

NEWSLETTER

INCE National Workshop Successfully Held at the State Palace: A Milestone for Mongolia's Evaluation Community

Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) is proud to share the successful completion of the National Workshop on the Results of the National Evaluation Capacities Index (INCE), held on May 14 at the Government Palace. This event, co-organized with the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval) and the Authority for Government Supervisory (Засгийн газрын Хяналт хэрэгжүүлэх газар) of Mongolia, marks a significant achievement for our country and our evaluation community.



This was not just an event to present numbers, but a historic moment: Mongolia became the first country in Asia to conduct and present the INCE assessment, covering 144 organizations — ministries, government agencies, local administrations, state-owned enterprises, universities, and civil society organizations. This milestone reflects the growing commitment within Mongolia to develop an evaluation culture that is evidence-based, professional, and inclusive.

From MEA's perspective, the INCE workshop is an important step in our ongoing mission to professionalize evaluation practice in Mongolia. The assessment revealed an average index score of 4.4 out of 10, highlighting both strengths and areas where we can do better. The use of evaluation scored the highest, while evaluation services scored lower, pointing to where targeted capacity building, resources, and collaboration will make the greatest difference.



We were honored to host and learn from the DEval delegation:

- ◆ Mr. Sven Harten, Deputy Director
- ◆ Ms. Sarah-Désirée Klier, Team Leader
- ◆ Ms. Sabine Palmreuther, Evaluation Expert

Their expertise and openness to share Germany's evaluation journey provided invaluable insights that will guide us as we adapt international standards to Mongolia's unique context.



Please check out GEI's article on [INCE Goes Global: Mongolia Leads First Assessment Outside Latin America](#)

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During their visit, the DEval team also delivered an in-person policy evaluation training for colleagues from the Authority for Government Supervisory and MEA members. The training covered:

- Fundamentals of evaluation and why it matters
- Core principles of policy evaluation
- Practical lessons from Germany's experience

For many, this was an opportunity not just to learn, but to discuss, reflect, and explore how we can apply these ideas in the Mongolian context. From MEA's side, we see this as the beginning of deeper, ongoing capacity development for our members and partners.



With the INCE results as a baseline, MEA will:

- Promote professional standards and ethical guidelines
- Support tailored training and mentorship for evaluators
- Advocate for stronger institutional frameworks and resources
- Facilitate dialogue among government, civil society, academia, and the private sector
- Build international partnerships to bring in global knowledge and exchange good practices

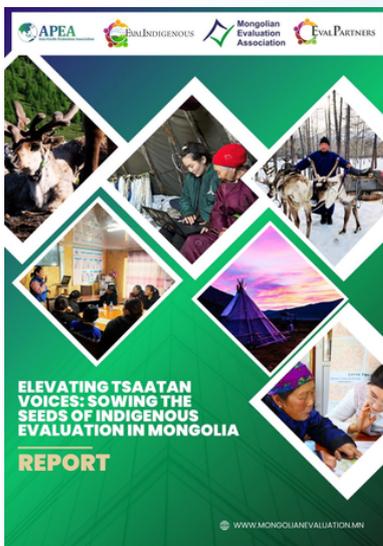
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all participating institutions, colleagues, and partners who made this milestone possible. Your engagement shows that evaluation in Mongolia is not just the responsibility of a few experts, but a shared commitment to better decision-making and national development. Together, we are laying the foundation for an inclusive, credible, and effective evaluation ecosystem that serves Mongolia's development goals — and sets an example for the region.



The Mongolian Evaluation Association remains dedicated to this journey and looks forward to continued collaboration with all stakeholders in the years ahead.

Elevating Tsaatan Voices: A Milestone in Indigenous Evaluation for Mongolia

The Mongolian Evaluation Association is thrilled to share the successful completion of our newest study: “Elevating Tsaatan Voices: Sowing the Seeds of Indigenous Evaluation in Mongolia.” This heartfelt and groundbreaking project marks an important step in bringing evaluation closer to the people it is meant to serve — in this case, the Tsaatan reindeer herders, one of Mongolia’s Indigenous communities



With support from the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA) and EvalIndigenous, our team used culturally responsive and participatory methods to explore how land conservation policies impact the Tsaatan community’s livelihoods, food security, and culture.

