



## The Global Evaluation Week; 23 - 27 November, 2015 Kathmandu, Nepal – Press Release (30<sup>th</sup> July 2015)



Global Evaluation Week to commemorate the International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear) and launch the 2016-2020 evaluation agenda is being organized to be held 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, Governance and Monitoring Committee of the Parliament of Nepal and the Government of Nepal.

The main EvalYear ceremony will take place on November 25 at the Parliament of Nepal with the launching of the following four 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.

Celebrating the first International Year of Evaluation in a national parliament provides 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.

In addition to the main celebration at the Parliament, there will be the Evaluation Conclave and the Global Evaluation Forum at the Hotel Yak and Yeti. EvalPartners Global Forum is for all stakeholders to craft the future of evaluation to strengthen evaluation function in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Evaluation Conclave, coloured with workshops, panels and paper presentations on contemporary issues related to evaluation, is focusing on utilization, participation, equity and gender responsive evaluation.

Distinguished evaluators around the world will take part in the global event. The event is designed in a way that it is useful for beginners as well as experienced evaluators. About 500 participants from different continents representing governments, civil society, private organisations, UN agencies and donors are expected to participate in, contribute to and celebrate this historical event.

Holding of this event in Nepal is significant. Firstly EvalPartners, CoE SA and CoE Nepal have placed their confidence in holding the event in spite of the tragic earthquake in April, 2015. We want to be a part of rebuilding exercise and are committed to work with the Government of Nepal and other Stakeholders for the benefits of Nepali community. Secondly, the event provides a rare opportunity of building national evaluation capacity in Nepal. Towards this end, the Organisers have provided a special concession to Nepalese citizens to attend the Conclave.

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