

NEWSLETTER

MEA HOSTED A SPECIAL SESSION WITH A GUEST FROM INDEPENDENT EVALUATION DEPARTMENT, ADB

MEA hosted an in-person special session with a guest speaker Ms. Sonia Chand Sandhu, Principal Evaluation Specialist, Independent Evaluation Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB) in which she shared about the evaluation system of ADB. We are also grateful for the representatives of ADB Mongolia, Mr. Chandra Mohan Arora and Mr. Erdenesaikhan Nyamjav and Prabhasha Sahu from ADB for their engaging discussion and Q&A session.



ADB EVALUATION SYSTEM

Special training session and
Q&A with MEA members

SONIA CHAND SANDHU
Principal Evaluation Specialist
Independent Evaluation Department, ADB

 MEA Office
 5:30pm, 14 March, 2024



KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES



On March 19, 2024, our Board members Dr. Ganzorig Gonchigsumlaa and Ms. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj presented at the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA)'s webinar on the topic "Lessons Learned from Mongolian Evaluation Association's Annual Report 2023" showcasing highlights. PPT is available for download [here](#), and the recording will be available on APEA's Youtube channel [here](#) soon.

On 28 March, 2024, MEA Learning Session 2024/03 on 'Mainstreaming Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in Mongolia: Challenges and opportunities' was organized with distinguished speakers Ms. Selenge Badrakh, a member of MEA and a Co-Founder and CEO of Sustainable Business Consulting, Mr. Sanchir Jargalsaikhan, a member of MEA and a Co-Chair of the ESG Topical Interest Group (TIG) of MEA. The session was moderated by Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, a Founder & President of MEA and CEO & Founder of Cognos International LLC - Research & Evaluation Company. The speakers emphasized importance of ethical impact of investments, businesses while integrating ESG into the Mongolian development context. Recording is available on our Youtube channel [**here**](#).



LEARNING SESSION # 2024/3

200M

Mainstreaming Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in Mongolia: Challenges and opportunities

MEET OUR SPEAKERS



SELENGE BADRACH

Co-Founder, CEO Sustainable Business Consulting



SANCHO JARGALSAKHIAN

Co-Chair of the ESG Topical Interest Group (TIG), Member, Mongolian Evaluation Association

MODERATOR



ERDENECHIMEG ULZHUSUREN

Founder & President Mongolian Evaluation Association, CEO & Founder Cognos International LLC

THURSDAY | 28 MARCH 2024 | 20:00-21:00 ULAT

ESG
Social
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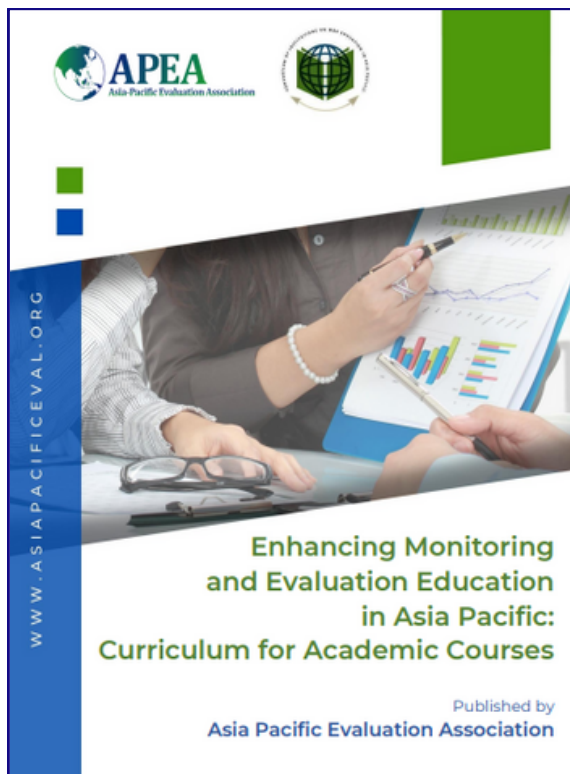


Zoom meeting interface showing a video call with participants and a presentation slide titled "ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE". The slide lists key points for each pillar:

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The slide also includes a flowchart showing the relationship between these pillars and the Sustainable Business Model (SBM).

TRANSLATION OF APEA'S MODEL CURRICULUM FOR M&E STUDIES



Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA) developed modules as a model curriculum for M&E studies, which academic organizations can use as a short course. The curriculum document can be accessed [here](#).

This curriculum, consisting of modules aligns with eight core strategic themes: professionalizing evaluation, developing partnerships, promoting new evaluators, strengthening community engagement, promoting evaluation use, building evaluation capacity at country level, employing innovative evaluation approaches, and ensuring evaluation quality.

Dr. Ganzorig Gonchigsumlai, MEA board member, initiated an idea to translate this document into Mongolian language during the meeting of the Academic Consortium of APEA on the 11th of January 2024. His idea was supported and APEA granted an Award Letter confirming that the translation of the model curriculum for M&E will be translated into Mongolian by the MEA with funding from APEA. The MEA appointed Dr. Ganzorig Gonchigsumlai and Dr. Ariunaa Dashtseren, a member of the MEA, to complete the translation task.



