



EvalFest 2018: *Visibility, Voice, and Value*

7- 9 February, 2018, New Delhi, India

Programme schedule

7 February				
Time	Session	Session details	Speakers/facilitators	Location
9:00-9:30	Registration			
9:30-13:00	Ethical standards in social research and evaluation: Indian and international perspective and practices	The basic demand of ethical norms is to respect human dignity and privacy; take special precautions with vulnerable population; and make efforts to ensure utilisation of evaluation findings. Two core aspects to be covered: How best can we sensitise, facilitate and help each other towards improving and ensuring practicing of ethical standards in social research and evaluation. Way forward towards developing policy guidelines on ethics in social research and evaluation in India and institutionalizing the operation of the ethical framework.	Chair: P. N. Vasanti, director, CMS Panellists: Beryl Leach, director and head, policy, advocacy & communication, 3ie; and Sushanta K. Banerjee, senior director, Research and Evaluation, Ipas Development Foundation.	CMS office
15:00-17:00	Reaching out to the right voice in the age of Big Data	Discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional methods of data collection Vs Usage of Big data for Research and Evaluation; Limitations/Challenges of Big data for the rights based organization and within gender framework; and Big data and Ethics. 	Panellists: Burak Eskici, post-doctoral Fellow, Harvard University; Diva Dhar, programme officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and Kultar Singh, Founder and CEO, Sambodhi Group	Oxfam office
8 February				
09:00-09:30	Registrations			
9.30-11.00	Opening ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and opening remarks by ECOI Release of the compendium by the guest of honour Prof Vijay Paul Sharma, chairperson, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India Special remarks by Emmanuel Jimenez, executive director, 3ie Inaugural address by Prof. V.P. Sharma, chairperson, CACP Key note address by Marco Segone, director, Evaluation Office, UNFPA & Joseph Barnes, senior partner, ImpactReady 		Silver Oak, IHC
11.00 - 11.30	Break			
11.30-13.00	High-quality evaluation: the importance of stakeholder engagement	Evaluators and systematic reviewers are increasingly aware of the importance of early and ongoing stakeholder engagement to quality and useful evidence production. Effective engagement is well planned and starts with having a range of key actors help identify priority questions and contribute to study design. This increased involvement supports better	Facilitators: Beryl Leach, director and head, policy, advocacy and communication, 3ie and Rituu B Nanda, facilitator, online community of practice on gender and evaluation, Institute of Social Studies Trust.	Silver Oak, IHC

		<p>understanding and ownership during implementation. Engaged stakeholders contribute to and benefit from ongoing interactions about data, findings and evidence use. This session will be a conversation about a range of experiences in promoting engagement and lesson sharing about what has worked or not and explore why.</p>	<p>Panellists: Harini Kannan, senior research manager, J-PAL South Asia; Sudha Narayanan, associate professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Sudipta Mondal, director, Monitoring and Evaluation, Project Concern International</p>	
11:30-13:00	Round table: new frontiers for evaluation in the context of SDGs	<p>The panel would focus upon the new approaches and methodologies in generating evidence for informed decision making and learning to advance sustainable development. The SDGs are the most significant global effort so far to advance global sustainable development Agenda 2030. Evaluation has been identified as one of the tools to understand and report on progress toward these goals. The panel would also touch upon the efforts of the Indian government in this direction at central as well as at state level and capacities and capabilities needed for evaluation keeping in focus the new frontiers that have got opened up due to SDGs</p>	<p>Chair: K. V. Eapen, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances</p> <p>Panelists: Pravin Srivastava, additional director general, Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Sanjay Kumar, national programme officer, UNFPA - India; Suraj Kumar, governance expert and Adviser, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences; and Vanasri Vipin Singh, chief evaluation officer, Karnataka Evaluation Authority</p>	Silver Oak, IHC
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch			
14:00 – 15.00	Deconstructing innovations in evaluation	<p>The word innovation has been a buzz word in development speak for a long time. In this session, we invite our eminent speakers to deconstruct the word and talk about what it means for evaluation thinking. They will address a few important questions: How have we been innovating in terms of commissioning, designing, implementing and using evaluations? What does it take to be innovative? How can we encourage more innovative thinking in evaluations? The speakers will draw on examples from their work to address these questions.</p>	<p>Chair: Neeta Goel, senior evaluation specialist, 3ie</p> <p>Speakers: Howard White, CEO, Campbell Collaboration; Emmanuel Jimenez, executive director, 3ie; and Shobhini Mukherji, executive director, J-PAL South Asia</p>	Silver Oak, IHC
14.00 – 15.30	Interactive roundtable session on capacity building in evaluation		<p>Chair: Ziad Moussa, former president, International Organisation for Cooperation in Evaluation</p> <p>Panellists: Ali Popalzai, Afghan Evaluation Society; Adinda van Hemelrijck, independent evaluation consultant; Ganapati Ojha, chairperson, Community of Evaluation; Sonal Zaveri, vice chair, Community of Evaluation; and Gordon Wanzare, Evaluation Society of Kenya</p>	Maple, IHC
15.00 – 15.30	Break			

