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MEA AND EVALYOUTH MONGOLIA ARE ORGANIZING THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN YOUTH IN EVALUATION WEEK



Mongolian Evaluation Association and EvalYouth Mongolia are organizing the global campaign Youth in Evaluation Week, "Champion Youth: Good Practices by VOPES and Youth Organizations". The virtual event will be held on 10 July from 9 AM-10 AM EST. <u>Please register</u> <u>here.</u>

This virtual meeting aims to highlight and share successful practices and approaches adopted by VOPES and youth organizations to provide a platform for learning and inspiration through the experiences and insights of seasoned professionals and young champions in the evaluation sector. Given that it is a global event, we aim to ensure regional representation and embrace diverse backgrounds.

Youth in Evaluation Week is a global event initiated by <u>eval4action</u> and led by UNFPA to amplify dialogue on intergenerational solidarity for transformative evaluation and build momentum for enhancing meaningful youth engagement in evaluation.

The overarching theme for Youth in Evaluation week 2024 is **'<u>Upholding Youth in Evaluation</u> standards'.** The events at the week will explore six dimensions of the standards - leadership and accountability, practice, advocacy and capacity building, knowledge management and communication, human resources and financial resources - for advancing intergenerational partnerships in evaluation.

## MEA IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE 2ND ANNUAL 'SUMMER EVALUATION BOOTCAMP (SEB) FOR YOUNG AND EMERGING EVALUATORS

Mongolian Evaluation Association /MEA/ is organizing the 2nd annual 'Summer Evaluation Bootcamp (SEB) for Young and Emerging Evaluators of Mongolia and China' co-organized with UNICEF Mongolia and American University's MS. Measurement & Evaluation Program, as part of the '2024 Youth in Evaluation Week,' organized globally on July 9-12, 2024. Best 20 applicants will be awarded with full scholarships with generous support of UNICEF.

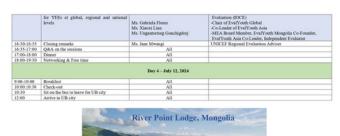




Draft Agenda of the 2<sup>14</sup> Summer Evaluation Bootcamp for Young and Emerging Evaluators of Mongolia and China, in Mongolia on July 9-12, 2024 Note: There are 14 training assions which highlighted in light blue. American University's (AU) instructors and Professor Howard White will join virtually.

| Time        | Description  | Name   | Position, Organization   |
|-------------|--|--|--|
|             |  | Day 1 - July 9, 2024                                       |  |
| 10:30       | Meet in the front of Drama Theatre                                   | All  |  |
| 11:00       | Leave Ulaanbaatar city for the River Point<br>Lodge by bus           | All  |  |
| 12:00       | Arrive at the River Point Lodge                                      | All  |  |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch  | All  |  |
| 13:30-14:00 | Check-in   | All  |  |
| 14:00-14:10 | Welcome and opening remarks  | Mr. Evariste Kouassi-Komlan<br>Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren | <ul> <li>Representative, UNICEF Mongolia</li> <li>Founder &amp; President, Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA)</li> </ul>                 |
| 14:10-15:00 | 1. Principles and Basic Theories of Evaluation                       | Ms. Xin Xin Yang   | <ul> <li>Multi-country Evaluation Specialist (China, DPRK and<br/>Mongolia) at UNICEF Beijing, China</li> </ul>                              |
| 15:00-16:00 | 2. Evaluator's Competency Framework,<br>Norms, Standards, and Ethics | Ms. Munkhtuya Tseveenbayar<br>Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren  | -Member of MEA, CEO of System Art Ventures LLC<br>-MEA Founder & President, CEO & Founder of Cogno<br>International LLC                      |
| 16:00-16:15 | Coffee break   | All  |  |
| 16:15-17:00 | 3. Cost and benefit evaluation                                       | Dr. Ganzorig Gonchigsumlaa                                 | <ul> <li>Board Member of MEA, Associate Professor of Agricultural an<br/>Applied Economics, Mongolian University of Life Sciences</li> </ul> |
| 17:30-18:30 | Welcome Dinner   | All  |  |
| 18:30-20:00 | Networking & Free time   | All  |  |
|             |  | Day 2 - July 10, 2024                                      |  |
| 6:30-7:30   | Breakfast  | All  |  |
| 8:00-9:00   | 4. Logic Models  | Ms. Sue Cottrell   | <ul> <li>Alumnus of Ms. Measurement &amp; Evaluation, AU<br/>CEO, Lab for Strategic Evaluation, USA</li> </ul>                               |

