

INFORMATION ON TOPICAL INTEREST GROUPS (TIGS)

Topical Interest Group (TIG) is a platform where the members of the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) can acquire a deeper understanding of different sub-fields of evaluation. The TIG offers an opportunity for the members of the MEA to get specialized by learning from the experts and sharing their knowledge with the community. Our members can join any and all of the following 10 TIGs to expand their knowledge, experience and networking:

MEA TIGs:

1. Costs, Benefits & Economic and Financial Evaluation
2. Quantitative Evaluation Methods
3. Climate Change and Environmental Evaluation)
4. Health Sector Evaluation
5. Public Policy Evaluation (National evaluation policy advocacy)
6. Social Impact Measurement and Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG)
7. Organizational and System Evaluation
8. Education Evaluation
9. Law Evaluation
10. Gender Evaluation



Costs, Benefits & Economic and Financial Evaluation

TIG description:

- Contribute to the field of economic and financial evaluation of development projects and policies using emerging approaches including analysis of costs, benefits, effectivenesses, efficiencies, efficacies etc. for both theoretical and practical methods.
- Build a community of evaluators who work on economic and financial evaluation via organizing workshops, meetings, discussion panels, learning sessions, and happy hours, and participating in policy dialogues both at national and international levels.
- Support young and emerging evaluators who conduct economic and financial evaluation through provision of practical and theoretical trainings, coaching and internships, and organizing workshop and seminars

Dr. Ganzorig Gonchigsumlaa is an Associate Professor at the Mongolian University of Life Sciences. He holds degrees in Economics, Environmental Economics, and Agricultural Economics from the MULS, University of Manchester, and University of Goettingen. He has experience working in Environmental and Agricultural Economics and has collaborated with UN agencies and Mongolian government organizations. He has carried out Economic and Financial Analysis for 3 World Bank projects, 2 in India and 1 in Mongolia, and conducted external policy evaluations for two Mongolian policies.



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Quantitative Evaluation Methods

TIG description:

This TIG aims to support the effective use of quantitative methods in evaluation. This support is directed at members of this TIG, other members of MEA, and the evaluation community at large. In line with these three audiences, goals are to equip the members in their understanding & application of new & advanced techniques of analysis by providing training in core quantitative methods, and promoting best practice in specific evaluation contexts.

Dr. Gereltuya Altankhuyag has 22 full-time working experience with the National Statistical Office of Mongolia in the field of economic, demographic and social statistics; worked for 6 years in applied quantitative and qualitative research fields in Germany and the UK; 20 years consultancy experience in statistics, sampling methodologies, gender statistics, household surveys, censuses, constructing poverty mapping, assessment of SDG indicators and its mapping, statistical measurement systems and environmental tax account

Dr. Khishigt Dandarchuluun is an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics at the National University of Mongolia (NUM). She received her PhD degree in Economics from Korea University, South Korea. Dr. Dandarchuluun has 17 years of teaching experience. She qualified in quantitative analysis and applied micro econometrics — experience working on projects in policy impact assessment and external evaluation and monitoring.



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Climate Change and Environmental Evaluation

TIG description:

Climate Change TIG exists to provide a platform for promoting a stronger community of practice in climate change development policy and programmes evaluation, supporting mutual development in personal and professional passion, and formulating specific approaches for evaluating within the complexities of climate change impacts. Our main areas of interest include (but are not limited to):

Energy Area:

- Energy efficiency improvements & demand-side management and consumer behavior
- Low carbon and renewable energy programs/projects

Natural Resources Area:

- Climate resilient agriculture & climate smart practices
- Program and policy effectiveness and environmental outcomes
- Urban Nexus practice change initiatives



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Bayarmaa Lkhagvadorj currently serves as a Project Lead for NDC Action in Mongolia Project implemented by UN Environment Programme. Where she responsible for coordinating climate adaptation and mitigation teams. She holds Master of Science in Environmental Studies from Seoul National University and graduate of Power Engineering School, Mongolian University Science and Technology. Her work experience includes Senior Researcher at National Renewable Energy Centre in 2009, and Consultant in sustainable development, climate change, and energy efficiency projects and programs by UNDP, GIZ, World Bank and business sector. She advanced her profession at the Life Academy in Sweden in 2011, Energy Academy Europe in Netherlands in 2016, University of Virginia in USA in 2017, Technical University of Dresden in Germany in 2018, respectively.