**DR. GANZORIG
GONCHIGSUMLA**

Board member
Mongolian Evaluation Association



**DR. ARIUNAA
DASHTSEREN**

Member
Mongolian Evaluation Association

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Khaliunaa Batjargal
Young and Emerging Evaluator, MEA

Khaliunaa is a sophomore at the National University of Mongolia, studying international relations and YEE in the Mongolian Evaluation Association.

She was part of the Young and Emerging Evaluators Internship program and she first heard of “Evaluation” when she was applying for the internship. Through the duration of this, she learned about the methods of evaluation, processes and overall what evaluation is, which inspired her to seek further training and seminars to improve her skills and knowledge- to become a skilled evaluator. Through the internship, she had the opportunity to meet and learn from skilled professionals who have inspired her beyond belief to work hard, seek opportunities, to better herself, and reach for the stars. Thanks to that, she believes she has truly been growing not only her skillset but personally as well.

Two of her fellow interns, and she formed a team to participate in the Mongolian Evaluation Case Competition, in which they won first place, and were gifted the opportunity to partake in the World Evaluation Case Competition- The second Asia Champion from Mongolia! The Case Competition was a true learning experience- 9 hours seemed like a blink of an eye. Team coordination, overall good organization, and time management play a crucial part in the competition. My teammates were amazing and skilled, incredible people all of whom I am grateful to have met.

Furthermore, she participated in the Winter School, and the 4th APEA conference, which was an incredibly inspiring and humbling experience. There were many skilled professionals of all sectors- leaders who were extremely passionate and knowledgeable in many areas. Even looking from a distance, she was starstruck and filled with the desire to someday shortly, be just as inspiring and amazing as them. Winter School was an incredible time, full of fervor-she learned so much from just being there, in a room full of people from all backgrounds, it was just wonderful to hear them speak, and share experiences. The part that stuck out to her the most was the “ Evaluation to Achieve Sustainable Development” session, which correlates a lot to my career. Professor Keiko Nishino was inspiring. In the future, with her degree in International Relations, she hopes to go into children’s rights and climate action advocacy and policy-making- no doubt evaluation will be a vital part of her career in the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS



gLOCAL 2024 Theme: “Evaluation and Transformational Change: Balancing Ambition and Realism”

gLOCAL Evaluation Week is a unique knowledge-sharing event, that connects a global community of people across sectors and regions, to be held on June 3-7, 2024.

gLOCAL is convened and supported by the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI) - a network of organizations and experts that supports countries with strengthening their monitoring and evaluation systems to help governments gather and use evidence that improves the lives of their citizens.

This year, MEA will organize 3 events onsite and virtually:

- 2nd Mongolian Evaluation Case Competition (MECC) - onsite
- National Symposium on Evaluation - onsite
- International (MEA, OECD, UNICEF, WHO) panel discussion on ‘How can we (development partners/VOPEs/Evaluators) strengthen national evaluation capacities and systems in ways that enhance the potential for achieving transformational change?’ - virtual

The 2nd Youth in Evaluation week will be held under theme ‘Upholding Youth in Evaluation standards’ on 8 to 12 July 2024.

MEA will organize 2 events this year”

- 2nd Summer Evaluation Bootcamp
- Advocacy for youth in evaluation through Manifesto & Standards.



8-12 July 2024



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

IPDET 2024 Scholarship

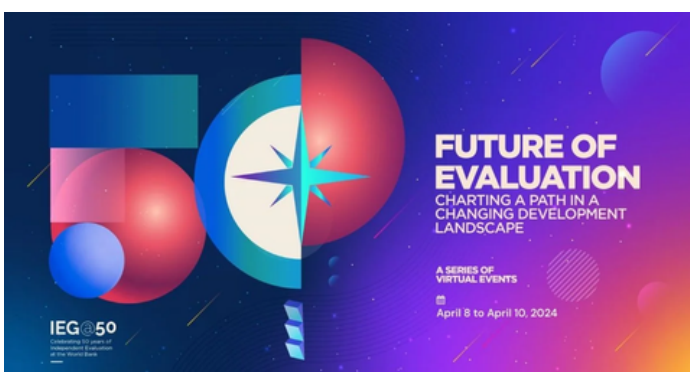


The International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET), a GEI implementing partner, has introduced two new scholarship options for its annual evaluation training program. The 2024 program will take place July 15 to 26 at the University of Bern in Switzerland. Applications are open until June 7. Deadline for application is April 5, 2024. *For more information, please visit [here](#).*

European Evaluation Society (EES)-2024 Better Together conference



At the European Evaluation Society (EES)-2024 Better Together conference, we will explore how collaboration can lead to more effective, transformative evaluation and social change. This event offers a timely opportunity to leverage the diverse experience of the EES community to reframe evaluation and promote positive impact. *More information is [here](#).*



A recent essay competition for young and emerging evaluators (YEEs), jointly hosted by the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), and EvalYouth, invited emerging evaluators to propose solutions for closing the gap between global and local knowledge. *For more information, please click [here](#).*



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