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14th Annual General Assembly (AGM) – 2024

The 14th annual general assembly (AGM) of the Community of Evaluators - Nepal (CoE-Nepal) was held on 5th October 2023 (18 Ashwin 2081 B.S.) in Kathmandu.



The 14th AGM of CoE-Nepal was chaired by Mr. Prabin Chitrakar. The AGM featured a thematic discussion on Indigenous Evaluation in Nepal, moderated by Dr. Nepali Sah, with panelists Ms. Kanchan Lama and Dr. Narayan Shrestha, highlighting challenges and opportunities in indigenous evaluation practices. The

key agenda in the AGM included the approval of the Annual Progress Report, Audit Report, and Annual Budget for FY 2081/82 B.S., appointment of the Auditor for the Fiscal Year 2081/82 B.S. The Chairperson emphasized the importance of evaluation in strengthening development effectiveness and urged continued support for CoE-Nepal's mission.

Study on the Identification of Indicators for SDG 3 "Good Health and Well-Being" from Indigenous (Tamang) Community at Konjyosom Rural Municipality, Lalitpur, Nepal - 28 December 2024



The study aimed to pilot a study on an evaluation approach on Indigenous perspectives on SDG 3 "Good Health and Well-Being", focusing on the Tamang community of Konjyosom Rural Municipality in Lalitpur district. The study aimed to compare the community-identified indicators with those nationally adopted.



The study highlighted the necessity and impact of evaluations focused on the lived experiences, traditional knowledge, and cultural contexts of

Indigenous Peoples. The pilot study highlighted both strengths (positive aspects) and challenges (negative aspects) in achieving equitable healthcare access. It provided valuable insights and learning opportunities for advancing Indigenous evaluations in Nepal. However, a more holistic, participatory, and culturally sensitive approach is essential to reflect the true realities of Indigenous Peoples and wider study to be considered.

Meeting with the National Planning Commission (NPC) - 12 January 2025

The meeting with National Planning Commission (NPC) was held and discussed on the future collaboration in strengthening national evaluation system and effective implementation of Monitoring and Evaluation Bill which was enacted in March 2024. In the meeting, Hon. Prof. Dr. R.P. Bichha, Member, NPC, Mr. Birendra Kumar Yadav - Joint Secretary, NPC, Mr. Gokul Khadka - Program Director, NPC, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel - Adviser, CoE-Nepal and Mr. Prabin Chitrakar - Chairperson, CoE-Nepal were participated.



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Academic Symposium on M&E Education - Colombo, Sri Lanka

The "Academic Symposium on M&E Education" was held from 2nd to 4th December 2024 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The symposium covered a wide range of topics on M&E education, from changing global context, standards, competencies and effective approaches in teaching M&E.

During the Symposium, the Chairperson of CoE-Nepal participated in the Panel Discussion of the session on Integrating indigenous evaluation and culturally responsive evaluation practices into the M&E curriculum, and shared the significant potential to advance M&E education in Nepal by integrating Indigenous Evaluation into existing curricula and also in developing standalone M&E programs.

Meeting with Hon. Thakur Prasad Gaire

A meeting with Hon. Thakur Prasad Gaire, Chairperson of the Committee for Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation of the State's Directive Principles, Policies, and Obligations, was held at the office of Dr. Rojnath Pandey, Secretary of the Federal Parliament Secretariat, on 21 March 2025. During the meeting, the CoE-Nepal team emphasized the crucial role of parliamentarians in strengthening the National Evaluation System and ensuring the effective implementation of the M&E Bill, 2024. The team also emphasized the need for the reactivation of the Parliamentary Forum for strengthening the evaluation capacity in Nepal.

