



Community of Evaluators South Asia



Summit for the future of evaluation

# Future-Ready Evaluation: Integrating Voices and Localizing Evaluation for Global Impact

27 – 30 May, 2025 | Courtyard by Marriott Colombo, Sri Lanka

# PROGRAMME SUMMARY



# PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

27 May  
2025



09:00 – 17:00

Skills Development Workshops

18:00 – 19:30

Joint Inauguration of the **Evaluation Conclave 2025** and the **Summit for the Future of Evaluation**

28 May  
2025



09:00 – 10:30

Keynote Plenary

11:00 – 12:30

Parallel panel presentations

13:30 – 15:00

Parallel panel presentations

15:30 – 17:00

Parallel panel presentations

17:15 – 18:45

Side events

29 May  
2025



09:00 – 10:30

Parallel panel presentations

11:00 – 12:30

Parallel panel presentations

14:00 – 17:30

**Summit for the Future of Evaluation (Plenary Sessions)**

30 May  
2025



09:00 – 12:00

**Summit for the Future of Evaluation (Plenary Sessions)**

12:10 – 13:30

Joint Closing of the **Evaluation Conclave 2025** and the **Summit for the Future of Evaluation**

**TUESDAY | 27 MAY 2025**

## **PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS**

**09:00 – 17:00 | Full-day workshop**

**WS#01**

### **Evaluation of the Transformative Power of Evaluation for a Fair and Sustainable World**

- Adinda Van Hemelrijck, Andre Ling and Aydin Shahidi [Collaborative Impact, Belgium]

**09:00 – 12:30 | Half-day workshops**

**WS#02**

### **Leveraging ICT Tools for High Quality Data Collection**

- Maulik Chauhan [Trestle Research and Consulting Pvt Ltd]

**WS#03**

### **Youth Participatory Evaluation**

- Gabriela Rentería Flores and Rai Sengupta [Independent Evaluators from Mexico and India]

**WS#04**

### **Evaluating for Equity: Strengthening Gender and Intersectionality**

- Sonal Zaveri and Ranjani K. Murthy [Independent Evaluators from India]

**WS#05**

### **Evidence Gap Mapping**

- Suchi Malhotra [Campbell South Asia]

**13:30 – 17:00 | Half-day workshops**

**WS#07**

### **From pilot to Scale up: Opportunities and Challenges of Evaluating AI System**

- Gates Foundation, India Office

**WS#08**

### **How to Develop Organizational M&E System**

- Prof. Reinhard Stockman [The CEval at Saarland University, Germany]

**WS#09**

### **Value for Money Assessment in M&E**

- Arpita Chakraborty and Priya Rampal [Oxford Policy Management, India]

**WS#10**

### **Integrating Disability Justice Lens to Gender Responsive M&E Assessment and Learning**

- Ayushmita Samal and Aarti Batra [Mission Accessibility, India]

**WS#11**

**Evaluative Thinking Approach for Evidence Based and Human Rights Focused Governance**

- Farhod Khamidov and Tetyana Nikitina [Independent Evaluators from Tajikstan and Ukraine]

**TUESDAY | 27 MAY 2025 | 18:00 – 19:30**

**Joint Inauguration of the Evaluation Conclave 2025 and the Summit for the Future of Evaluation**

(Hybrid Session)


- **With the participation of Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Hon. Prime Minister of Sri Lanka**

*(A detailed agenda of the inauguration will be shared soon)*



**WEDNESDAY | 28 MAY 2025**

## **KEYNOTE PLENARY**

 **09:00 – 10:30**


**Addressing Contemporary and Emerging Global Challenges through Evaluation**

**Speakers:**

- Michael Quinn Patton [Independent Organizational Development and Program Evaluation Consultant, and Former President, American Evaluation Association]

*(Other speakers to be announced shortly)*

## **PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

 **11:00 – 12:30**

**Subtheme : The Future of Evaluation – Technology and Innovation**

**Panel Presentation: Integrating Artificial Intelligence in Evaluation: Ethical and Practical Perspectives (PP#01)**

Hosted by Gates Foundation

**Subtheme: Youth in Evaluation – Leadership and Advocacy**

**Panel Presentation: APEA's Collaborative Journey with the YEEs in Asia and the Pacific (PP#02)**

Hosted by Asia Pacific Evaluation Association

**Panelists:**

- Yoko Ishida [President, Asia Pacific Evaluation Association]
- Jigme Sonam [Board Member, Asia Pacific Evaluation Association]
- Ana Erika Lareza [Chair, EvalYouth Global and Co-Founder, EvalYouth Asia]
- Amil Epa [Board Member, Asia Pacific Evaluation Association]



11:00 – 12:30

### Subtheme: Equitable & Inclusive Evaluation for Development

**Multi-paper Session: Advancing Equity and Inclusion: Evidence-Based Approaches for Development Evaluation (MPS#01)**

**Speakers:**

- Manmeet Kaur, Nilay Sagar and Sandeep Ghosh - "Towards Equitable CSR: Bridging Regional Development Disparities Through Evidence-Based Assessment of CSR Fund Allocation in Rural India" -
- Umi Hanik - "Centering Indigenous Rights in Agrarian Evaluations in Indonesia: Integrating Gender, Human Rights, and Equity"
- Aastha Dang - "Study of women collectives in the handicraft sector in Rajasthan using equitable, inclusive and intersectional methods for evaluation"
- Ahmed Ali Khattak - "Delivering Welfare at Scale- Lessons from Ehsaas Programme"

