

NEWSLETTER

HAPPY 3rd ANNIVERSARY

September 7th marked the 3rd anniversary of the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA)! Over the past three years, we've grown together as a community of passionate evaluators, united by a shared commitment to the professionalization of evaluation on a national level in Mongolia and making meaningful contributions to the field.

Throughout this journey, we've achieved remarkable milestones—from hosting insightful learning and events to building partnerships and expanding our network of members. Every success is a testament to the dedication of our members, the hard work of our committees, and the inspiring leadership of our board. As we reflect on the past, we also look to the future with excitement. Our collective impact continues to grow, and we remain committed to fostering learning, collaboration, and innovation in evaluation. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this incredible journey.



PARTICIPATION IN THE ASIAN EVALUATION WEEK 2024

The Asian Evaluation Week (AEW) is a leading platform for evaluation knowledge sharing in the Asia and Pacific region, bringing together government officials, representatives of international organizations, and evaluation experts to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and learn about the latest innovations in evaluation. This year's AEW took place in Shanghai, China, from September 2-5, 2024. Representing the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA), two delegates—Founder and President Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren and Board Member Ms. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj—attended the AEW.

Ms. Erdenechimeg delivered presentations at two panel sessions: "Transforming Evaluation Practices in the Asia Pacific through Professionalizing Regional Standards and Code of Ethics," along with other leaders from the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA), and "Leveraging Evaluation Capacity Development for Strengthening Transparency and Good Governance," where she presented on Mongolia's evaluation capacity development efforts.



Ms. Uugantsetseg, MEA Board Member shared her experience:

"Attended and experienced the Asian evaluation week for the first time with the lenses I wear, Independent evaluator, national VOPE as Mongolian Evaluation Association and YEE in the Asia Pacific Region as EvalYouth Asia. Highlight of the event for me was the 'Evidence talk with Tim'. It grounded us all in the fundamental reasons of evaluation, why we are evaluating, for what we are collecting evidence. Learned insights in new approaches in some areas of evaluation that I should explore further. Met a lot of new people from different countries that I was amazed by what some countries and governments are doing to build their national M&E system."



MEA WELCOMES OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEA welcomed our 5 new Board of Directors in September. We are grateful to have these talented individuals join us during this exciting time for our organization as we continue to strive for excellence, innovation, and impact in the field of evaluation. This marks the first change in MEA's management since its establishment, reflecting good governance, legacy, and healthy leadership.

Our new Board Members bring with them a wealth of expertise, passion, and commitment to our core mission, the professionalization of evaluation on a national level in Mongolia. We look forward to the contributions each of our new Board Members will make in shaping the future of our association, fostering collaboration, and championing the value of evaluation in decision-making processes across diverse sectors.



GRATITUDE TO OUR FORMER BOARD MEMBERS

We would like to express our gratitude to our former board members. As we continue to grow and advance the mission of our Association, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to our former board members for their dedicated service and leadership.



Your efforts, thoughtful contributions, and steadfast commitment to establishing MEA and supporting its growth have left a lasting impact on our community and the work we do. As you step down from your roles, please know that your legacy of service and passion will continue to inspire us. On behalf of the entire association, thank you for your invaluable contributions. We look forward to continuing to build on the solid foundation you helped create.

Exciting News



The new Board of Directors held meetings to discuss and plan MEA's next milestones. Such as capacity-building initiatives focusing on evaluation education, advocacy through legislation, developing platforms, and raising public awareness, partnerships including meetings, conferences and collaborations with multiple stakeholders, memberships enhanced with exclusive benefits, events, and communication channels. These efforts are led by each of our board members, with a focus on strengthening professional evaluation community and national evaluation system in Mongolia







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Asia Pacific Evaluation Association's OECD/DAC Criteria Brochure for Parliamentarians is now available in Mongolian! Thanks to Ms. Tseveengerel Amgalan, MEA Member and Theme Member for Engaging parliamentarians for demand and use of evaluation of APEA translating this important document into Mongolian. This set of 6 brochures is designed to help Parliamentarians ask critical, informed questions during development debates and interventions. Download it on APEA's website:
<https://asiapacificeval.org/programs/regional-evaluation-strategy/engaging-parliamentarians-updates/>

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Purevdulam Jamiyansuren,
MEA Board Member,
Capacity Building Chair**

This month, the Mongolian Evaluation Association proudly highlights the inspiring work of Purevdulam Jamiyansuren. Since joining the MEA, Purevdulam has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing her expertise and improving evaluation practices in Mongolia.

Purevdulam Jamiyansuren is a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research Specialist with over 15 years of experience in private sector and international development, specializing in SME development, socio-economic research, and program evaluation. Currently, as the Chief Monitoring and Evaluation Officer for the USAID-funded Business Excellence for Sustainability and Transparency (BEST) Program in Mongolia, she leads strategic learning and impact evaluations, overseeing the program's effectiveness across 12 rural provinces and Ulaanbaatar.

She has actively contributed to disseminating research findings through various platforms, including facilitating workshops and conferences to promote data-driven advocacy and to drive evidence-based decision-making and policy-making practices. She has been elected as the Capacity Building Chair of MEA. We are delighted to have her on board with us and look forward to future collaborations.

THINKING GLOBALLY GOING LOCALLY



Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) has been selected for the "Indigenous Evaluation Knowledge Transfer Activities for the Asia Pacific Region" seed grant for 2024-2025 by the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association. With the project award letter now approved, the project team has begun their initiative.

The project, titled "Elevating Tsaatan Voices: Sowing the Seeds of Indigenous Evaluation in Mongolia," focuses on the Tsaatan people, a reindeer-herding community residing in the northernmost part of Mongolia near the Russian border. The project aims to empower the Tsaatan community to actively participate in the formulation and evaluation of conservation policies in their region.

A team of 4 MEA members along with a local indigenous collaborator is leading the initiative. Currently, the team has decided on a field date and is working on translating the toolkit executive summary.

MEA is delighted to announce our national team to partake in the World Evaluation Case Competition in 2024. Team Mongolia has been named Asia Champion for the past 2 years. This year, we are excited to introduce our incredible team of YEEs who will be representing Mongolia in this year's WECC. Each member brings a unique set of skills, knowledge, and passion for evaluation that we are confident will shine throughout the competition. We would also like to thank our coaches for Team Mongolia, who will undoubtedly lead the team forward. Good luck, team! We are incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication, and we know you will rise to the occasion. We are rooting for you as you take on this challenge—your passion and expertise will undoubtedly lead you to success.



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- Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren
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Virtual Events

Asia Pacific Regional Dialogue on National Evaluation Policies and Systems (NEPS)

26 Nov
10:00 AM IST

A Taste of SALT: An Immersive Webinar on Participatory Evaluation

27 Nov
5:30 PM IST

Nexus of Environmental, Social, and Governance and Social Impact Measurement and their Value in SDG Evaluation

28 Nov
6:30 PM IST

30 Nov - 1 Dec

5th Asia Pacific Winter School for Young and Emerging Evaluators

2 - 4 Dec

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