## NEWSLETTER

#### MEA Welcomes new Board Member: Uyangaa Munkhbat

We are excited to introduce Uyangaa Munkhbat, a passionate Young and Emerging Evaluator, as the newest Board Member of the Mongolian Evaluation Association.

Uyangaa brings fresh energy, a deep commitment to evaluation, and valuable experience as Co-Lead of EvalYouth Mongolia. Her voice represents the next generation of evaluators, and we are proud to have her help shape the future of MEA.

As a Board Member, Uyangaa will lead efforts to build a strong, connected, and inclusive evaluation community—supporting both seasoned professionals and young and emerging evaluators across the country.

Welcome aboard, Uyangaa! We're inspired by your leadership and look forward to your contributions to MEA's mission and growth



## MEA Celebrates International Youth Day as a Youth in Evaluation Legacy Champion

On August 12 – International #YouthDay, we were thrilled to celebrate our recognition as a 2025 Youth in Evaluation Champion – Legacy Champion —.

This award from #Eval4Action honours our ongoing commitment to ensuring that young people are not only subjects of evaluation, but also leaders in the evaluation process



We believe that when youth are meaningfully engaged, evaluation becomes more relevant, equitable, and impactful.

Being part of this global movement inspires us every day, and Youth Day was a wonderful reminder of the power of youth voices in shaping the future of evaluation.

#### **MEA Launches Policy Evaluation Task Force**

The Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) is excited to announce that the Policy Evaluation Task Force was officially established on 7 August 2025, with the endorsement of the MEA Board.

The Task Force will serve as the leading body within MEA for policy evaluation methodology development and act as the key unit to be mobilised for contributions to requests from government, Parliament, national stakeholders, and international partners Through this initiative, MEA aims to strengthen Mongolia's policy evaluation ecosystem by advancing methodological innovation, supporting evidence-based decision-making, and fostering collaboration between national and global evaluation communities. Task Force members will also benefit from priority access to specialised training opportunities—such as DEval's evaluation training—and opportunities contribute to collaborative initiatives with government international organisations.

This milestone marks a significant step in MEA's ongoing efforts to promote rigorous, relevant, and influential policy evaluation in Mongolia.



#### Reflecting on Ethical Foundations for Evaluators in the Asia Pacific Region

MEA proudly joined the launch of the Code of Ethics for Evaluation in the Asia Pacific Region In the video discussion, Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President of the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA), and Minako Nakatani, Executive Director of the Japan Evaluation Society, introduced the four guiding principles of the Code:



the full video here:

https://youtu.be/BhdR9UmYMz8

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Respect
- \* Beneficence

These principles aim to guide VOPEs and EvalYouth Chapters in embedding ethics into everyday evaluation practice.

Strengthening evaluation ethically and collectively is a journey we are proud to be part of.

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#### Training on "Methods of Economic Efficiency for Evaluation" Successfully Held



Mongolian Evaluation Association is pleased to share that the training on "Methods of Economic Efficiency for Evaluation", led by Dr. Ganzorig Gonchigsumlaa—MEA Board Member and Professor at the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, School of Economics and Business, Mongolian University of Life Sciences—was a great success.

During the training, participants:

- · Learned methods for evaluating the economic efficiency of projects, programmes, and policies,
- · Gained deeper understanding of key concepts and terminology in economic efficiency evaluation, and
- Strengthened their knowledge through group exercises and applied learning.





We extend our sincere thanks to all participants for their active engagement and enthusiasm in learning together.

#### A Shared Vision for Quality Evaluation Across Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA) published "Evaluation Standards in the Asia Pacific Region", a milestone publication developed under the Professionalization of Evaluation theme group within the Asia Pacific Regional Evaluation Strategy in which Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President of MEA led the process of developing.



Beyond outlining principles, the document provides practical guidance for implementation, training resources, and pathways for policy integration to strengthen the quality, credibility, and usefulness of evaluations across the region.

Download the full report: https://bit.ly/APEA-EvalStandards



#### MEA at the Asian Evaluation Week 2025 in Xi'an, China

The Asian Development Bank's Independent Evaluation Department (IED) took place in Xi'an, China, marking the 10th anniversary of this flagship regional forum under the theme "Navigating Crises: Building on Successes." This year, The Mongolian Evaluation Association contributed to two sessions this year on the topic of "From Principles to Practice: Applying Global Norms for Better Evaluation for All - Case of Mongolia" in a session led by OECD Evaluation Unit as well on "Institutionalizing Evaluation Strengthening YEE Engagement in Mongolia" in a panel featuring APEA, UNFPA, DEval, and the Government of Mongolia.



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Scheduled for 4 September, this session features speakers from the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA), UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office, Government of Mongolia (Authority for Government Supervision), DEval (German Institute for Development Evaluation), and MEA.

In addition, Ms. Uuriintuya Dombon, Head of the Evaluation and Monitoring Department at the Authority for Government Supervision, participated in the panel discussions "Through the Glass Darkly: What is Required to Build Stronger Evaluation Systems?" and "Institutionalizing Evaluation through Intergenerational Partnerships."





MEA extends its gratitude to ADB IED and partners for the opportunity to share Mongolia's experience and engage with the global evaluation community. This participation reflects Mongolia's growing role in advancing inclusive, innovative, and country-led evaluation systems across the Asia Pacific region.

