

NEWSLETTER

Monthly newsletter for members

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May 2023

Two Young and Emerging Evaluators joined the MEA board



**UUGANTSETSEG
GONCHIGDORJ**

MEA Board member



SUGAR DAMDINDORJ

MEA Board member

Ms. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj and Mr. Sugar Damdindorj were appointed as new Board members of the Mongolian Evaluation Association with a Board decision on May 23, 2023 representing Young and Emerging Evaluators. By welcoming representation of young evaluators, MEA looks forward to ensure the meaningful engagement of youth in evaluation. With this, we MEA Board look forward to serving with 9 Board Members onboard to our +120 members and to Mongolia at large.

Mongolian Evaluation Association joined in gLocal Evaluation Week 2023

Mongolian Evaluation Association is participated in the Global Evaluation Initiative's gLocal Evaluation Week took place from May 29th – June 2nd, 2023, under the overarching theme: The Future of M&E: Culture, Context, and Collaboration. MEA organized a two-day capacity building workshop sessions for the MEA members and young and emerging evaluator interns. In the first session, Dr. Khishigt Dandarchuluun, MEA member, Co-Chair of the Quantitative Evaluation Topical Interest Group, shared her expertise in 'Impact Evaluation' while Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, MEA Founder & President, shared on 'Realist Evaluation.'

Second session on topic of 'International Opportunities for Engaging and Growing as an Evaluator: Perspectives from the United States' was led by Dr. Esther Nolton, an active leader within the American Evaluation Association and former President of Washington Evaluators and Adjunct Professorial Lecturer of American University's MS. Measurement & Evaluation Program and Amy Catherine Jersild, PhD candidate in Western Michigan University's Interdisciplinary Evaluation Program and an active member of of EvalPartners and American Evaluation Association.

Full recording of 2 days' session is available on our Youtube and social media channels.



MONDAY

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MAY 2023
TIME : 2:00 - 3:30 PM
ULAANBAATAR,
MONGOLIA TIME

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Evaluation methods:

- Impact Evaluation
- Realist Evaluation



Speaker:
Dr. Khishigt
Dandarchuluun,
Member of Mongolian
Evaluation Association,
Co-Chair of Quantitative
Evaluation Topical Interest
Group (TIG)



Speaker:
Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren,
Founder and President of
Mongolian Evaluation
Association



Moderator
Ms. Myagmartsermaa Delgersaikhan,
Knowledge Task Force Team Member
of Mongolian Evaluation Association



TUESDAY

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MAY 2023
TIME : 9:00-10:00 AM
ULAANBAATAR,
MONGOLIA TIME

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International Opportunities for Engaging and Growing as an Evaluator: Perspectives from the United States



Speaker:
Esther C. Nolton, PhD, MEd
is an active leader with the
American Evaluation
Association, Past President
of Washington Evaluators
and Adjunct Professorial
Lecturer of American
University



Speaker:
Amy Catherine Jersild is a
PhD candidate in Western
Michigan University's
Interdisciplinary PhD in
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MONGOLIAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE 4TH VIRTUAL SUMMIT ON PROFESSIONALIZATION OF EVALUATION FOR VOPES AND EVALYOUTH CHAPTERS IN ASIA PACIFIC REGION

Fourth Virtual Summit on Professionalization of Evaluation for VOPEs and EvalYouth Chapters in Asia Pacific Region was organized by 'Professionalization of Evaluation Theme' of Asia Pacific Evaluation Association, together with Asia Pacific Communication Hub (APC Hub) on 23rd May 2023. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, MEA Founder & President and Randika De Mel, APEA Manager co-presented the Code of Ethics developed by APEA. Also, Ms. Bayarmaa Lkhagvasuren, MEA CEO and Ms. Mendbayar Budee, Chair of Organizational and System Evaluation TIG of MEA, and Ms. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj and Byambasuren Uuganjargal, Co-Leaders of EvalYouth Mongolia participated in the VOPE Summit actively contributing to the discussion and shared their opinions on the Code of Ethics in Evaluation and how to roll out in our country.