Health Evaluation

TIG description:

Monitoring and evaluation are essential elements of any successful health program. Thus, evaluation is a fundamental component of health planning and quality improvement. Designing and undertaking health planning processes that give regular consideration to evaluation throughout the planning process will help to ensure the building blocks for practical evaluation. The health sector of Mongolia has many years of experience in monitoring and evaluating outcomes and impacts of planned programs and strategies. However, there might be many barriers to delivering high-quality monitoring and evaluation frameworks and methodologies in health in Mongolia. As such, the MEA will change current practices through learning and sharing expertise in collaboration with national and international institutions.

- Dr. Narmandakh is Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and has degrees in Master of Health Management, specialized Healthcare quality and patient safety (QUT, Australia) and Bachelor of Medicine.
- Dr. Narmandakh worked as a physician and reproductive health researcher at National Maternal and Child Health Center for 8 years, as a project officer at UNFPA for 8 years and as a Quality manager at Intermed Hospital for 1 year.
- Publication list: Book reviewed – 6; Published article – 11; Conference presentation – 10



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Promoting National Evaluation Policies and Systems (NEPS)

TIG description:

This TIG aims to provide public awareness on NEPs, foster dialogues and bring together key actors to promote and implement NEPs as well as provide and facilitate capacity building of government and other key stakeholders to implement NEPs and embed NES.

Mr. Darinchuluun has 30+ years of experience in macroeconomics, policy planning and evaluation with the Government of Mongolia, Ministry of Finance, and international organizations. He has worked on projects to improve governance, economic development, debt management, and support civil society. He has held positions as Director of Debt Management Division, Advisor to the Director at ADB, GoM, and World Bank, and consultant at UN. He holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering-Economics from Moscow and a Master's in International Affairs from Columbia University.

Mr. Bumtsend is a Counsellor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs responsible for international organizations with 16 years of foreign service experience. He previously served as Deputy Director-General in charge of Mongolia-China and Mongolia-Russia-China trilateral cooperation. He holds a Master's in International Development Policy from Duke University and a Bachelor's in International Economic Relations from National University of Mongolia.



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Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG)

TIG description:

To create community of experts of Mongolia in social impact measurement as an emerging field. Through many workshops and networking online and in-person events to be organized, we will learn more about one another's work on ESG metrics development and social impact measurement within Mongolia and other part of the world.

Ms. Naranzul currently serves as the Chief Sustainability Officer of Petrovis Venture Capital, angel investing firm to support and develop impactful and innovative projects that contribute to the social development. Ms. Naranzul has had a rich working experience as a business development manager for many agriculture, real estate and energy projects in private sector as well as development experience in UNFAO. Ms. Naranzul holds Master of Global Development from the Cornell University, USA and MBA from the Institute of Finance and Economics in Mongolia. Her research concentration is Global Value Chain Analysis and Social innovation.

Sanchir Jargalsaikhan a social scientist, development practitioner, and consultant broadly concerned with development processes in the post-Soviet space and the Global South with an interdisciplinary research agenda that combines philosophy, sociology, law and global political economy. He has significant experience in strategy and business development; pipeline and project management; knowledge management and communications as part of international, public, and civil society organizations. He holds an MSc degree in Social Research Methods from UCL and is currently Research Associate at University of Oxford..



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Organizational and System Evaluation

TIG description:

The goal of this TIG is to provide problem solving techniques in assessing the organization or system to identify the root causes, framework and strategies for effective organizational management, and identifying gaps that need strengthening or further development. Key developmental areas are:

1) Result-based management (Integrated RBM, Adaptive and Agile management); 2) Monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL); Logical framework or Result framework; 3) Collaboration, Learning and Adaptation (CLA); Design thinking facilitation; 4) System analysis and problem-solving technique; Strategy development and KPI; 5) Business process analysis or Business process re-engineering (BPR); 6) Maturity model/level; Organizational capacity assessment



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Mendbayar Budee has extensive experience in monitoring, evaluation, project design, transformational management, organizational analysis, and internal audit in the mining sector. She contributed to the Responsible Mining Transformational framework of Mongolia and its benchmark evaluation. She provides project design and resource optimization to organizations with a focus on collaboration and an integrated approach. She holds a MA in Public Policy from the National University of Mongolia and is a Young professional in the mining sector. Currently, she is the Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, and Grant Manager at Mongolia Energy Governance Program for USAID contractor Abt Associates Inc.

