

Mission

To promote demand for and strengthen theory, practice and utilization of evaluations through knowledge sharing and capacity building involving members, partners and diverse networks following quality standards.



ECOI & Eval-Youth India NEWS

Report on EvalFest 2024

The final report is now ready and available at

<https://lnkd.in/gUQ6p6-N>

Sequel to EvalFest 2024-Evidence Dialogues at Sambodhi

Following on EvalFest 2024, a series of evidence dialogues were organized by Sambodhi in April 2024. The first that *elaborated on the concept of crisis-preparedness in evaluations*, was with **Ashwani Muthoo** (Independent Evaluation Office, BRICS New Development Bank). Among the others in the series were: *gender-responsive evaluations* with **Jahnavi Andharia** (ISST); *rethinking impact with alternative evaluations* with **Maria Celeste Ghiano** (RELAC); *cultivating evaluation capacities across horizons* with **Ada Ocampo** (IDEAS); *adapting AI for resilience in a multi-crisis era* with **Marco Segone** (Independent Evaluation Office, UNFPA); *championing national evaluation systems* with **Asela Kalugampitiya**, (Center for Evaluation, University of Sri Jayawardenapura); *Reflecting on the Shifting Sands of Evaluation* with **Rajib Nandi** (Sambodhi); *evaluating Sustainable Infrastructure* with **Henrique Pissaia** (IEO-BRICS NDB) and *evaluating the future with 3ie* with **Sebastian Martinez** (3ie).

EvalFest 2024- Knowledge Products

As a part of its post-EvalFest activities, ECOI decided to bring out a series of knowledge products on specified topics summarizing the learnings from EvalFests, past and present. Topics in the series include AI and evaluation, gender and evaluations, evaluation capacity development, inclusion of youth and communities in evaluation, and innovations in evaluations. Members are free to contribute, choosing other topics of their interest.

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☀️ Exciting news! ☀️

The Evaluation Community of India has been honored with the "Emerging Super Champions" award! This prestigious recognition comes from the Youth in Evaluation champion awards, highlighting the innovative efforts of organizations across various sectors in promoting meaningful youth engagement in evaluation.

Access the Standards for enhancing meaningful engagement of youth in evaluation at

<https://www.eval4action.org/standards>



ECOI-EvalYouth India and NIUA

Continuing their cooperative activities with the National Institute Urban Planning (NIUP) for building that organization's evaluation capacities, EvalYouth India and ECOI contributed to developing an M&E basic course and recorded audios on specific evaluation topics. Members of ECOI took these sessions.

ECOI Core Group

Dr Jahnavi Andharia, Director, ISST, joined as a member of the Core Group of ECOI. ECOI extends a warm welcome to her.

GEI's gLOCAL Evaluation Week 2024

As a part of gLOCAL 2024, EvalYouth India and ECOI organized a panel discussion on 5 June 2024 on Democratizing M&E: Monitoring and Evaluation in India Languages. The discussion addressed the challenges of English-only M&E and the benefits of M&E accessible in local Languages. The panelists included Dr. Gopal Chavan (Unnat Maharashtra Abhiyan), Nikhil Joshi (Paani Foundation), Tejal Mahashabde (Treermouse), and Pratik Jawale (Magic Bus India Foundation). The discussion was moderated by Umesh Jadhav, co-founder, EvalYouth India.

MEMBERS' CORNER

- **Aniruddha Brahmachari** facilitated a session on fundamentals of the Theory of Change on 4th June 2024 as a part of a three-part Master Class in Evaluation Design organized by Sambodhi Capacity and Learning Institute in collaboration with Community of Evaluators (South Asia) under gLOCAL Evaluation Week 2024.
- **Rajib Nandi** presented in a panel discussion entitled "Evaluation Approaches and Lessons for Advocating Transformational Change: Case Studies from India" on June 4, 2024 organised by Sambodhi under gLOCAL Evaluation Week 2024.
- **Rajib Nandi** presented in a panel discussion entitled "Equitable Evaluation: A Catalyst for Transformational Change" during the gLOCAL Evaluation Week on 6th June organized by Dasra.
- **Rashmi Agrawal** participated in the National Conference on Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learnings, organized by DMEO On 2-3 May 2024
- **Shyam Singh** made a presentation on using life stories in the evaluation of the Watershed Development Programme in a workshop on Unveiling Truths: Harnessing Life Stories and Narrative Methods in Evaluation on 31 May 2024.

- **Payal Mulchandani** reported about the 4th Wheel Social Impact's management and measurement workshop on Practical Tools, Templates, and Checklists organized on 6th June 2024.

New Members

ECOI welcomes the new members who joined during the quarter April-June 2024, and hopes that they will continue to contribute to the activities and growth of the organization.

RESOURCES

Future of evaluation: Charting a path in a changing development landscape

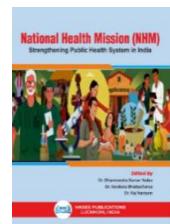
Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank (April 8 – 10, 2024)

IEG organized a series of virtual conversations during 8 – 10 April 2024 on the future of evaluation practice, the questions it will have to answer, and the impact of new technologies for ever greater data gathering and analysis.