| 9:00-10:00  | 5. Most Significant Contribution   | Ms. Ashley Bishop   | -Alumnus of Ms. Measurement & Evaluation, AU<br>MEL Technical Lead, Winrock International, USA  |
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| 10:00-10:15   | Coffee break   | All   |   |
| 10:15-11:15   | 6. Qualitative Analysis using Microsoft Excel<br>and Microsoft Word  | Mr. Seth Tucker   | -Alumnus of Ms. Measurement & Evaluation, AU<br>Evaluation and Learning Consultant, TCC Group, USA  |
| 11:15-11:45   | Coffee break   | All   |   |
| 11:45-12:45   | 7. UNICEF's Evaluation Work in Mongolia  | Ms. Khurelmaa Dashdorj  | Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, UNICEF Mongolia  |
| 13:00-14:00   | Lunch  | All   |   |
| 14:30-15:30   | 8. Evaluability Assessment   | Ms. Xin Xin Yang  | -Multi-country Evaluation Specialist (China, DPRK and<br>Mongolia) at UNICEF Beijing, China   |
| 15:30-16:30   | <ol> <li>Nexus of Environmental, Social and<br/>Governance (ESG), Impact Measurement and<br/>Management (IMM) and Monitoring,<br/>Evaluation and Learning (MEL)</li> </ol> | Ms. Zoljargal Ganbold   | -MEA Member, Certified ESG Analyst, CEO of Belget Impact  |
| 16:30-17:00   | Q&A on the sessions / Coffee break   | All   |   |
| 17:30-18:30   | Dinner   | All   |   |
| 18:30-20:00   | Networking & Free time   | All   |   |
| 7:30-8:30   |  | Day 3 - July 11, 2024   |   |
|   | Breakfast  | All   |   |
| 9:00-10:00  | Breakfast 10. Quantitative Methods in Evaluation   | All<br>Ms. Yasemin Simsek   | -Alumnus of Ms. Measurement & Evaluation, AU<br>Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant, USA, Tanzania   |
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| 10:00-11:00   | 10. Quantitative Methods in Evaluation<br>11. Complexity in Evaluation   | Ms. Yasemin Simsek  | Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant, USA, Tanzania<br>-Alumnus of Ms. Measurement & Evaluation, AU   |
| 10:00-11:00<br>11:00-11:30<br>11:30-12:30   | 10. Quantitative Methods in Evaluation     11. Complexity in Evaluation     Coffee break   | Ms. Yasemin Simsek<br>Ms. Gabriella Huff<br>Ms. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj<br>All | Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant, USA, Tanzania<br>-Alummus of Ms. Measurement & Evaluation, AU<br>Program Evaluator, Milvatukee County, USA<br>-MEA Board Member, EvalYouth Mongolia Co-Founder, |
| 9:00-10:00<br>10:00-11:00<br>11:00-11:30<br>11:30-12:30<br>13:00-14:00<br>14:30-15:30 | 10. Quantitative Methods in Evaluation         11. Complexity in Evaluation         Coffee break         12. Evaluation Report & Communication                             | Ms. Yasemin Simsek<br>Ms. Gabriella Huff<br>Ms. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj        | Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant, USA, Tanzania<br>-Alummus of Ms. Measurement & Evaluation, AU<br>Program Evaluator, Milwukee County, USA<br>-MEA Board Member, EvalYouth Mongolia Co-Founder,   |







MEA LEARNING SESSION 2024#6 WAS HELD ON 'NAVIGATING ESG, IMM AND MEL NEXUS: STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPACT



MEA Monthly Learning Session was held on June 27, 2024, on the topic of Navigating ESG, IMM and MEL nexus: Strategies for Sustainable Impact'.

