

NEWSLETTER

Presidential Transition at the Mongolian Evaluation Association

The Board of Directors of the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) convened on March 18, 2025, to deliberate on key agenda items. Among the decisions made, the Board appointed **Ms. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj**, MEA **President-Elect**, as the new President of the Association, effective immediately. Since joining MEA in 2022, Ms. Uugantsetseg has demonstrated exceptional dedication, contributing her time, expertise, and leadership to the Association's development. She was elected President-Elect in September 2024.



In line with MEA's commitment to good governance, sustainability, and transparency, the President and Board members are elected every three years. This appointment reflects the Board's effort to ensure the continued growth and strategic direction of the Association.



We extend our sincere gratitude to our **Founder, Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren**, who has served as President since the establishment of MEA in 2021. Her unwavering commitment and leadership have been instrumental in shaping MEA into the organization it is today. We deeply appreciate her continued support and contributions to the Association.

We congratulate Ms. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj on her appointment as President at this pivotal stage in MEA's development. We wish her every success in advancing the professionalization and institutionalization of evaluation at the national level in Mongolia.

Call for MEA Board Member Application

The Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) is inviting nominations for the Board of Directors – Chair of Partnership position. As we continue to strengthen Mongolia's evaluation ecosystem and expand our global reach, we seek passionate and committed professionals to take on this leadership role.



Mongolian Evaluation Association

CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR MEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) is pleased to announce the opportunity to join the MEA Board of Directors as Partnership Chair, effective March 2025 for 3 years. 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. Serving as a Board member is a unique opportunity to shape the future of MEA, influence key policies, and contribute to the development of the evaluation ecosystem in Mongolia. We encourage passionate and committed members to apply and take on this leadership role.

Please contact us at info@mongolianevaluation.mn should there be any questions.

Requirements:

- 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 are highly encouraged to nominate themselves again.

Submission process

Nominee Statement: A brief statement indicating

- a) your interest in serving,
- b) years of MEA membership
- c) 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 DOCUMENTS TO info@mongolianevaluation.mn BY APRIL 10

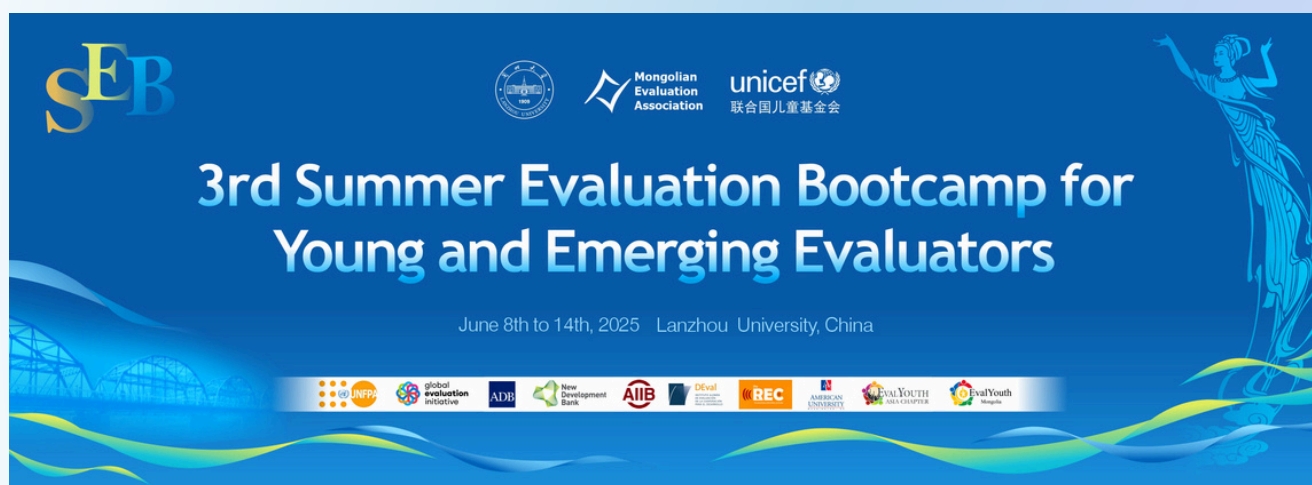
This is a valuable opportunity to contribute to MEA's mission by fostering strategic collaborations and growing our network. If you are eager to make a lasting impact, we encourage you to apply.