#### 2-Day Workshop on Policy Evaluation Design

The Mongolian Evaluation Association was honored to have supported DEval's country-led policy evaluation workshop for government monitoring and evaluation officers, marking the start of the design phase for the policy evaluation of Parliament Resolution No. 36: On Certain Measures to Ensure Food Supply and Safety.

The workshop covered:

- Establishing the foundation for evaluation objectives, purpose, and use
- ✓ Country-led evaluation with an SDG focus
- Participatory stakeholder mapping to identify competencies and engagement strategies

This initiative supports the #EvalTorch agenda by strengthening national evaluation capacities, fostering knowledge exchange, and promoting collaborative, evidence-based policymaking for sustainable development in Mongolia.







#### Workshop on "Country-led Evaluations with a Focus on the SDGs"

On 12 September, within the framework of the MoU between the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval) and the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA), Sabine Palmreuther and Dirk Hoffmann, DEval Evaluators, conducted a workshop on "Country-led Evaluations with a Focus on the SDGs."

The session explored the core principles of country-led evaluation, the importance of national ownership, and ways to link policy evaluation with the Sustainable Development Goals. It provided an interactive space for participants to strengthen their skills, exchange ideas, and share experiences.







#### Strengthening Evaluation for Food Security in Mongolia





EvalConnect, implemented by DEval – the German Institute for Development Evaluation, officially commenced in January 2025 to foster South–South–North partnerships and strengthen evaluation capacities across Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

As part of this global initiative, EvalConnect has partnered with Mongolia's Agency for Government Supervision (AGS) to launch the country's first country-led, learning-by-doing evaluation of the Food Supply and Safety Policy (Decree No. 36). The evaluation combines rigorous policy assessment with hands-on capacity development for AGS staff and national experts, marking a significant milestone in advancing Mongolia's national evaluation system.

The evaluation—conducted jointly by AGS, DEval's EvalConnect, and the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MoFALI)—aims to generate evidence-based recommendations to inform the next phase of Mongolia's food security policy while promoting institutional learning and stronger evaluation culture.

The Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) is pleased to see Mongolia featured among EvalConnect's partner countries and looks forward to the valuable lessons, collaboration, and strengthened evaluation practices this partnership will bring.

#### **Happiness TIG Session**

On 24 October, the Happiness Topical Interest Group (TIG) of the Mongolian Evaluation Association hosted an evening gathering at the MEA Office. Members came together to reflect, share, and connect around the theme of happiness and wellbeing in the evaluation community — fostering a warm and positive close to the autumn season.



### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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We're delighted to feature Uyanga Zalaa-Uul, an active and dedicated member of the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) and the Leader of MEA's Happiness Topical Interest Group (TIG).

Since the early days of MEA, Uyanga has been a close witness to its establishment and remarkable growth. Having observed MEA's journey since its conceptualization in 2021 by Erdenechimeg (Chimgee) Ulziisuren, MEA's Founder, Uyanga recalls being deeply inspired by Chimgee's vision to create a professional home for evaluators in Mongolia. Recognising the importance of such an initiative, she became a lifetime member from the very outset.

Over the years, Uyanga and Chimgee have collaborated in various professional capacities — including on the Good Workplace Awards initiative in 2022 and later as Board Directors of a major corporation in 2023–2024.

Reflecting on MEA's growing international recognition — particularly through initiatives such as the Summer Evaluation Bootcamp and the International Evaluation Capacity Development Forum held in 2025 in Lanzhou, China — Uyanga shared pride in the partnerships MEA has cultivated in just four years. Inspired by this momentum, she initiated and now leads the Happiness Topical Interest Group (TIG) to explore and promote the evaluation of happiness and wellbeing at various levels within Mongolia's evaluation community.

#### Join EvalYouth Mongolia

Mongolian Evaluation Association

Are you a young or emerging evaluator (YEE) passionate about making a difference? Looking to sharpen your skills, expand your network, and step confidently into leadership? EvalYouth Mongolia invites you to join our growing community of motivated young professionals who are transforming the field of evaluation — locally, regionally, and globally!

By becoming a member, you'll gain access to:

- ✓ A dynamic network connecting you with YEEs from all around the world.
- ✓ Skill-building workshops, toolkits, webinars, and exclusive resources tailored just for you.
- ✓ Mentorship opportunities and learning spaces to help guide your professional growth.
- ✓ Hands-on leadership experience at national, regional, and global levels.

✓ A platform to share your ideas, lead initiatives, and contribute meaningfully to the

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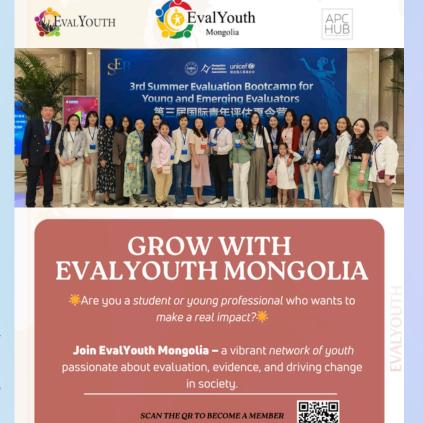
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#### Upcoming events in evaluation









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# JOIN MEA TODAY! BECOME A MEMBER

Join the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) and be part of a vibrant community of evaluators! Whether you're experienced or young & emerging evaluator, MEA offers the connections, learning, and inspiration you need to grow.

#### 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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