Our distinguished speaker was Ms. Zoljargal Ganbold, who discussed the interconnectedness of the concepts of ESG, Impact Measurement & Management (IMM) and Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning, and how they contribute to sustainable outcomes. The recording can be found in the Mongolian Evaluation Association's Youtube channel: Please find the recording *here: https://youtu.be/bLkpS3Fi8oo?si=5\_dtqdsqKnrRbk75* 

## Empowering a new generation of evaluators: Youth in Evaluation in Mongolia

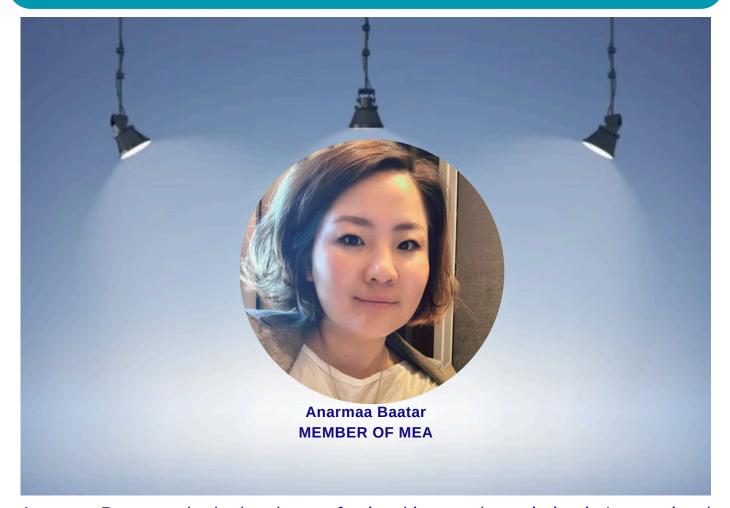


Our Young and Emerging Evaluator (YEE), Oyundalai Odkhuu, published <u>a blog on Eval4Action's website.</u>

This blog focuses on how MEA has been supporting meaningful engagement of youth in evaluation in Mongolia through several activities such as advocacy, evaluation case competitions, advocacy to sign the Youth in Evaluation manifesto, and even capacity building of youth in evaluation.

MEA has been encouraging young people to get involved in evaluation through various activities. In this regard, we initiated the Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEE) internship program with EvalYouth Mongolia and Youth Inc. under the initiative of Youth in Evaluation Week, which was launched in 2023.

### **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**



Anarmaa Baatar embarked on her professional journey by majoring in International Economic Relations at the National University of Mongolia. Since 2021, she has been dedicated to her role as an M&E Officer in an environmental project at the German Development Cooperation – GIZ Mongolia. Specializing in result-based monitoring, she practices field data collection, and its analysis to assess the project interventions designed to empower communities residing close to nature. Her work also focuses on raising awareness among young people about the significance of environmental conservation and the necessity for climate change mitigation and adaptation. Anarmaa is deeply committed to expanding her expertise in environmental evaluation at development cooperation.

Furthermore, as a member of MEA, she contributes as a young and emerging evaluator. Her recent participation in the Winter School for Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEEs) organized by EvalYouth Asia in December of the previous year provided her with a valuable platform to interact with regional experts and peers, fostering networking opportunities and offering a global perspective on monitoring and evaluation practices. Beyond her professional pursuits in M&E, Anarmaa finds fulfillment in volunteering for children and youth, and engaging in outdoor activities.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



# **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR** MEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are pleased to announce the upcoming election for 5 of the 9 Board member positions of the Mongolian Evaluation Association /MEA/, effective from September 2024, due to the expiration of our pioneer board members' service terms. This is an exciting opportunity for our members to shape the future of our Association, contribute to the evaluation ecosystem development, and demonstrate your leadership.

