

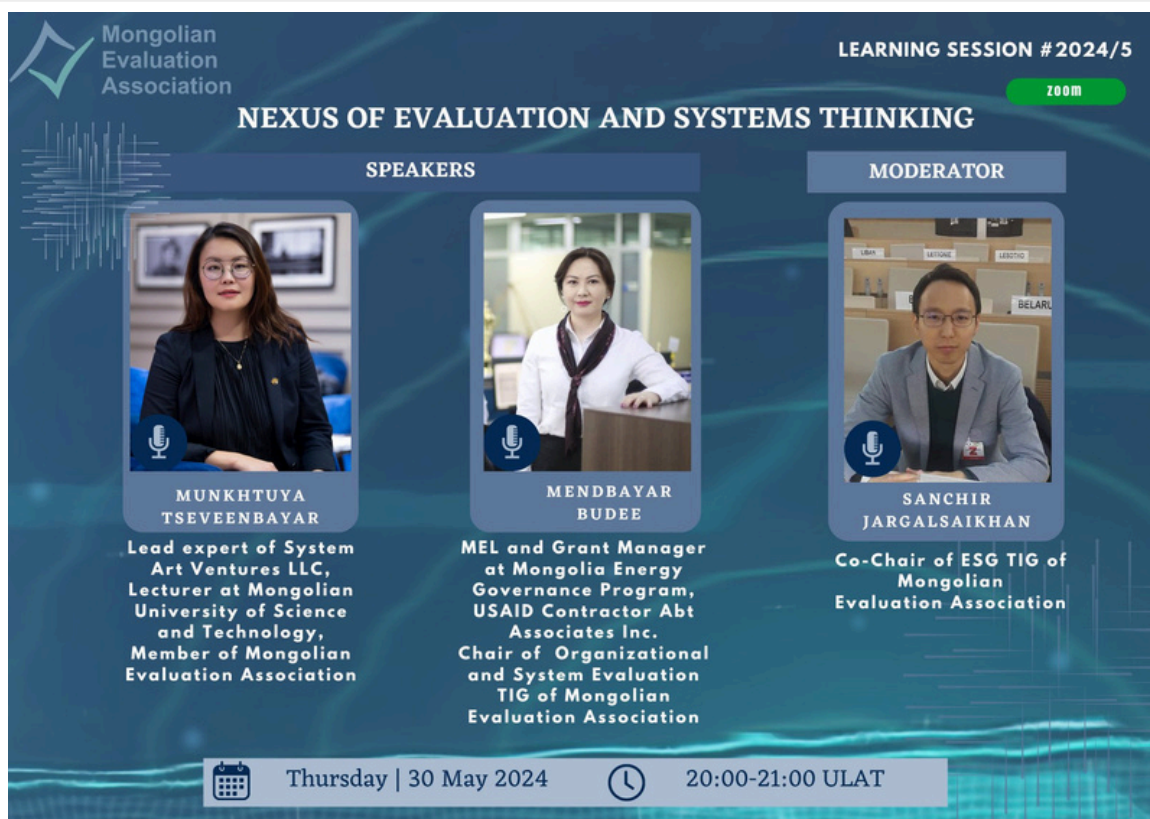
NEWSLETTER

MEA LEARNING SESSION 2024#5 WAS HELD ON NEXUS OF EVALUATION AND SYSTEM THINKING

MEA Monthly Learning Session was held on May 30, 2024 on the topic of Nexus of Evaluation and System Thinking.

Our distinguished speakers were Ms. Munkhtuya Tseveenbayar, Member of MEA and lead expert of System Art Ventures Mongolia, Lecturer at the Mongolian University of Science and Technology and Ms. Mendbayar Budee, Chair of Organizational and System Evaluation TIG of MEA and MEL and Grant Manager at Mongolian Energy Governance Program, USAID Contractor Abt Associates Inc. Our moderator was Mr. Sanchir Jargalsaikhan, co-chair of ESG TIG of MEA.

The speakers discussed systems thinking as a way of making sense of the complexity of the world by looking at it in terms of wholes and relationships rather than by splitting it down into its parts additionally, how we incorporate systems thinking into organizational systems, and even how we evaluate systematically. The recording can be found in Mongolian Evaluation Associations' Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5NS0Qw6yC8>



Mongolian Evaluation Association

LEARNING SESSION #2024/5

NEXUS OF EVALUATION AND SYSTEMS THINKING

SPEAKERS

MUNKHTUYA TSEVEENBAYAR
Lead expert of System Art Ventures LLC,
Lecturer at Mongolian University of Science and Technology,
Member of Mongolian Evaluation Association

MENDBAYAR BUDEE
MEL and Grant Manager at Mongolia Energy Governance Program,
USAID Contractor Abt Associates Inc.
Chair of Organizational and System Evaluation TIG of Mongolian Evaluation Association

