

NEWSLETTER

MEA Annual Report 2024

The Mongolian Evaluation Association is thrilled to share our 2024 Annual Report, highlighting a year of remarkable progress, collaboration, and impact. From capacity-building programs to international recognitions, 2024 has been a transformative year for MEA and the broader evaluation community in Mongolia.

Key Highlights of 2024:

- Welcoming new board members
- Successful implementation of the 2nd Summer Evaluation Bootcamp.
- Team Progresso's outstanding performance in the World Evaluation Case Competition, securing the Asia Champion title
- Became a Youth in Evaluation Champion
- Strengthened partnerships with global evaluation networks and institutions.
- Launched initiatives to establish a national evaluation ecosystem.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all members, partners, and supporters who contributed to these achievements. Together, let's continue building a strong and vibrant evaluation ecosystem in 2025!

Read the MEA Annual Report [here](#):



Annual Report-2024



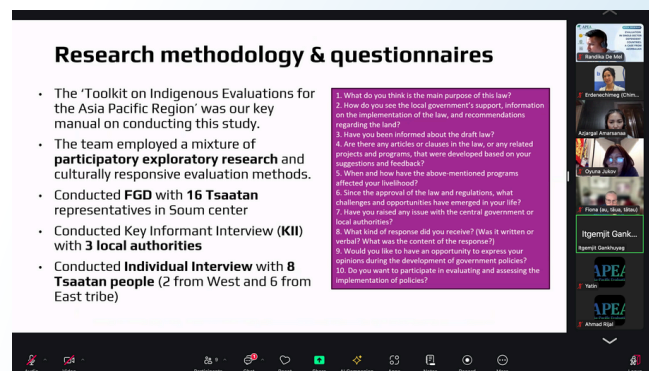
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Preliminary Findings from the Seed Grant Project

MEA has been selected to implement the "Indigenous Evaluation Knowledge Transfer Activities for the Asia Pacific Region" seed grant for 2024–2025. The seed grant project team finished the analysis of data they collected in November, and introduced the preliminary findings of the Elevating Tsaatan Voices Seed Grant Project to the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association and EvalIndigenous. Their initial findings provide powerful insights from the Tsaatan community, bringing indigenous perspectives to the forefront of evaluation



Research methodology & questionnaires

- The 'Toolkit on Indigenous Evaluations for the Asia Pacific Region' was our key manual on conducting this study.
- The team employed a mixture of **participatory exploratory research** and culturally responsive evaluation methods.
- Conducted **FGD** with **16 Tsaatan** representatives in Soum center
- Conducted **Key Informant Interview (KII)** with **3 local authorities**
- Conducted **Individual Interview** with **8 Tsaatan people** (2 from West and 6 from East tribe)

1. What do you think is the main purpose of this law?
2. How do you see the local government's support information on the implementation of the law, and recommendations regarding the law?
3. Have you been informed about the draft law?
4. Are there any articles or clauses in the law, or any related projects and programs, that were developed based on your suggestions and feedback?
5. When and how have the above-mentioned programs affected your livelihood?
6. Since the approval of the law and regulations, what challenges and opportunities have emerged in your life?
7. Have you raised any issue with the central government or local authorities?
8. What kind of response did you receive? (Was it written or verbal? What was the content of the response?)
9. Would you like to have an opportunity to express your opinion during the development of government policies?
10. Do you want to participate in evaluating and assessing the implementation of policies?



MEA Monthly Learning Session 2025/1



Mongolian Evaluation Association **DEval** **LEARNING SESSION #2025/01**

"NATIONAL EVALUATION CAPACITIES INDEX (INCE)"

SPEAKER

Juan Carlos Sanz
Evaluator,
DEval

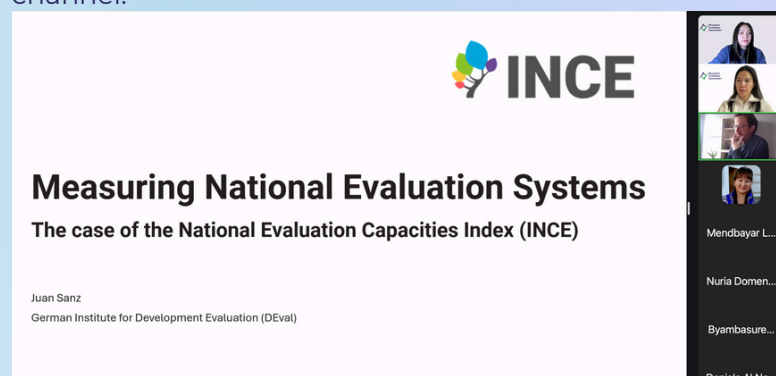
Juan Carlos Sanz, who joined DEval in May 2014, specializes in participatory approaches, stakeholder networking, and supporting national evaluation units in ECD projects. Previously, he coordinated international cooperation projects across Latin America and Africa, collaborating closely with the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation's Evaluation Unit.