4th VIRTUAL SUMMIT
ON PROFESSIONALIZATION OF EVALUATION
FOR VOPES and EVALYOUTH CHAPTERS
IN ASIA PACIFIC REGION

23 MAY 2023 | 10.00 AM IST

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PRESENTATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS DEVELOPED BY APEA



ERDENECHIMEG (Chimgee) ULZIISUREN
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT
Mongolian Evaluation Association



RANDIKA DE MEL
MANAGER
Asia Pacific Evaluation Association



RENOWNED EVALUATOR DR. MICHAEL BAMBERGER STARTED OFF HIS 4-SERIES LEARNING SESSION ON 'THE COMPLEX WORLD OF DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION'

On May 11, 2023, Dr. Michael Bamberger kicked-off his 4-series Learning Session which aims to provide an introduction and framework for the discussion of a number of important themes concerning the planning, implementation and utilization of evaluations of major development programs in Mongolia.

The series of four webinars to be offered this year will cover: (a) a framework for the evaluation of complex development policies and programs; (b) alternative strategies for evaluating the impacts of development projects and programs; (c) the utilization of big data and other new information technologies to strengthen evaluation; and (d) how to ensure that evaluation findings are utilized.

Throughout the webinars he will provide examples of how the evaluation techniques have been used in different developing countries and will also use the example of the national policy priority of combatting urban homelessness, to illustrate how these evaluation approaches could be applied in Mongolia. This example is only used for teaching purposes and does not imply any operational recommendations or government endorsement of the strategies discussed.

Unique design of the 4-series will be that Dr. Bamberger will be co-presenting with Dr. Raymond Gervais and Mongolian experts.



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LEARNING SESSION #10, 2023

Title: Session 1 - An introduction to complexity and the evaluation of poverty programs.

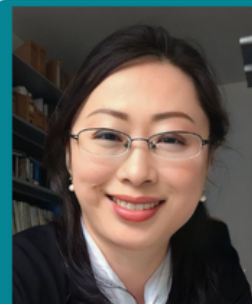
This is the first of 4 seminars on "Why development evaluation is complex?" This seminar will present a 5 step framework for evaluating complex development programs, including a complexity map, and complexity checklist. The application of the framework for assessing urban poverty programs in Mongolia will be discussed, and a case study will be presented on the Assessment of the Social Protection Response to COVID-19.

THURSDAY | 11 MAY 2023 | 20:00 ULAT

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Dr. Michael Bamberger
Senior Research Fellow, International Initiative on Impact Evaluation



Amartuvshin Tserennadmid
Lecturer, National University of Mongolia

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.