MODERATOR

SANCHIR JARGALSAIKHAN
Co-Chair of ESG TIG of Mongolian Evaluation Association

Thursday | 30 May 2024 **20:00-21:00 ULAT**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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We are pleased to announce the upcoming election for 4 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. 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/:

- 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

Eligibility for Board Members:

- 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



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



Submission Process

- 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.
- CV
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GRATITUDE TO OUR MEMBERS



Since its establishment in 2021, **200 people** joined MEA as members under the vision of promoting professionalization and institutionalization of evaluation at national level in Mongolia. It has been over a year since we started the membership. Our members enjoy various professional benefits through monthly Learning Sessions, receiving information by email lists with job, training and scholarship opportunities.

We encourage our members to renew their membership and our membership team will be sending reminders about this in the coming days.

MEA uses membership fee for paying its website maintenance, organizing workshop and trainings, solely. Please continue enjoying the benefits and most importantly continue contributing in the development of evaluation ecosystem in Mongolia through your participation, vote and voice.

Thank you for being a member of MEA!
Membership committee

ASIA PACIFIC EVALUATION ASSOCIATION'S WEBINAR ON "THE WAY FORWARD ON PROFESSIONALIZATION OF EVALUATION"

Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA) organized a webinar on "The Way Forward on Professionalization of Evaluation: A Conversation on Learnings and Challenges between Latin America and Asia Pacific" on Tuesday, 21st May 2024. The speakers shared insights and addressed challenges related to professionalizing evaluation practices in both Latin America and the Asia Pacific region.

Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President MEA and Co-Leader of the professionalization theme of APRES, moderated the session. Recording is available on the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association's [Youtube channel](#).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Gereltsetseg Adiya
MEMBER OF MEA

Her name is Gereltsetseg Adiya. Although she is a linguistics specialist and a translator, she first started working for a foreign-invested mining company, she has been working in the field of monitoring and evaluation and internal audit. Since then, she has worked in several organizations and projects in the field of management and organizational governance. In recent years, she has been working and studying with great interest in the field of evaluation.

This is what she has been looking for until today, and it is the work she loves because it is the most useful industry in Mongolia. Evaluation is crucial for every project and every project partner to learn from past experiences, create effective accountability systems, and improve performance.

By joining the Mongolian Evaluation Association, she is happy to meet experts in this field, share experience, learn, and learn again. Evaluation of the project at the beginning, in the middle and at the end of the project is a huge task that makes the partners understand the value and importance of the project, whether the project has achieved its goals, and how effective the project has been.

‘A person in this field will never get old as it is a huge field of reading, learning, research, and communication’, Ms. Gereltsetseg believes.

UPCOMING GLOBAL EVENTS MEA TAKING PART



gLOCAL EVALUATION WEEK
powered by IEG

WEBINAR

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JUNE 2024
TIME: 9:00 - 10:00 PM
ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA TIME

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GEI Global Evaluation Initiative

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unicef for every child

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OECD

World Health Organization

HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN NATIONAL EVALUATION CAPACITIES AND SYSTEMS IN WAYS THAT ENHANCE THE POTENTIAL FOR ACHIEVING TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE?

Speakers:
Xin Xin Yang, Multi-Country Evaluation Specialist (China DPK, Mongolia), UNICEF
Megan Grace Kennedy-Chouane, Head of Evaluation Unit, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD
Ricardo Polastro, Chief Evaluation Officer, World Health Organization
Erdenetschig (Chingee) Ulziuren, Founder & President, Mongolian Evaluation Association

In partnership with UNICEF, OECD and World Health Organization (WHO), as part of the #glocal2024 initiative, we are honored to host a webinar titled: 'How can we strengthen national evaluation capacities and systems in ways that enhance the potential for achieving transformational change?'

When: 21:00-22:00, June 7, 2024, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia time
Please register here: <https://zoom.us/j/95812345678>

Participants will be immerse into fundamentals of evaluation learning from international and national evaluation experts together for 3 days in the beautiful nature of Mongolia on July 8-10, 2024.

Objectives of the 2nd Summer Evaluation Bootcamp:

- Nurturing and empowering the next generation of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) professionals, and
- Improving decision-making through the use of evidence and building monitoring and evaluation (M&E) capacities



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2ND SUMMER EVALUATION BOOTCAMP

July 8-10, 2024
Terelj, Mongolia

2024 youth in evaluation WEEK
8-12 July 2024

Stay tuned for more details!



ADVOCACY FOR YOUTH IN EVALUATION THROUGH MANIFESTO & STANDARD

8 JULY - 12 JULY 2024

www.eval4action.org

Stay tuned for more details!

Building on last year' success, our focus this year will be on sustaining 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.



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