



Community of Evaluators - Nepal



Advance the Theory, Practice and Use of Evaluation in Development Process

Vision: Effective development policy, program and partnership.

Mission: Establish a culture of evaluation at national and international level through development and dissemination of knowledge in evaluation, capacity building of evaluation stakeholders, and promotion of evaluation theory and practice.

Goal: Advance the theory, practice and use of evaluation in development processes.

*Obj.1: To develop and disseminate knowledge products on evaluation,

*Obj.2: To enhance capacity of development actors on quality evaluation,

*Obj.3: To strengthen the dialogue mechanism for promoting the use of evaluation.

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'Global Evaluation Week' Launched at the Parliament of Nepal

Global Evaluation Week commemorated the International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear) and launched the 2016-2020 evaluation agenda in Kathmandu, Nepal from November 23 to 27 this year jointly by EvalPartners, Community of Evaluators South Asia, Community of Evaluators Nepal, National Parliamentarians Forum on Development Evaluation Policy of Nepal, Good Governance and Monitoring Committee of the Parliament of Nepal and the Government of Nepal.

The main EvalYear ceremony took place on November 25 at the Parliament of Nepal. It was inaugurated by the Right Honourable Speaker of the Parliament of Nepal Onsari Gharti with the launching of the following five events: (1) Global Evaluation Agenda 2016-2020; (2) the Global Parliamentarian Forum for Evaluation, a global partnership for evaluation and evidence-based policy making; (3) the EvalGender+, the global partnership for equity-focused and gender-responsive evaluations; and (4) the EvalYouth+, the global partnership for young evaluators and (5) the EvalIndigenous. Another point of attraction was the handing over of Evaluation Torch to Nepal Team. Celebrating the first International Year of Evaluation in a national parliament provided an opportunity

for the evaluation community around the world to share achievements in creating enabling environment for evaluation, including engagement of policy makers in evaluation and use of evidence from evaluation in decision-making and plan how to strengthen an evaluation culture.

and stakeholders discussed about the current status of evaluation and its future role in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and evidence based policy making at international, regional, national and local levels.. It also organized an Award Ceremony where five evaluators around the world were awarded for their outstanding



Speaker of Parliament of Nepal Right Honourable Onsari Gharti holding the Evaluation Torch with Marco Segone and Dr. Gana Pati Djha

In addition to the main celebration at the Parliament, there were the Evaluation Conclave and the Global Evaluation Forum activities at the Hotel Yak and Yeti. The EvalPartners Global Forum was participated by leaders of Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs), Parliamentarians for Evaluation, governments, UN agen-

tribution to the advancement of the EvalPartners vision of strengthening the national evaluation capacity. One of the recipients of the award was the Chairperson of the COE-Nepal Dr. Gana Pati Djha. Other four awarded evaluators were Arunaselam Rasappan, Awour Pong, Jim Rugh and Tessie Catsambas.



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Prime Minister of Nepal Inaugurated the Evaluation Conclave 2015

Prime Minister of Nepal Rt. Honorable Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli inaugurated the Evaluation Conclave organized by the CoE-South Asia, CoE-Nepal and the Government of Nepal.

The evaluation conclave is the flagship biannual event of Community of Evaluators South Asia. This year the Evaluation Conclave was organized as a part of the Global Evaluation Week (GEW). The main theme of the Conclave was

“Building bridges: Use of Evaluation for decision-making and policy influence.

The Evaluation Conclave included workshops and panels presentations on contemporary issues related to evaluation, focused on utilization, participation, and equity and gender responsive evaluation. There were 36 panel presentations and three keynote sessions together with 15 skill development workshops and three demonstrations mainly for emerging evaluators. Distinguished evaluators around the world took part in the

global event. About 400 participants from all six continents representing parliamentarians, governments, civil society, private organisations, UN agencies and donors participated in and contributed to the historical event.

Six side events were also organized during the GEW including two book launches, two specific presentations, and two consultations. Program details are available at–

www.evaluationconclave.com
CoE-Nepal played an active role from the planning stage to the closing session. It lobbied strongly to the UN bodies and other agen-

cies in Nepal to sponsor Nepali participants. Many of the CoE-Nepal members participated in and contributed to the GEW event. Chairperson Dr. Gana Pati Djha undertook the role of the master of ceremony during the main function at the parliament. He also delivered welcome speech at the inaugural session of the conclave and vote of thanks at the closing session. Likewise, CoE-Nepal members contributed to facilitate the skill workshops and supported the registration process. Besides, some CoE-Nepal members had presentations in the thematic panels.



CoE-Nepal General Assembly Meeting Held

The CoE-Nepal held the annual general assembly on 7 November 2015. At the outset, Dr. Ramesh Tuladhar presented the annual progress report and Dr. Hari Dhungana presented the final progress report.

It was the year of reformulating the executive board of CoE-Nepal. The participants unanimously decided to continue with the same board members for next two

years.

In addition, the participants held discussion and decided to plan the following activities for the new fiscal year 2015/16:

- Assessment of effectiveness of “equity based” evaluation methodologies and tools
- Organize/coordinate/facilitate talk programs from invited guests/CoE-Nepal members
- Administrative manual of CoE-

Nepal

- Occasional paper
- Roster of evaluators
- Preparing an evaluation knowledge product (such as evaluation criteria and indicators for resilience assessment)
- Ethics of Evaluators
- Evaluation resource Centre
- Preparation of Code of Conduct/ethical consideration of evaluators