15:30 – 17:00	Innovation Bazaar	‘Innovation Bazaar’ is a platform where individuals or organisations can present their innovative ideas around evaluation. Each participant can present their innovative ideas at their respective ‘bazaar stalls’. Presentations can use innovative mediums to present their work using story-telling, slideshows, posters etc. Presenters will need to bring their own laptops, projectors, charts, etc. to showcase their innovations.	Denny John, evidence synthesis specialist, Campbell Collaboration) and Rituu B Nanda, ISST/Constellation.	Silver Oak, IHC
15.30 – 17:00 (parallel session)	Role of media in evidence based policy planning	Polymaking is a political process, affected by various social and economic factors. Media is a significant contributor to the process of government policy-making both through collecting and presenting evidences on one hand and providing a forum for debate on public issues on the other. Through the media, citizens learn how government policies will affect them, and governments gain feedback on their policies and programs. The media acts as the primary conduit between those who want to influence policy and policymakers controlling the scope of political discourse and regulating the flow of information. The panel is a group of media personalities sharing their stories and ideas through an interactive session with the participants.	Chair: Parvinder Singh, associate director, learning & communication, Cashless Catalyst Panellists: Arun Tiwari, senior Journalist; Lalima Dang, All India Radio; Prashant Nanda, senior journalist, MINT; and Shilpa Pandit, senior journalist.	Maple, IHC
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9:30-9.45	First day recap video			Silver Oak, IHC
9:35-11:00	SDGs and evaluation	The basic challenge in evaluation in relation to SDGs relates to development of measurable indicators that address the enormous sweep of the goals and such cross-cutting issues like equity and complex aspects like sustainability and environment. Inadequacies in the national data collection systems further complicate matters and dent abilities to monitor and evaluate. Due to diversity in information systems across the globe no one model fits in. The session would address these as well as discuss the status of monitoring at sub-national levels (e.g. sectoral level and state level).	Chair: Vinod Paul, Member NITI Aayog Panellists: Amitabh Panda, additional director general, National Strategic Statistical Plan, Kolkata; Sanjiv Kumar, director, IIHMR, Delhi; Sachin Chaturvedi, director general, RIS, New Delhi; and Sanyukta Samaddar, Officer on Special Duty, NITI Aayog.	Silver Oak I & II, IHC
11:00-11:30	Break			
11:30-13:00	Equity and inclusion: no one left behind	This session involves a skit on gender and evaluation by IIHMR students followed by a panel on gender issues in evaluation. Gender issues in development not only relate to ensuring access to opportunities and resources to women but also call for a change in stereotypic mind-sets and behaviours towards women and other vulnerable groups. How this change can be brought about in the society and how such changes could be evaluated are some of the major questions. Are our policy documents gender responsive? Do policies and programmes address gender issues adequately? Do we have capacities to evaluate with EFGR (Equity	Chair: Marco Segone, director, evaluation office, UNFPA Panelists: Madri Jansen van Rensburg, independent research professional, South Africa; Ratna Jena, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India; Yamini Atmavilas, India lead, gender equality, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Savina	Silver Oak I

11:30-13:00	Data, evaluation, communication and transformation	<p>focussed Gender Responsive) focus? How to achieve social and economic empowerment for women and other vulnerable groups?</p> <p>Data gives a picture of what is happening; but bad data or inadequate data might call the entire system into question. On the other hand, communication is essential in all facets of development work. The panel on one hand would highlight the issues related to high quality data collection and challenges to include voice of the most marginalised people as stakeholders of development. At the same time the panel raises the important issues of communicating the data driven evaluation findings in decision making. The session would focus upon as to how good data and communication of findings appropriately lead to transformation of the society.</p>	<p>Ammassari, senior strategic information adviser, UNAIDS India.</p> <p>Chair: Anil Shrivastava, DG DME0, Niti Aayog</p> <p>Panelists: Harkiran K. Sanjeevi, DDG DME0, NITI Aayog; Joseph Barnes, senior partner, Impact Ready; Maulik Chauhan, associate director, Survey CTO; and Leena Sushant, Breakthrough</p>	Silver Oak II
13:00-14:00	Lunch			
14:00-15:30	Role of academicians in development of evaluation culture	<p>Academic institutions are regarded as key stakeholder in processes of social change and development. The most explicit role they have been allocated is the production of highly skilled labour and research output to meet perceived socio-economic needs. The role of educational and research institutions is evolving in context of developmental planning and its execution. Education needs to be linked with social change and governmental priorities of development. They have to be the active stakeholders in the process of development and its impact on the communities and therefore needs to be aware of importance of monitoring and evaluation of development. It is important to understand the perception of students about development and its impact.</p>	<p>Chair: A.K Shiva Kumar, senior development and policy specialist</p> <p>Panelists: Arup Mitra, DG, NILERD; Rama Rao, Ex-director, NAARM, ICAR Emeritus Scientist, PJTSAU, Hyderabad; Santosh Singh, Ambedkar University, Delhi; and Dr. Garima Bansal, Delhi University</p>	Silver Oak I
14:00-15:30	Gender transformative evaluations: methods and approach	<p>Gender transformative evaluation, an approach to evaluation that exposes and critically assesses gender and other sources of inequalities, is a new and emerging field in India. Over last several years, responding to the increased attention given to evaluation in policy circles, there has been a concerted effort by social science researchers, evaluators and other development agencies to build the field gender transformative evaluation. This panel would highlight some methodological innovations in evaluations with gender and equity lens.</p>	<p>Chair: Ratna M. Sudarshan, ISST</p> <p>Panelists: Anukriti Dixit, IIM Ahmedabad; Prerna Mukharya and Sayak Khatua, Outline India; Manika Bora, NEUPA; and Niti Saxena, Sahgal Foundation</p>	Silver Oak II
15:30-16:00	Break			
16:00-16:30	Poster exhibition		Silver Oak courtyard	

16:30-
18:00

**Closing
ceremony**

Briefing of the event, vote of thanks

Chair: T. Haque, chairman, special cell on land policy, NITI Aayog

Panellists: P.K. Anand, RIS; A.K. Shiva Kumar, senior development and policy specialist; Moutushi Sengupta, country director, MacArthur Foundation; Mr. [Ziad Moussa](#), former president, IOCE; and Mallika Samaranayake, former president, COE-SA

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