Instead of evaluating about the community, we partnered with Tsaatan representatives — using evaluation as a tool for voice, agency, and advocacy.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Oyuna Jukov, Gereltsetseg Adiya, Azjargal Amarsanaa, Itgemjit Gankhuyag, our local partners, and especially the Tsaatan representatives, whose openness and insights made this project possible.

Together, we’ve helped plant the seeds for Indigenous-led evaluation in Mongolia — honoring local knowledge and promoting more inclusive policymaking.

We invite everyone to explore the full findings here:

👉 [Read the full report](#)

Indigenous Evaluation Toolkit Now in Mongolian



The Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) is delighted to share that the Executive Summary of the Indigenous Evaluation Toolkit is now officially available in Mongolian!

This marks a meaningful step in ensuring that evaluation not only reaches, but truly speaks to and for the communities it aims to serve. Translating this toolkit means making its wisdom, guidance, and approaches accessible to Indigenous peoples, practitioners, and organizations here in Mongolia — in our own language.

By making the Executive Summary available in Mongolian, we hope to empower more local practitioners, researchers, and community members to engage with and apply Indigenous-led evaluation approaches.

We warmly thank the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA), EvalIndigenous, and EvalPartners for their vision and support, as well as for entrusting MEA to lead this important work locally.

3rd Summer Evaluation Bootcamp (SEB 2025)

From June 8–13, 2025, the Third Summer Evaluation Bootcamp gathered over a hundred young and emerging evaluators, practitioners, and experts in Lanzhou, China for an intensive week of learning, exchange, and inspiration. Hosted by Lanzhou University, the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA), and UNICEF, the bootcamp created a unique space where evidence, practice, and passion came together. The MEA team of 20 arrived, of which 15 funded by DEval, on June 7, ready to share experiences from Mongolia and learn alongside peers from across Asia and beyond. Over four days, participants explored not only technical tools and frameworks but also the deeper question: How can evaluation drive meaningful change in society?



We covered essentials like Theory of Change, logframes, and ethical standards, learned how formative and process evaluations strengthen programs, and examined Large-N impact evaluations to measure effectiveness at scale. Sessions also reflected on evaluating humanitarian aid and building global evaluation communities, ending with guidance on professional accreditation and career pathways. More than tools, the bootcamp highlighted the human side of evaluation: collaboration, cultural context, and the power of local knowledge. And we walked by famous Yellow River & had dinner on the mountain top.



Panels and discussions with the Global Evaluation Initiative, UNICEF, and MEA encouraged participants to see themselves not only as learners but as contributors to a broader evaluation network. We wrapped up the bootcamp with certificates, smiles, and—most importantly—a shared commitment to bring these lessons back to our work and communities.



The Mongolian Evaluation Association extends heartfelt thanks to Lanzhou University and UNICEF for hosting and organizing this inspiring week; to all the speakers and mentors who generously shared their expertise; and to every participant whose curiosity and openness turned the bootcamp into a real learning community..



First International Evaluation Capacity Development Forum

MEA was proud to co-host this global forum alongside Lanzhou University and UNICEF, uniting evaluation leaders, young and emerging evaluators (YEEs), and partners to advance inclusive, innovative evaluation systems.



Keynotes and panels composed of GEI, UNICEF, DEval, ADB IED, AIIB & NDB explored institutionalizing evaluation, using AI for inclusive practice, youth leadership, & aligning evaluation with national systems. YEEs shared reflections on breaking barriers, local ownership & creating safe, meaningful spaces for youth.



The forum closed with the launch of EvalYouth China+, the Eval Torch handover, and the signing of the YEE Manifesto, affirming our shared commitment to a youth-led, evidence-based evaluation future.



MEA extends sincere thanks to everyone who made this inspiring day possible. Together, we're building stronger, more inclusive evaluation communities in Mongolia – and beyond.

