

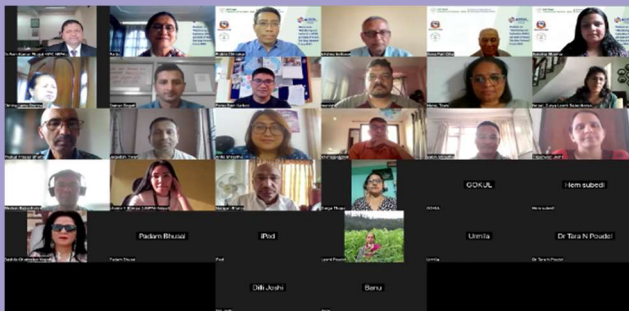
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Webinar on M&E Act 2024: The Way Forward



On 4th June 2024, the Community of Evaluators-Nepal (CoE-Nepal) in collaboration with the Government of Nepal (GoN) organized a webinar on the "Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Act 2024" to discuss its significance and the way forward. The event, held during gLOCAL Evaluation Week 2024, aimed to promote the new legislation and provide an overview of its status

following its approval by the House of Representatives and certification by the President of Nepal, Right Honorable Ram Chandra Paudel, on 29th March 2024.

Nepal is the only country in Asia and the Pacific to have enshrined M&E within its 2015 Constitution, embedding the principles of evidence-based decision-making and institutional accountability into its governance framework. The M&E Act 2024 marks a crucial legislative milestone in the country's efforts to advance transparency, accountability, and inclusive governance at federal, provincial, and local levels.

The webinar shed light on the Act's provisions and its role in Nepal's decentralization journey, emphasizing collaborative efforts to ensure its successful implementation. The discussions focused on how the M&E Act can shape Nepal's future by fostering citizen engagement and strengthening governance practices across all levels of government.

Meeting on “Suggestion Collection on Monitoring & Evaluation in the 16th Five-year Plan”

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) plays a vital role in achieving the objectives of the plan; therefore, the inclusion of an effective monitoring and evaluation system in the plan is essential. In this regard, with the objective to collect insights from Honorable Parliamentarians, Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs), Evaluation Experts, Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEEs), and other stakeholders, the National Assembly Sustainable Development and Good Governance Committee, and the Community of Evaluators – Nepal (CoE-Nepal) jointly organized a meeting entitled “Suggestion Collection on Monitoring & Evaluation in the 16th Five-year Plan.” The meeting was held at the National Assembly Sustainable Development and Good Governance Committee, Singhdurbar, Kathmandu on Friday, 26 January 2024.

Meeting on Parliamentary Evaluation Forum



CoE-Nepal, Sustainable Development & Good Governance Committee (SDGGC) of Nepal National Assembly, National Parliamentary Forum for Development Evaluation Policy in Nepal (NPFDEPN), Asia Pacific Parliamentarians Forum For Evaluation (APPFE), and Nepal Evaluation Society (NES) jointly met at the office of SDGGC, Singhdurbar, Kathmandu on 11 January 2024 to discuss the role of parliamentarians in

M&E and re-activation/formation of NPFDEPN. The meeting was coordinated by the chairperson of CoE-Nepal Mr. Prabin Chitrakar with the support of Honorable Prakash Pantha, Chairperson of SDGGC, National Assembly.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Act 2024 (2080 B.S.)

After several years of diligent effort, the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Act 2024 emerged as a landmark legislative initiative, becoming the first legal instrument in Nepal dedicated to M&E. The M&E Act 2024 of Nepal was passed by the House of Representatives and was certified by the President of Nepal, Right Honorable Mr. Ram Chandra Paudel, on 29 March 2024.

CoE-Nepal played a key role in advocating for the drafting of the M&E Bill and provided several feedbacks and inputs during the drafting process. The enactment of the M&E Act 2024 is a significant achievement and a great pride for CoE-Nepal.

Manila Declaration 2023

The signing of the Manila Declaration 2023 took place during the 4th APEA Conference in Manila, as part of the Parliament Day on December 7, 2023 at the Congress of the Philippines. On behalf of CoE-Nepal, the chairperson physically signed the Manila Declaration 2023 with the commitment towards the key role in institutionalizing monitoring and evaluation for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Letter of Appreciation

Community of Evaluators – Nepal (CoE-Nepal) with great appreciation handed over Letters of Appreciation to organizations, individuals, and volunteers who had contributed to and supported The Evaluation Conclave 2022 held on 13 October 2022 making the event a success.

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Meeting with Honorable Parliamentarians

In the meeting held on 31 October 2023, honorable Parliamentarians expressed their interest in re-activating/forming the National Parliamentarian Forum on Development Evaluation Policy in Nepal (NPFDEPN) and decided to organize a follow-up meeting soon. For the follow-up meeting, it is decided to request Hon. Ananda Prasad Pokharel, the Founder Chairman of NPFDEPN for his presence and guidance, and also to invite other stakeholders. Mr. Prabin Chitrakar, the CoE-Nepal's chairperson, thanked the honorable parliamentarians and requested collaboration between CoE-Nepal and the Sustainable Development and Good Governance Committee. CoE-Nepal was suggested to look into the M&E Bill and asked to provide feedback on it.

13th Annual General Assembly (AGM) – 2023

The 13th annual general assembly (AGM) of the COE-Nepal was held on 8th October 2023 (21 Ashwin 2080 B.S.) in Kathmandu. The 13th AGM 2023 elected the new executive board for two year's term 2023-2025.

One-day Workshop on Indigenous Evaluation in Nepal



On 6th August 2023, CoE-Nepal in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA), EvalIndigenous, and EvalPartners, organized a one-day workshop on "Indigenous Evaluation in Nepal" in Kathmandu. The event brought together indigenous evaluators, experts, and practitioners interested in promoting indigenous evaluation practices, as well as YEEs.

The workshop aimed to enhance participants' knowledge and skills in culturally responsive evaluation, providing a platform to share experiences, challenges, and best practices in indigenous evaluation. It also sought to elevate the profile of indigenous evaluation and highlight its importance in Nepal's evaluation landscape.

The Evaluation Conclave 2022 – 13 October 2022



The 5th Evaluation Conclave of Community of Evaluators, South Asia (CoE SA) "Evaluation Conclave 2022 – Equity and Transformation: Evaluation in Challenging Times" was held from 12-14 October 2022. The Conclave was hosted as a hybrid events in five countries: India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. CoE-Nepal hosted the Nepal Country Programme physically on 13 October 2022 in Kathmandu, Nepal. There were total of 124 participants participated physically and more participated virtually from around the globe. Participants were from the GoN, UN Agencies, INGOs, NGOs, VOPEs, Private Sectors, Evaluation Professionals, YEEs, Media, and more. Chief Guest was Hon. Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal, Member, National Planning Commission of Nepal (NPC); the Keynote speaker was Hon. Ms. Saloni Pradhan Singh, Member, NPC; the session was co-chaired by Dr. Gana Pati Ojha, Executive Board Member, CoE-SA; and Ms. Kanchan Lama, Chairperson, CoE-Nepal. The conclave was overall managed by Mr. Prabin Chitrakar, General Secretary, CoE-Nepal and Country Focal Point for the Conclave 2022; and by Ms. Mahendra Laxmi Sharma, Treasurer, CoE-Nepal; including all CoE-Nepal members.