the final evaluation of a girls' education project in Mali using MSC.

TH, Feb 15
12-1:15 PM ET



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Evaluating Training Programs with Asma Ali



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Real-Time Evaluation with Scott Chaplowe



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