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Workshop on Strengthening Indigenous Evaluation Practices in Nepal and Formation of National Network for Evaluation in Nepal – 4 February 2025



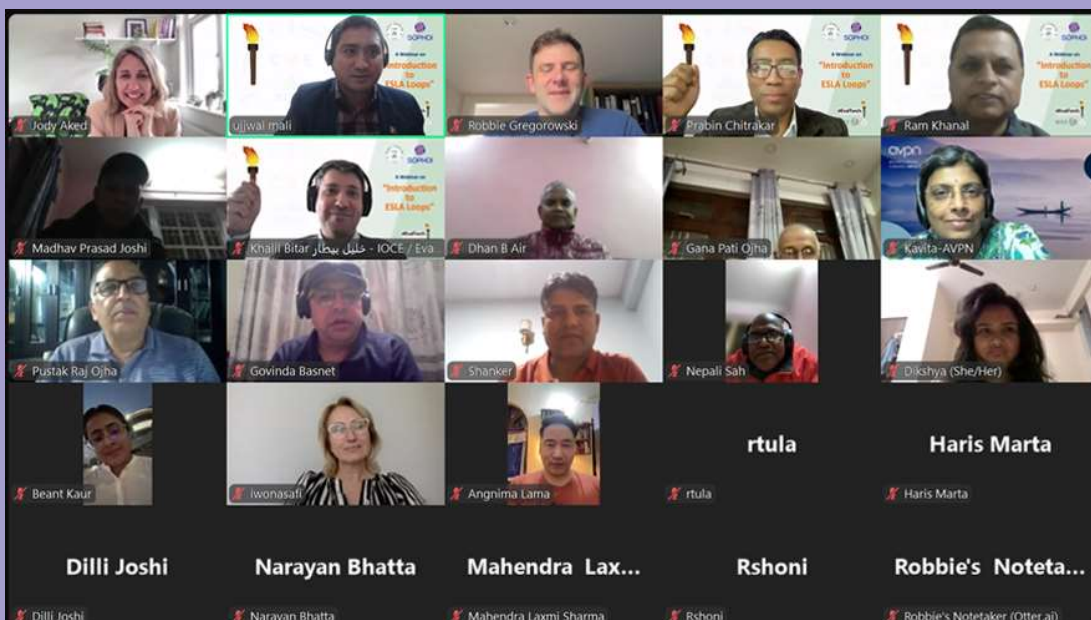
On February 4, 2025, the Community of Evaluators – Nepal (CoE-Nepal), with support from APEA, EvalIndigenous, and EvalPartners, organized a workshop in Kathmandu titled "Strengthening Indigenous Evaluation Practices in Nepal and Formation of National Network for Evaluation in Nepal." The event brought together key stakeholders, including government representatives, parliamentarians, UN agencies, universities, INGOs, and indigenous communities, to discuss challenges and opportunities in Indigenous evaluation practices. The major outcome of the workshop was the discussions on integrating Indigenous evaluation into Nepal's development frameworks, marking a significant step toward institutionalizing inclusive and culturally responsive evaluation practices. Additionally, initiation toward the formation of the National Network for Evaluation in Nepal was a major step that aimed at fostering collaboration and strengthening evaluation capacity in the country.

Access the full report on the "Strengthening Indigenous Evaluation Practices in Nepal" from the link below:

<https://coe-nepal.org.np/strengthening-indigenous-evaluation-practices-in-nepal>

Webinar on "Introduction to ESLA Loops" – 24 March 2025

The CoE-Nepal and SOPHOI jointly organized a webinar on "Introduction to ESLA Loops" on Monday, 24 March 2025, at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Nepal Time (GMT +05:45). During the webinar, the passing of the EvalTorch (eval4action.org/evaltorch) was celebrated.



The webinar began with a celebration of the passing of EvalTorch, symbolizing a commitment to advancing evaluation for a just and sustainable world. Mr. Khalil Bitar, President of IOCE, handed over the EvalTorch on behalf of Eval4Action to Mr. Prabin Chitrakar, Chairperson of CoE-Nepal. Moderated by Mr. Ujjwal Krishna Mali, the session featured a presentation by Mr. Robbie Gregorowski and Dr. Jody Aked from SOPHOI on ESLA Loops, an evidence-based approach to tackling complex challenges through systems thinking. Dr. Ram Chandra Khanal reflected on the relevance of ESLA Loops in the Global South. Over 40 participants from 16 countries engaged in discussions, making up 62% of total registrants.