Thursday | 30 January 2025 **8 pm – 9 pm UB time**

The Mongolian Evaluation Association Monthly Learning session took place on the 30th of January, 2025.

Mr. Juan Carlos Sanz who is an evaluator at DEval gave an in depth session on National Evaluation Capacities Index.

The recording of the session is available at the "Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA)" Youtube channel.



INCE

Measuring National Evaluation Systems
The case of the National Evaluation Capacities Index (INCE)

Juan Sanz
German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)

Organizational M&E capacity building training

As MEA launched tailor-made organizational capacity-building in-house activities last year, the first training of 2025 was conducted for Good Neighbours Mongolia. The sessions covered internal M&E systems, MEAL planning, results-based management, M&E frameworks, and case work etc.



Contribution to Strengthening the National Evaluation System through INCE implementation in Mongolia

As part of MEA's efforts to contribute in promoting the national evaluation system, MEA has been liaising the partnership between the Authority of Government Supervisory (AGS) and DEval - German Institute for Development Evaluation to discuss the possibility of carrying out the National Evaluation Capacities Index (INCE) in Mongolia. The parties have agreed to conduct the INCE in Mongolia with a broad participation of evaluation stakeholders in Mongolia. The MEA translated the INCE questionnaire into Mongolian and will be supporting the carrying out of the INCE throughout the process.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Dr. Ariunaa Dashtseren,
MEA Member, Education Evaluation TIG Member**

Dr. Ariunaa Dashtseren graduated from the Moscow School of Economics and Statistics in 1988 with a degree in economics and statistics. She began her career as an economist and statistician responsible for construction investments at the Planning and Economic Committee of the Bayankhongor Provincial Administration. She later earned a master's degree from the London School of Economics and a doctoral degree from the Institute of Social Studies, University of Rotterdam, The Hague, Netherlands.

Ariunaa worked for over 10 years at the National Statistics Office and also served as a policy researcher for an Asian Development Bank project implemented by the National Development and Innovation Committee. Currently, she is a faculty member at the Research Methodology Department of the School of Educational Studies at the Mongolian National University of Education, where she teaches research methodology.

Since the establishment of the Mongolian Evaluation Association, she has been an active supporter and member, participating in its activities. She notes the association's significant achievements within a short period, including young evaluators representing Mongolia in international competitions and attaining leading positions. These milestones demonstrate the foundation for evaluation work to develop institutionally in Mongolia, something she takes pride in.

In 2024, Ariunaa joined the Education Evaluation Thematic Interest Group (TIG), expressing her desire to contribute to evaluating activities in the education sector. She is particularly interested in evaluating educational policies, the operations of higher education institutions, and the performance of general education schools. For instance, she considers it essential to assess the declining number of students enrolling in mathematics and natural sciences programs at universities. Currently, she is focusing on ways to improve the evaluation of general education school operations.

Upcoming events in evaluation

 **Mongolian Evaluation Association**  **DEval** **LEARNING SESSION #2025/02** **ZOOM**

"SUSTAINABILITY-INCLUSIVE EVALUATION: SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY INTO COUNTRY-LED EVALUATION"

SPEAKER



Anna Warnholz
ECD Advisor,
DEval

Anna Warnholz is ECD Advisor from the German Institute of Development Evaluation (DEval). As part of DEval's ECD team, she works in Latin America, Anglophone Africa, and Asia, focusing on climate change and energy-related topics. She is currently providing technical support on the application of the Footprint approach in a country-led evaluation of the National Planning Unit of Colombia in a joint exercise with the Footprint Evaluation Initiative and the Global Evaluation Initiative.

Friday | 21 February 2025  **4 pm – 5 pm UB time**

  **#Eval4Action youth in evaluation**

A featured event at the Evaluation Conclave 2025

Summit for the future of evaluation





29–30 May 2025 | Colombo, Sri Lanka



 **EVALUATION25**

Engaging Community, Sharing Leadership

Kansas City, MO November 10–15, 2025

13TH CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR YOUNG AND EMERGING EVALUATORS



ENHANCING EVALUATION THROUGH ART BASED PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES

25 FEBRUARY 2025 | 6.30 TO 7.30 PM IST

Registration: bit.ly/YEEtraining13

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- ✓ Networking with local and international evaluators
- ✓ Access to the latest resources and trends in evaluation
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- 3 Submit your payment

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