

NEWSLETTER

Monthly newsletter for members

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MONGOLIAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE FIRST GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE TO REDEVELOP RESOLUTION N.206



Government task force led by B. Baasandorj, Head of Authority of Government Supervisory composed of the State Secretaries of all 16 Ministries and Cabinet Secretariat to redevelop Resolution N.206 on "Monitoring & Evaluation of Policy Documents' Implementation and Administrative Organizations' Operation" had been kicked-off on June 29, 2023.

Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) is honored to be a part of the task force to contribute with technical expertise and be the bridge of international expertise. This privileged task is in line with Mongolian Evaluation Association's Vision 'To promote professionalization and institutionalization of evaluation at the national level in Mongolia. The redeveloped draft will be submitted to Government discussion in August, 2023.

MEA REPRESENTATIVES DELIVERED A PRESENTATION AT THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT SUPERVISORY ON 'NATIONAL EVALUATION SYSTEM, INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES AND MESA TOOL'



On June 22, 2023, within the framework of cooperation with the Authority of Government Supervisory, Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President, and Ms. Bayarmaa Lkhagvadorj, CEO of Mongolian Evaluation Association, delivered a presentation on the topic 'National Evaluation System, International Examples and MESA tool' to the 'Evaluation and Monitoring' team and other teams of the Authority. Also, they shared their comments on Resolution N206 'Monitoring and Evaluation of Policy Documents Implementation and of Activities Conducted by Administrative Organizations.'



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National Evaluation System, International Examples
and MESA tool

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MEA BOARD WELCOMED REPRESENTATIVES OF UNICEF MONGOLIA AND REGIONAL OFFICE

On June 23, 2023, Board members of Mongolian Evaluation Association met evaluation representatives of UNICEF Mongolia and Regional Office and introduced our activities and mission. We are looking forward to further collaboration opportunities. In particular, UNICEF introduced an online evaluation course Intermediate Moderated Programme for Evaluation Systems' Strengthening – IMPrESS with the members of MEA.

This course contains the following four modules:

Module 1: Concepts, Definitions and Standards,

Module 2: Evaluation context and logic,

Module 3: Evaluation Design

Module 4: Evaluation Planning and Management

The training will be offered between September 4 and Oct 20, 2023 and 7 members of MEA will study for this as a first cohort from Mongolia. There will be opportunities for next round of cohorts.



See Announcement section for details



In addition, UNICEF kindly shared basics of evaluation which is available both in English and Mongolian. This 1-hour online self-paced course provides a good introduction of evaluation and a certificate upon completion.

THE FIRST MONGOLIAN EVALUATION CASE COMPETITION (MECC) SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED



The first Mongolian Evaluation Case Competition (MECC) was successfully implemented and awarded the finalists on June 18, 2023. Congratulations to all the teams who participated, and in particular to the Winner 'Progreso' team, 2nd placed team 'A', and the 3rd place team '101'. Your next destination is the World Evaluation Case Competition (WECC) to be held in November, 2023. Mongolian Evaluation Association will be honored to coach our national team for the WECC. More than that, we hope that this experience has been a worthy experience and we welcome the MECC participants and winners to the evaluation community.

Big special thanks to our sponsor EY Mongolia who provided all the financial prizes for our winners. Your generous support contributed immensely to promoting evaluation among youth which will be impactful for the betterment of society. Moreover, great appreciation goes to our judges and MECC organizing team for your time and dedication to making this happen.

MONGOLIAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE 43RD SLEVA/APEA WEBINAR TITLED "YOUTH IN EVALUATION EXPERIENCE AND WAY FORWARD IN ASIA PACIFIC"

The 43rd SLEVA/APEA Webinar titled "Youth In Evaluation Experience and Way Forward in Asia Pacific" was held on Wednesday, 28th June 2023. As you may know it was our first year organizing the "Youth in Evaluation week" in Mongolia.

During the webinar, Mongolian Evaluation Association board member and Co-leader of EvalYouth Mongolia Chapter Ms. Uugantsetseg shared our experience and thoughts on how we could further meaningfully engage young and emerging evaluators as well as youth overall. The main takeaways were:

- There is a need to raise awareness of evaluation among youth in Mongolia
- the key action to that is to develop a strategy for raising awareness and capacity-building activities with specific actions, timelines and budget



SLEVA WEBINAR #43

Youth In Evaluation Experience and Way Forward in Asia Pacific

Wednesday, 28th June 2023 | 06.30 PM IST

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DOROTHY MAE ALBIENTO
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Co-Leader of EvalYouth Asia

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SPEAKER
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TASHI CHODEN
SPEAKER
Co-Leader of EvalYouth Bhutan

KASUN RAMANAYAKE
SPEAKER
Co-Leader of EvalYouth Sri Lanka

Register : <https://bit.ly/SLEVA2023JUNE>

In collaboration with

**SPECIAL EDITION SERIES WITH DR. MICHAEL BAMBERGER:
MEA LEARNING SESSION # 2023/11 ON "APPLYING A COMPLEXITY
FRAMEWORK TO EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS TO COMBAT GENDER-
BASED VIOLENCE (GBV): LESSONS FOR MONGOLIA"**

MEA organized the 2nd of 4 special edition series of Mongolian Evaluation Association's Learning Session# 2023/11 with Dr. Michael Bamberger titled: "Applying a Complexity Framework to the Evaluation of Programs to Combat Gender-Based Violence (GBV): Lessons for Mongolia."