MEA Partakes in gLocal Week



GLOBAL 2025 LAUNCH - CENTRAL ASIA

The Language of Evaluation: Bridging Clarity, Access, and Inclusion in Emerging Systems

May 29, 2025
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (+5:30 UTC)
Pakistan Standard Time

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Safiya Yuvshanova, UNICEF ECARO
- Saltanat Rasulova, UNDP IEO
- Natalia Kosheleva, International Evaluation Consultant
- Erdenechimeg (Chimeg) Uulizuren, Founding Managing Evaluation Association (MEA)
- Khayrulina Rasulova, National Development Council, Tajikistan

Moderator

- Amna Aqil, CLEAR PCA

The GEI/CLEAR hosted webinar explored how linguistic and conceptual differences shape the understanding and implementation of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems in Central Asia countries including Mongolia. Ms. Erdenechimeg shared practical challenges when translating M&E tools or training into Mongolian language and how is the term 'evaluation' commonly understood within the government system and general public, and what steps needed to embed adapted language and shared understanding into sustained policies and institutional practices.



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Measuring What Matters: Evolving Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) Evaluation Tools and Approaches

JUNE 6
4 PM GMT+8

Brief description: developing a robust SSE evaluation framework is crucial to ensuring that SSE entities' contributions are effectively measured, recognized, and integrated into broader development strategies.

- Bat-Orshikh Erdenebat, Chief Advisor, Development Solutions
- Bolormaa Purevsuren, National Coordinator, ILO Mongolia
- Purevdulam Jamjansuren, Board Member, Mongolian Evaluation Association

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MEA hosted webinar "Participatory Evaluation for Climate Resilience" gathered voices from government, academia, and civil society. Panelists including Ms. Chuluunkhuu Baatar, Ms. Bayartsetseg Terbish, Mr. Sanchir Jargalsaikhan, and Ms. Ariunaa Norovsambuu discussed the importance of meaningful community participation to ensure that climate interventions truly respond to local realities. They highlighted that in Mongolia, efforts are often hindered by limited coordination and capacity, and called for evaluation approaches that go beyond compliance to foster learning and engagement.



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NUM Career week: Evaluator? Evaluation?

Brief Description: Networking meeting with students for the Career Week

JUNE 6
15:30 PM GMT

- Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj, President, Mongolian Evaluation Association
- Purevdulam Jamjansuren, Board member, Mongolian Evaluation Association
- Byambasuren Uuganjargal, Member, Mongolian Evaluation Association

When: June 06, 2025, 15:30pm
Address: #502, Teacher Student Development Center National University of Mongolia

Register here: [QR code]

Mongolian Evaluation Association, NUM CAREER, EvalYouth Mongolia

MEA co-organized Career event with the Sustainable Employment for Youth program by the Zorig Foundation and the NUM Career Center, focused on nurturing young evaluators. Held on June 6 at the National University of Mongolia, this interactive meeting engaged students and Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEEs) in conversations about evaluation's value and career opportunities hosted by Ms. Uugantsetseg, Ms. Purevdulam and Ms. Byambasuren. By connecting experienced practitioners with future professionals, MEA underscored its dedication to building a vibrant, youth-inclusive evaluation community.



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Participatory Evaluation for Climate Resilience in Mongolia

Brief description: Rethinking Climate Evaluation Through Integration of Local Knowledge into Adaptation Strategies

JUNE 5
3 PM GMT+8

- Chuluunkhuu Baatar, Climate Change Advisor to Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Mongolia
- Ariunaa Norovsambuu, Member, Mongolian Evaluation Association; Co-founder and Executive Director, Public Lab Mongolia NGO
- Bayartsetseg Terbish, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Work, National University of Mongolia
- Sanchir Jargalsaikhan, Member, Mongolian Evaluation Association; Political scientist
- Tsenguiun Tumurkhuyag, Member, Mongolian Evaluation Association; Sustainability and development practitioner

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"MEA hosted a webinar on "Measuring What Matters: Evolving Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) Evaluation Tools and Approaches," explored how evaluation practices must evolve to keep pace with the growing role of SSE entities in creating decent work, fostering social inclusion, and promoting sustainability. Esteemed speakers Mr. Bat-Orshikh Erdenebat and Ms. Bolormaa Purevsuren shared reflections on adapting tools and methods to capture SSE's diverse contributions in an increasingly interconnected world.

MEA- first VOPE Pulse Champion!

As part of our commitment to strengthening the enabling environment for evaluation (Dimension 1 of the Global Evaluation Agenda – GEA 2.0), MEA proudly published our first comprehensive research study: "Elevating Tsaatan Voices: Sowing the Seeds of Indigenous Evaluation in Mongolia."