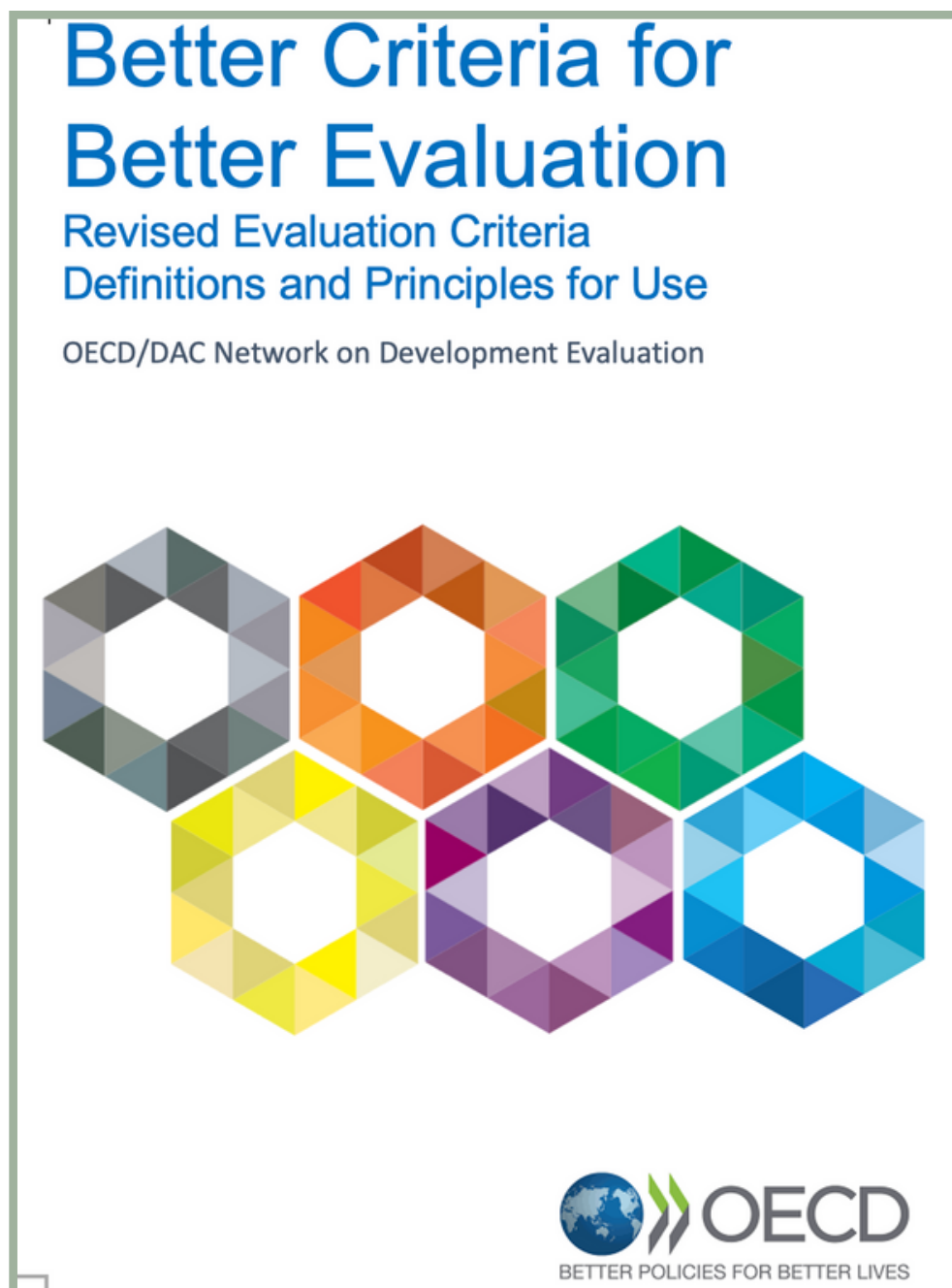
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MONGOLIAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION TRANSLATED THE OECD/DAC BETTER CRITERIA, BETTER EVALUATION

MEA's 'OECD/DAC Better Criteria, Better Evaluation' translation team completed the first draft of the translation. Currently, the translation is going through internal review which will be checked again for quality before submitting to Government for validation of its translation. OECD will be supporting the launching event once it is ready.



MONGOLIAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION LEADERS' RETREAT

On May 6, 2023, Mongolian Evaluation Association Leaders' Retreat was successfully organized under the theme of "Strategic Planning Retreat" and MEA Board members, leads of TIGs, EvalYouth Mongolia chapter, CEO task force team members gathered together to contribute to the development of evaluation ecosystem in Mongolia as a national VOPE.

We revisited our Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan to have a same understanding and to revise if needed, and worked on MEA's stakeholder mapping and SWOT analysis to operationalize our Vision and strategic plan.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Bayarmaa Lkhagvadorj
CEO of Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA)

She is a multi-skilled young professional with vast experience in the fields of climate change and sustainable energy policies including consultancy, research and technical assistance, data gathering, and analysis. She actively engages in issues like air pollution & climate change, energy efficiency, and variable renewable energy resources for urban planning.

Bayarmaa is currently serving as a Project Lead for NDC Action in Mongolia Project implemented by UN Environment Programme.

She holds a Master of Science in Environmental Studies from Seoul National University and is a graduate of Power Engineering School, Mongolian University of Science and Technology.

As an experienced evaluator of climate change, she assesses programs, policies, and projects to enhance their effectiveness.

Her advice for newcomers: nurture critical thinking, maintain ethicality, seek feedback, and stay open-minded. Embrace adaptability and continuous learning, as evaluation is a dynamic field that requires dedication to excel.