The recordings are available at <https://ieg.worldbankgroup.org/event/future-evaluation-charting-path-changing-development-landscape>

Strengthening Public Health System
Ed. Dharmendra Kumar Yadav, Vandana Bhattacharya and Raj Narayan (2024)

This book comprises contributions by eleven authors on different aspects on various public health initiatives of Government of India under National Health India under National Health Mission. (Reference to this resource has been provided by ECOI member Dr G. S. Reddy)



New Resources to enhance quality, timeliness and use of evaluations

Independent Evaluation Office, UNFPA (2024)

The IEO of UNFPA has recently brought out a set of four evaluation Resources. These are

- Evaluation Handbook, 2024 Edition
- Guidance on humanitarian evaluations
- Guidance on evaluation quality assurance and assessment
- Costed evaluation plan: Guidance and template

These can be accessed at <https://www.unfpa.org/admin-resource/>
(reference to these resources was provided by Asela Kalugampitiya)

Leveraging Imagery Data in Evaluations Applications of Remote-Sensing and Streetscape Imagery Analysis

Independent Evaluation Group World Bank (Virginia Zulu) (2024)

This paper explores the potential of imagery data in evaluations and presents various data types and methodologies demonstrating their advantages and limitations. The paper may be accessed at [Leveraging Imagery Data in Evaluations \(worldbankgroup.org\)](https://www.worldbankgroup.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth in Evaluation Week 2024

Eval4Action

8 – 12 July 2024

The event marks the collaboration of evaluation partners and stakeholders on 52 events worldwide during the second Youth in Evaluation Week. For details visit <https://www.eval4action.org/>

ECOI and Lady Irwin College- Delhi

09 July 2024

As a part of the Youth in Evaluation Week, ECOI and Lady Irwin College, Delhi, will organize a discussion on “Transforming Evaluation Eco-system: Mapping Youth Engagement Practices of Governments & Academia”

Training of Trainers Workshop

SAMBODHI Research & Communications- New Delhi

24-26 July 2024

Sambodhi Research and Communications is organizing a 3-day workshop on Training of Trainers for M&E trainers under their Evaluation to build a pool of M&E trainers equipping them with necessary knowledge, skills and resources.

**Facilitating Gender
Transformative Evaluations**

ISST

25 July to 06 October 2024

This online course is open to early to mid-career gender and/or evaluation professionals (with about 5 years of experience) from India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. Applications may be made at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mBSzpU6Bv2Qvg6F1_R3RR2_RxHQmxOu_SuoEX7krHRs/viewform?edit_requested=true

IPDET 2024

The IPDET 2024 On-Site program will take place from July 15 to 26 at the University of Bern, Switzerland. The on-line workshop on Indicator Development will take place during 9 – 13 September 2024

The Workshop 2024- Southern Voices for Global Development 2024

Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok

30 September – 04 October 2024

The Workshop is an international commune on participatory development, envisioned as a forum for collaboration, knowledge-sharing and fostering meaningful connections. The event offers the module on *Participatory Methods and Approaches*. Registration for the event may be done through the link <https://forms.office.com/EFx2w6zf89>

European Evaluation Society (EES) 15th Bi-annual Conference 2024
Rimini, Italy
September 23 – 27, 2024

The Conference's theme is Better Together: Collaborative thought and action for better evaluation. The main Conference (September 25 – 27) will be preceded by professional development workshops on September 23 and 24, 2024. The Conference will explore how collaboration can lead to more effective, transformative evaluation and social change. More details at General information – EES 2024 (ees-conference2024.com)

Annual Conference of American Evaluation Association (AEA) 2024
Portland, Oregon
October 21 -26, 2024

The theme of this year's AEA Conference is Amplifying and Empowering Voices in Evaluation. The Conference aims to encourage evaluators at all stages in their careers to bring forth new ideas, practices, and creative approaches to evaluation.

For details visit Conference Theme (eval.org).

Australian Evaluation Society (AES) International Evaluation Conference, 2024
Melbourne, Naarm, Australia

AES's 2024 Conference (aes24) is on the theme of Wayfinding. AES-24 will reflect on evaluation across four areas, viz., contribution of evaluation to societal and planetary health; considerations of equity, decolonization and the environment; evaluation tools, their role, benefits and risks; and, how evaluators learn and adapt in complex settings, and determine what skills, knowledge, and expertise they need today and in the future. For details, visit Home - conference2024.aes.asn.au

Academic Symposium on M&E Education
Future of evaluation: Role of academic education in monitoring and evaluation Center for Evaluation, University of Jayewardenepura, Colombo, Sri Lanka
02 – 04, December 2024

The Center for Evaluation is going to organize the above Academic Symposium in collaboration with Asia Pacific Evaluation Association and The Consortium of Institutions on M&E Education in Asia pacific. For further details, contact Champu Nilawewa, Coordinator, e-mail: cfe@sjp.ac.lk; mobile: +94715764651

MEMBERSHIP

All professional evaluators, scholars and practitioners, development officials, young professionals, project managers and implementers, civil society, academicians and students interested in the field of development and evaluations are welcome to join. The membership is open to individuals as well as groups/ organizations. For details, please go to our website www.ecoionline.com

Members of ECOI can become members of EvalYouth India, subject to satisfying the criteria of age (being less than 35 years) OR evaluation experience (less than 5 years), they are eligible to participate/ lead in any of its activities. To join, please fill up the form at <http://bit.ly/joineyindia>

Membership Fee			
Period	Indian Nationals (INR)		Foreigners (US\$)
	Regular	Student	
Annual	500	250	20
3 Years	1200		50
5 Years	2000	1000	100



GLIMPSES OF EVALFEST 2024



Glimpses of Satellite Sessions held at Lady Irwin College during EvalFest 2024, 19-20 February 2024



Inauguration Ceremony, 21 February 2024



Innovation Bazar,
23 February 2023



Street play by Aakar Street Play Society, Lady Irwin College, 23 February 2024



Closing Ceremony, 23 February 2024

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