LAW EVALUATION

TIG description:

The objective of the Law Evaluation TIG is to enhance national evaluation laws and regulations, aiming to align them with global best practices. This effort is particularly directed in response to the Government of Mongolia's Resolution No. 59.

Our primary activities and tasks involve advocating for improved policies, conducting panel discussions and workshops, undertaking comparative research, and contributing scholarly articles. The overarching goal is to contribute to the enhancement of legal evaluations in accordance with international standards.

Mr. Oyunbold Ganchuluun brings forth an extensive 17-year tenure as a legal evaluator, underscored by the publication of 30 research papers. His professional trajectory encompasses pivotal roles in investigation, prosecution, legislative drafting, and the mentorship of emerging legal practitioners. Noteworthy is Mr. Ganchuluun's dedicated focus on the refinement and advancement of methodologies and procedures within the domain of legal evaluation, thereby solidifying his standing as a distinguished professional in the field.

Ms. Munkhjin Munkhzaya is a lawyer at TDB Capital LLC, a finance and investment company. Since this summer of 2023, she has been an active volunteer at "Sustainable Business Consulting" LLC, translating and publishing climate change-related posters. Beyond her professional work, Ms. Munkhjin is passionate about sustainable development, evident in her role as co-chair of the Legal Evaluation TIG at the Mongolian Evaluation Association. In this position, she focuses on evaluating and implementing Environmental, Social, and Education laws to improve their impact.



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GENDER EVALUATION

TIG description:

- Promote gender-responsive assessment tools and action-learning tools among evaluators and evaluation partners to measure progress toward achieving intended gender-related objectives and goals set out in policies, programs, and projects;
- Contribute to strengthening of capacity and knowledge of evaluators in evaluating from a gender perspective the relevant processes, activities, outputs, outcomes, and impacts of an intervention.
- Promote people-centered, gender-sensitive, and human rights approaches in evaluation.
- Provide capacity-strengthening and experience-sharing activities focused on integrating gender analysis in the evaluation work

Erdenechimeg Tserendorj (BSc., MSc. & MSW) has over 20 years of experience in designing of evaluation tools, monitoring, and evaluating of social development programs and projects from gender perspectives. She has been actively involved in designing participatory monitoring and evaluation systems for nationwide multi-sectoral programs such as the National Poverty Alleviation Programme (1996-2000) and the Sustainable Livelihood Program- Phase I (2002-2006), Human Development Report 2014, Education sector gender assessment 2019, and the Country gender assessment for the agriculture rural sector (2022-2023) for FAO.

Dr. Batkhishig Adilbish is an associate professor of the Department of Sociology and Social Work at National University of Mongolia. She has been involved evaluation of various development projects since 1997 as a part of the Save the Children, Asian Development Bank funded project coordinator and gender specialist, local NGO management, and academia. Her research and evaluation interests focus on social service, in particular social work, gender-based violence, and community development. She wrote numerous books and chapters on child protection, gender-based violence, case management, and project management.



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EDUCATION EVALUATION

TIG description:

This TIG aims to contribute to the field of education monitoring, and student evaluation there are common purposes and issues in educational evaluation at the national level, which are, at times, in conflict with one another, for instance, how to evaluate human abilities and development, their performance and progress, how to provide a reliable measure of performance, and finally how to continuously review and access the information obtained from the evaluation process in educational activities.

Dr.Bayarmaa Badrakhbayar has been working in the educational sector since 2003. In 2016, she obtained her Ph.D in Statistics in South Korea. Dr.Bayarmaa is now working as an Associate Professor at the Research Methodology Department of Mongolian State University of Education. She has published extensively including books, conference presentation /10/ and papers /15/.

Ms. Narangerel Bayarsaikhan is an enthusiastic young & emerging evaluator with an educational background in Journalism & Education. She is a Founder & CEO of Erdem Insight LLC. Her passion is to provide education to diverse backgrounds of students through effective communication, to motivate and support students to reach their maximum performance and potential.



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