Discover valuable evaluation resources:

1. **BetterEvaluation** (betterevaluation.org): Offers tools, case studies, and guidance on planning, methods, and utilizing findings.
2. **Evaluation Review**: A peer-reviewed journal sharing research on theory, methods, and practice.
3. **"Utilization-Focused Evaluation"** by Michael Quinn Patton: Practical guidance for achieving meaningful outcomes.
4. **World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group (IEG)**: Provides evaluation reports, lessons, and resources on development programs (ieg.worldbankgroup.org).

Expand your knowledge: Engage with evaluation communities, attend conferences, and join professional networks to maximize learning and growth.



MONGOLIAN EVALUATION CASE COMPETITION



Mongolia's evaluation sector is experiencing a surge in demand for skilled professionals, making it imperative to train young talent. In response to this need, the Mongolian Evaluation Case Competition (MECC) is being organized locally for the first time, offering bachelor's and master's students a chance to demonstrate their evaluation knowledge and skills.

The winning team will be privileged to represent Mongolia at the World Evaluation Case Competition, highlighting Mongolia's contribution to the global evaluation community.

We would like to thank our sponsor EY Mongolia for their great investment to young Mongolian's education and intelligence.

- 2023.06.13**
- Evaluation theory & knowledge test
 - Case study-evaluation
 - Teamwork
 - 9 hours to prepare a PPT on the case
 - Presentation

- SUMMER
BOOTCAMP**
- Top 3 teams will attend
 - Full scholarship
 - Learn from master's of American University



1st place - 2'000'000 MNT
2nd place-1'000'000 MNT
3-rd place-500'000 MNT

Essential topics to learn:

- Types of evaluation
- Evaluation frameworks and models,
- Sampling techniques,
- Data collection methods,
- Data analysis techniques,
- Ethics in evaluation

Please visit betterevaluation.org to access evaluation-related materials for free

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MEA learning session #11, 2023
Thursday | 8 June 2023 | 20:00 ULAT

To register scan below:



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

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Head of Secretariat and Secretary National Committee on Gender Equality



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Registration for Evaluation 2023: The Power of Story will open in late June. In the meantime, 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 invites you to submit proposals for paper presentations for the #APEACon2023 on 4-7 December 2023 in Manila, Philippines

You have until 10th June to submit your abstract.

Submission link:

<https://bit.ly/APEAConfProposals>

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4th APEA CONFERENCE
4-7 DECEMBER 2023 | MANILA, PHILIPPINES
Theme | Future of Evaluation: Leveraging Partnerships
for Equitable Development in Asia

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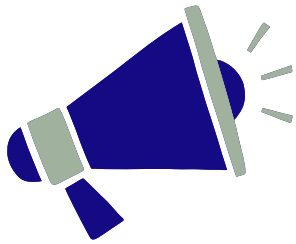
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Consultancy Opportunity at National Statistic Office (NSO)

NSO is also seeking to recruit five individuals, including one data scientist and four data analysts, for an important pilot study under the TA project. The selected candidates will be responsible for conducting data analysis using big data and administrative databases. This project offers a unique chance to work with cutting-edge technologies and make a significant impact in the field of data analysis.

Translator/Assistant for the ADB Project Implementation Unit

The Executing Agency of the project, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection invites qualified candidates to fill the position of PIU Translator/Assistant.

The Translator/Assistant will be a full-time staff of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) stationed in Ulaanbaatar, and report to the Project Coordinator. The Translator/Assistant will provide secretarial and translation support to ensure the smooth project implementation; and handle basic office tasks to ensure the smooth workflow of PIU daily works.

Impact Evaluation Specialist for Mongolian Red Cross Society

The Mongolian Red Cross Society is an implementation partner of Mongolia Graduation Pilot Program (MGPP), a program implemented within the Second Shock-Responsive Social Protection Project by Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and Asian Development Bank. Impact Evaluation Specialist as a Key Expert, will be fully responsible for ensuring the program monitoring and evaluation for the successful implementation of the MGPP.

Deadline: 07 June 2023,

Application should include (1) cover letter (2) current CV (3) copy of diploma/professional certificate and (4) 3 references from previous employers and be submitted to the Headquarter's office of Mongolian Red Cross Society.