This study focused on the Tsaatan community of the northern taiga, aiming to highlight Indigenous knowledge, cultural values, and lived experiences in evaluation. By amplifying marginalized voices and advocating for inclusive, participatory approaches, MEA takes a step toward addressing policy gaps and challenging conventional methods. We're grateful for this recognition, which strengthens our commitment to building a more equitable and locally rooted evaluation practice in Mongolia.



Youth In Evaluation Legacy Champion: MEA

We are proud to share that MEA has been awarded the prestigious Legacy Champion Award at the Summit for the Future of Evaluation! This recognition celebrates our exemplary commitment to promoting youth leadership in evaluation and upholding the Youth In Evaluation Standards.



This achievement belongs to every MEA member who has contributed to strengthening Mongolia's evaluation community through innovation, leadership, and collaboration.

A special thanks to EvalYouth Global Network and eval4action for their support in advancing youth engagement in evaluation worldwide.

MEA Launches Thematic Interest Group on Happiness

June 11, 2025 — The Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) proudly launched its newest Topical Interest Group (TIG) focused on Happiness. Chaired by *Uyanga Zalaa-Uul*, the group will advance evaluation frameworks that center well-being and happiness in policies and programs.

"Let's collectively become global experts in evaluating happiness," Uyanga shared at the launch.

The TIG will:

- Develop practical methodologies to measure happiness outcomes,
- Encourage cross-disciplinary collaboration,
- Promote the use of happiness metrics in policy and decision-making,
- And inform the design of well-being initiatives at national and community levels.



MEA looks forward to contributing to a more holistic, people-centered approach to evaluation through this important work.

Notice on MEA Leadership Change



As we are at an important period of growth in terms of national and international partnerships and operational expansion, it is vital to redefine our strategic and leadership directions. Effective June 23, 2025, MEA Founder Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren has been re-appointed as a President of the Mongolian Evaluation Association by the decision of the MEA Board. In the period of March to June 2025, Ms. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj served as a President of MEA and we are grateful for her invaluable service and dedication to advance MEA's vision to promote professionalization and institutionalization of evaluation at national level in Mongolia. pls write it similar but different for NNewsletter

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Uyangaa Munkhbat,
MEA Communications Committee Member,
EvalYouth Mongolia Co-lead

We're delighted to feature **Uyangaa Munkhbat**, an active and dedicated member of the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) and current co-lead of EvalYouth Mongolia. With an Advanced Master's in Development Evaluation and Management from the University of Antwerp, alongside degrees in Foreign Languages Applied to International Trade from the University of Savoie Mont Blanc and International Relations from the National University of Mongolia, Uyangaa exemplifies MEA's belief in lifelong learning and interdisciplinary growth. Her international studies and diverse professional background have shaped her thoughtful, people-centered approach to evaluation – viewing it as a bridge that connects evidence with context and lived experience.

As Monitoring and Evaluation Lead at WeRobotics, Uyangaa has contributed to strengthening impact measurement strategies and leading qualitative evaluations supporting local Flying Labs across Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Her work ranges from designing MEL systems and revising theories of change to building capacity and encouraging local ownership of evaluation processes. Earlier in her career, she also supported global dialogue at the International Telecommunication Union, human rights education at Amnesty International Mongolia, and professional training at Dale Carnegie Training Mongolia – reflecting her commitment to inclusion, dialogue, and practical impact.

Within MEA, Uyangaa shares her perspectives to help advance culturally responsive and participatory evaluation, grounded in local realities and Indigenous knowledge. Her collaborative spirit and dedication help MEA and EvalYouth Mongolia nurture a new generation of evaluators and build a stronger, more inclusive evaluation culture for the future.

Become a member of EvalYouth Mongolia Chapter

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 evaluation community.

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At EvalYouth Mongolia, we believe in empowering the next generation to bring fresh perspectives, creativity, and local knowledge into evaluation. Whether you're a student, early-career professional, or simply passionate about the field, you'll find a welcoming space to learn, grow, and make an impact. 🌍💡



GROW WITH EVALYOUTH MONGOLIA

☀️ Are you a student or young professional who wants to make a real impact? ☀️

Join EvalYouth Mongolia – a vibrant network of youth passionate about evaluation, evidence, and driving change in society.

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Let's spark change and build an inclusive, vibrant evaluation community – together!

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