For more details, please refer to the information in the poster and submit your application by April 10, 2025.

We look forward to your engagement in shaping the future of evaluation in Mongolia!

MEA's 3rd Annual Summer Evaluation Bootcamp

The Mongolian Evaluation Association is excited to announce the 3rd Summer Evaluation Bootcamp (SEB), taking place from June 8–14, 2025, in Lanzhou City, Gansu Province, China. This event is specifically designed for Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEEs) looking to expand their expertise in Monitoring & Evaluation.



SEB

**3rd Summer Evaluation Bootcamp for
Young and Emerging Evaluators**

June 8th to 14th, 2025 | Lanzhou University, China

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Organized in collaboration with the Center for Evidence-Based Social Science of Lanzhou University and UNICEF, the bootcamp offers a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience, deepen your understanding of evidence-based evaluation, and engage with professionals from around the world.

Thanks to the generous support of German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval) and Lanzhou University, 6–8 full scholarships are available for YEEs from Mongolia as part of our Memorandum of Understanding.

Please register before APRIL 14: <https://www.wjx.cn/vm/rXKML4q.aspx>

Monthly Learning Sessions Available on YouTube

The Mongolian Evaluation Association's Monthly Learning Sessions for February and March are available on our YouTube "Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA)".

Our Speaker for February, Anna Warnholz, delivered a compelling session on **"Sustainability-Inclusive Evaluation: Supporting the inclusion of environmental sustainability into country-led evaluation"**

Our Speaker for March, Ziad Moussa, delivered an engaging session titled **"Beyond evaluation: unlocking the power of evaluative thinking"**

The MEAL System




This diagram shows the four ways in which monitoring and evaluation (MEAL) work together in a MEAL system.

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Step 1: Selecting the Evaluand

- Decision makers' interest** in finding ways to make the evaluand more environmentally sustainable
- Timeliness** in terms of decision cycles, strategy adaptation, other influence and use opportunities
- Magnitude and importance of sustainability and **natural system effects** for this project
- Availability of **relevant evidence** to answer sustainability questions



Some Issues to Address First

Major Challenge

Mostly Favorable Conditions

Conducive & Advantageous

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In-house MEAL Training at Good Neighbours Mongolia

The Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) successfully delivered an in-house Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) capacity-building training for Good Neighbors Mongolia. This initiative reflects the organization's commitment to strengthening MEAL competencies among its management and staff.

MEA is proud to support the continuous development of evaluation practices in Mongolia and remains dedicated to fostering a robust and effective evaluation ecosystem. We commend Good Neighbors Mongolia for their dedication to enhancing their MEAL capabilities and look forward to further collaboration in advancing evaluation excellence.



Memorandum of Understanding between MEA and DEval

The **Mongolian Evaluation Association** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the **German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)** to enhance national evaluation capacity and system in Mongolia. This strategic partnership aims to support the development of a Master's degree program in Monitoring and Evaluation, strengthen evaluation competencies through Training of Trainers initiatives, and promote knowledge exchange on international best practices & South-South-North Learning Collaboration



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The Mongolian Evaluation Association

and

The German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)