We invite our members to consider running for a Board position. As a Board member, you will have the chance to shape policies, influence key decisions, and ensure that our Association continues to thrive and serve its members and society at large. Board Members will serve for 3 years starting from September 7, 2024 to September 7, 2027. We highly encourage young and emerging evaluators to apply for Board Members.Please send any question regarding the application process, please contact us at info@mongolianevaluation.mn by June 25, 2024.

#### Structure of MEA Board of Directors /9/:

#### Eligibility for Board Members:

- Board Member, President Board Member, President-Elect
- Board Member, Past-President
- Board Member, Secretary
- Board Member, Treasury
- Board Director, Program Chair
- Board Member, Communication Chair
- Board Member, Membership Chair
- Board Member, Partnership Chair
- · Individuals who have been members of MEA for a minimum of 6 months Active membership without outstanding
- dues • The individual's previous service to MEA and leadership in MEA units such as TIGs,
- Working Groups, Task Forces, and others • Current Board Members are highly
- encouraged to nominate themselves again.

#### Submission process

- Nominee Statement: A brief statement indicating a) your interest in serving, b) the Board position you are seeking (Treasurer, or Membership etc), c) years of MEA membership d) previous service to MEA and leadership in MEA, e) any special qualifications.
- CV
  - Letters of Support: Nominations must include at least 1 (up to 3) letter of support

Please send your application as 1 PDF to info@mongolianevaluation.mn by ( ) 8 July, 2024

## Mongolian Association

# **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR** MEA PRESIDENT-ELECT



We are excited to announce a call for a President-Elect of Mongolian Evaluation Association /MEA/. As the term of our current President of the MEA is concluding next year in September 2025, we are preparing to begin the tenure of a new President-Elect. This nomination is available for current Board Members and will serve for 3 years starting as President-Elect followed by President then Past-President between September 7, 2024 to September 7, 2027.

The President shall act as CEO of the Association and shall have all the general powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of the president of an Association, including; preside at all business meetings, serve as Chair of the Board, ensure appointment by the Board of members for all TIGS and task forces/working groups, and have general responsibility for the conduct of the affairs of the MEA. Please send any question regarding the application process, please contact us at info@mongolianevaluation.mn by June 25, 2024.

#### Desired skill set:

- Proven leadership ability
- Team (Board) management
- Detail oriented
- Conflict resolution
- Consensus building
- Public speaking

#### Tenure of the President is as follows:

- 1st year President-Elect
- 2nd year President
- 3rd year Past-president



• Nominee Statement: A brief statement indicating a) your interest in serving as a President-elect, b) years of MEA membership c) previous service to MEA and leadership in MEA, e) any special qualifications.

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Submission Process

· Letters of Support: Nominations must include at least 1 (up to 3) letter of support.

Please send your application as 1 PDF to info@mongolianevaluation.mn by (L) 8 July, 2024

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



MEA organizes learning sessions monthly. In July MEA Learning Session will consider "The Social and Solidarity Economy and MEL Nexus for Sustainable Development". Our distinguished speaker will be Purevdulam Jamiyansuren, Chief M&E at USAID's BEST Program, Development Solutions NGO, and Member of the Mongolian Evaluation Association. Additionally, our moderator will be Sanchir Jargsalsaikhan, Co-Chair of the ESG Topical Interest Group (TIG), MEA Member.



Building on last year' success, our focus sustaining this year will be on momentum and deepening our engagement with stakeholders for their commitment for youth in evaluation.

We plan to reach out 40 organizations (UN agencies, ADB, WB, public and private entities, academic institutions) both composed of organizations from last year as well as new ones.

From 8 to 12 July, join a global community of young and senior evaluators for a week of collaboration, dialogue and learning.





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