In this session, Dr. Michael Bamberger, Senior Research Fellow of the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Ms. Enkhbayar Tumor Ulzii, Head of Secretariat and Secretary of the National Committee on Gender Equality, and Dr. Raymond Gervais, International M&E consultant for MERIT, presented each of the 5 step complexity framework to the evaluation with examples of gender based violence in Mongolia. Here is the recording: <https://youtu.be/Z6-vIWfKD8c>



ONLINE

LEARNING SESSION #11, 2023

Title: Session 2 - Applying a complexity framework to the evaluation of programs to combat gender based violence: Lessons for Mongolia

This is the second of 4 seminars on "Why development evaluation is complex?" This seminar will present each of the 5 step complexity framework to the evaluation with examples of gender based violence in Mongolia

THURSDAY | 8 JUNE 2023 | 20:00 ULAT

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Enkhbayar Tumor-Ulzii
Head of Secretariat and Secretary National Committee on Gender Equality



Dr. Raymond Gervais
International M&E consultant (RBM), MERIT program

Michael Bamberger has a Ph.D in Sociology from the London School of Economics and has 40 years of experience in evaluation teaching at IPDET, working for the International Initiative on Impact Evaluation and various UN agencies and World Bank. He has extensively published on impact and complex evaluation and big data in evaluation.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Mendbayar Budee
Organizational and System Evaluation
Topical Interest Group ((TIG) Leader

Mendbayar Budee is an accomplished professional with a wealth of experience in monitoring, evaluation, project design, transformational and design thinking facilitation, organizational capacity assessment, and internal audit. With an experience in construction, mining, and energy projects in both the public and development sectors.

Mendbayar has made significant contributions to the Responsible Mining Transformational Framework of Mongolia. Her expertise played a pivotal role in conducting the Benchmark Evaluation, which encouraged leading mining companies in Mongolia to commit to responsible practices and fostered a deeper understanding among stakeholders. She believes in the power of project design, monitoring, evaluation, and result-based management to foster collaboration through inclusivity and an integrated approach.

She actively volunteers in policy advocacy and system evaluation society and government organizations, leveraging her extensive experience in monitoring and evaluation to enhance their effectiveness and efficiency of the programs.

Mendbayar holds a Master's degree from the National University of Mongolia, having graduated from the School of Foreign Service and Public Policy. Her exceptional contributions to the mining sector have been recognized, and she was honored as one of the young professionals among 50 influential women who have spearheaded positive change in the extractive industry.

Currently, she works as a Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, and Grant Manager at Mongolia Energy Governance Program, USAID Contractor Abt Associates Inc. Also, she is a leader of MEA's Organizational and System Evaluation Topical Interest Group

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank (IEG), the Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), and EvalYouth announce a call for papers on the topic of culturally responsive evaluation in countries in the majority world. This call is open to emerging evaluators who are interested in exploring this critical topic in evaluation practice. The deadline for submission is **September 1, 2023**.

Scan for more information:



Registration for Evaluation 2023: The Power of Story is now open. We encourage you to mark your calendars so you can reserve your spot for this event, happening October 9-14, 2023. Visit the [Evaluation 2023 website](#) to learn more.

APEA will host the 4th APEA Conference from 4th to 7th December 2023 in Manila, Philippines. The Conference will be part of EvalVisionAsia 2023 to celebrate the Asia Pacific's accomplishments in 2023 and to prepare and welcome 2024. This year's theme is "Future of Evaluation: Leveraging Partnerships for Equitable Development in Asia."



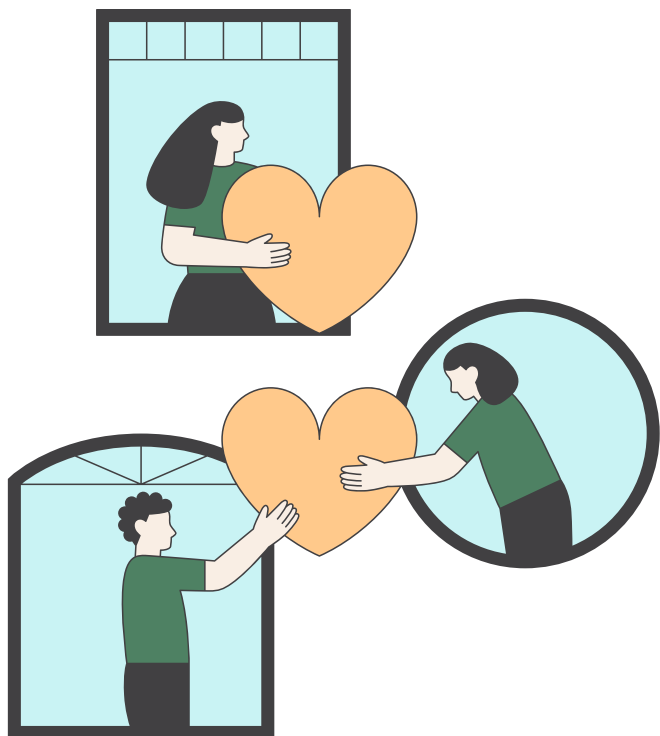
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Join us from September 11th-14th in Bangkok, Thailand and partake in this unique opportunity to meet development and evaluation partners from different parts of the globe, attend seminars and exchange knowledge on development challenges and solutions. This year's theme is "Beyond Recovery: Evaluation for Development Effectiveness".

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for volunteers to take up the role of

- Website Editorial and
- Social Media.

Please send your CV to ceo@mongolianevaluation.mn

Basics of Evaluation course

It is 1-hour online free course, which provides a good introduction to evaluation. The training is available in Mongolian and in English. Please scan for more info:



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