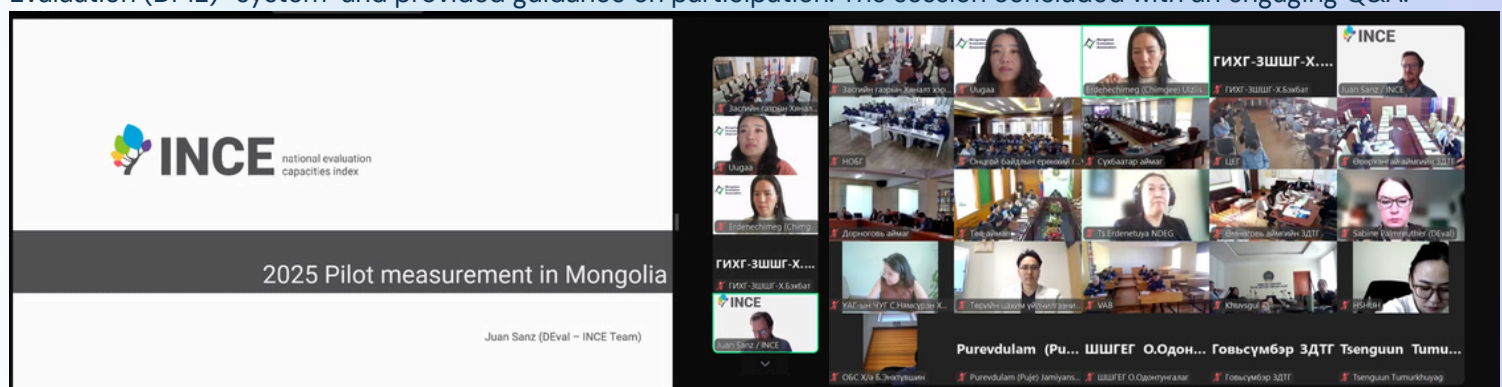
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through the Summer Evaluation Bootcamp for Young and Emerging Evaluators along with piloting and implementing the National Evaluation Capacities Index (INCE) to assess and strengthen Mongolia's national evaluation system. This milestone marks a significant step forward in advancing the professionalization and institutionalization of evaluation in Mongolia. It reflects a shared commitment to building a robust evaluation ecosystem and empowering the next generation of evaluators, positioning the Mongolian evaluation community at the forefront of regional and global evaluation practices.

National Evaluation Capacity Index Launch Training



On March 21, 2025, the National Evaluation Capacity Index (INCE) was successfully launched in Mongolia, kicking off an introductory training on March 21, 2025. Around 730 officials from 164 public and private sector organizations attended the training organized by the Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Authority for Government Supervisory, in collaboration with the Mongolian Evaluation Association and DEval. The training aimed to introduce the INCE tool to all stakeholders, including government agencies, ministries, the private sector, CSOs, and international organizations. It also highlighted INCE's alignment with the Government of Mongolia's goal 2024–2028 to develop "Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation (DME)" system and provided guidance on participation. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A.



- Questionnaire Opening date: March 25, 2025
- Questionnaire Closing date: April 15, 2025

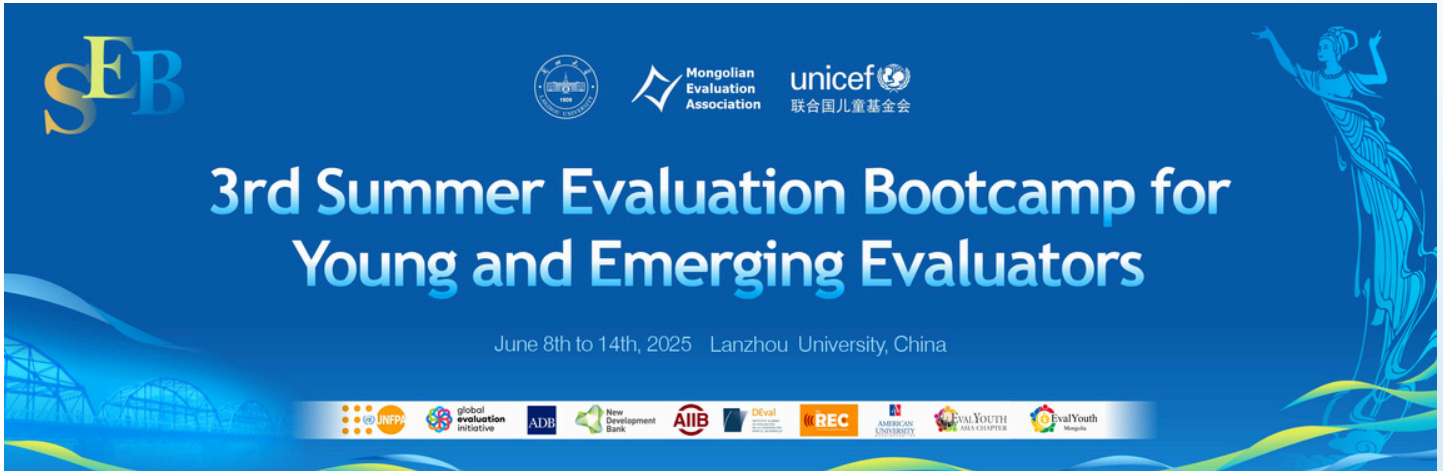
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT







**Munkhchimeg Erdenebileg,
MEA Member**

Munkhchimeg Erdenebileg is one of the first members of MEA. She is a co-founder and former co-leader of EvalYouth Mongolia Chapter. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in financial management in Mongolia and fulfilled a Master's degree in MSc Management (Business Analytics) in the UK. After completing her postgraduate degree, Ms. Munkhchimeg worked at UN FAO for three years as a Finance and Administrative Officer and Monitoring and Reporting Specialist for UNCCD-funded and EU-funded projects respectively. During her time at UN FAO, she was keen to explore opportunities and develop skills related to monitoring and evaluation of the project implementation. Hence, besides working in the project implementation unit, she independently studied and completed UN ILO's "Monitoring and Evaluation Certification" programme. Ms. Erdenebileg considered this course a vital learning hub and resource to self-assess your own knowledge and understanding of monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning principles and skills. However, after joining the MEA community, she realized that being in the network of sectoral professionals and communicating with them through shared mission was a 'humane' relationship and ignited 'personal development'. Although Ms. Munkhchimeg is making a career shift to the design field (interior/ exterior design, human-centred design, Anthropocene), she can confidently say that the core value of 'evaluation'- looking at things from different and many angles and perspectives- is a vital skill in any sector and industry. With this, she encourages people who are interested in 'monitoring and evaluation' to join the MEA and EvalYouth Mongolia communities, expand contact and knowledge through like-minded and shared mission for the development of Mongolia.

Upcoming events in evaluation













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ELENE CLOETE
Senior Director of Research and Advocacy, Outreach International

CHRISTINA SEMASINGHA
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START THE NEW YEAR WITH *NEW OPPORTUNITIES!*

As we welcome 2025, there's no better time to join the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) and step into the new year with a wealth of opportunities. Whether you're a seasoned evaluator or just starting your journey, MEA is your platform to grow, connect, and make an impact!

WHY JOIN MEA?

- ✓ Professional development opportunities
- ✓ Networking with local and international evaluators
- ✓ Access to the latest resources and trends in evaluation
- ✓ Visibility and information-sharing platforms



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- 1 Visit our website:
<https://www.mongolianevaluation.mn/17/membership>
- 2 Complete the membership form
- 3 Submit your payment

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By renewing your membership, you'll continue to benefit from exclusive professional development programs, connect with local and international evaluators, and stay informed on the latest trends shaping our field. Renew by **January 15, 2025**, and ensure you start the year equipped to make a meaningful impact in your work. Let's embrace the new year with renewed commitment to building a better tomorrow through evaluation!

✉ **Have questions? Contact us at info@mongolianevaluation.mn**

Begin 2025 with a fresh commitment to innovation and excellence in evaluation. Visit our website today to learn more and join us in shaping the future of evaluation—together!

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