### Subtheme: Addressing Global Challenges through Evaluation

**Panel Presentation: Access to Climate Finance: An Impossible Puzzle (PP#03)**

Hosted by Independent Evaluation Office – Global Climate Fund

**Panelists:**

- Prashanth Kotturi [Principal Evaluation Officer, Independent Evaluation Unit, Green Climate Fund]
- Archi Rastogi [Chief Evaluation Advisor, Independent Evaluation Unit, Green Climate Fund]
- Shahid Parwez [Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, GCF's Department of Asia and the Pacific]

### Subtheme: Diverse Voices and Contextual Relevance in Evaluation

**Roundtable Discussion: Localized Evaluation for Transformative Action: Embracing Pluralism for Sustainability and Resilience (RT#01)**

Hosted by Collaborative Impact, Belgium

**Speakers:**

- Adinda Van Hemelrijck [Collaborative Impact, Evaluation Consultant]
- Phuntsho Choden [Independent Consultant]
- Aydin Shahidi [Collaborative Impact, MEL Consultant]
- Nicola Giordano [Collaborative Impact, MEL Consultant]



**11:00 – 12:30**

### **Subtheme: Building Evaluation Capacity – Education and Training**

#### **Panel Presentation: Building Evaluation Systems and Capacities to Leverage Context – A Way Forward (PP#04)**

Hosted by Indian School of Development Management (ISDM) in collaboration with Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM)

#### **Panelists:**

- Basavaraju R Shreshta [Executive Director, GRAAM]
- Khilesh Chaturvedi [Independent Evaluator and Faculty Member, ISDM]
- Reinhard Stockmann [Director, Center for Evaluation (CEval), Saarland University]



**13:30 – 15:00**

### **Subtheme: Global and Regional Collaboration for Evaluation Impact**

#### **Advancing Regional and Global Evaluation Impact through Inclusive Practices (PP#05)**

#### **Panelists:**

- Henrique Pissaia [Senior Professional, IEO-NDB]
- Ada Ocampo [President, IDEAS]
- Iwona Safi [Founder and Board Member, LebEval]

### **Subtheme: Diverse Voices and Contextual Relevance in Evaluation**

#### **Panel Presentation: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge into Transportation Planning: Insights from Sri Lanka's Eastern Coastal Veddas (PP#06)**

Hosted by EvalYouth Sri Lanka

#### **Panelists:**

- Abdul Hameed Sabeen Sharic [Senior Lecturer, Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka]
- Christine Prasadini Dissanayake [Program coordinator, Promoting Positive Information in Sri Lanka (PRO INFO)]
- Kasun Deshappriya Ramanayake [MEAL professional, Co-leader, EvalYouth Sri Lanka]
- Dangallage Punya Lakmini [Development Professional and Member, EvalYouth, Sri Lanka]



13:30 – 15:00

### Subtheme: Addressing Global Challenges Through Evaluation

#### Roundtable Discussion: The Evidence Equation: Research, Evaluation, and Policy for Real-World Impact (RT#02)

Hosted by: Campbell South Asia

#### Discussants:

- Swati Mantri [Lead Evidence Synthesis Specialist, Campbell South Asia]
- Bhumika TV [Director-General, Campbell South Asia]
- Ashima Mohan [Director of Strategic Communication and Policy Advocacy, Campbell South Asia]

### Subtheme: Equitable and Inclusive Evaluation for Development

#### Panel Presentation: Equitable and Inclusive Evaluation for Development – A Discussion on Gender-Transformative Approaches in Policy and Program Evaluation (PP#07)

Hosted by: Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality (IWWAGE)

#### Panelists:

- Moumita Sarkar [Co-Lead of the SWAYAM program, IWWAGE]
- Surabhi Awasthi [Research Manager, IWWAGE]
- Madhu Khetan [Programme Director, PRADAN]
- Shubha Bhattacharya [Gender Equity Specialist, Centre for Catalyzing Change (C3)]

### Subtheme: Equitable & Inclusive Evaluation for Development

#### Multi-paper Session: Measuring Impact for Inclusive Development: Evaluating Gender, Mental Health, and Community Transformation (MPS#02)

#### Speakers:

- Karuna Onta - "Evaluating Mental Health Interventions: Challenges and Opportunities, Nepal Experience"
- Diya Dutta - "Empowering women to transform communities: The impact of Heifer Nepal's Strengthening Smallholder Enterprises of Livestock Value Chain (SLVC) Program on women's empowerment"
- Shipra Prakash - "Beyond Individual Interventions: Measuring Collective Impact in Child Protection Programs"
- Ranjani Krishnamurthy - "Challenges to measuring gender transformative change and intersectional equality"





13:30 – 15:00

### Subtheme: Youth in Evaluation: Leadership and Advocacy

**Panel Presentation: Youth in Evaluation: Setting Standards for Future-Ready Evaluation Practice (PP#08)**

Hosted by: Eval4Action

**Panelists:**

- Marco Segone [Director, UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office]
- Antonina Rishko-Porcescu [Independent consultant for MEL]
- *(Names of additional panelists will be announced soon)*



15:30 – 17:00

### Subtheme: Diverse Voices and Contextual Relevance in Evaluation/Future of Evaluation through Innovation and Technology

**Panel Presentation: Using AI, Social Listening and other Innovative Technologies to Maximize Efficiency and Expansion of Youth Voices in Evaluation Practice: UNICEF South Asia's Experience (PP#09)**

Hosted by UNICEF, Regional Office South Asia (ROSA)

**Moderator:** Esther Kaggwa [Regional Evaluation Advisor, UNICEF ROSA]

**Panelists:**

- Harim Humayun [Consultant, UNICEF, ROSA]
- Kamila Nabiyeva [Research and Evaluation Specialist, Afghanistan Country Office]
- Daniel Alonso [Multi Country Evaluation Specialist, UNICEF ROSA]
- Afrika Mukaneto [Social and Behavior Change Specialist, UNICEF ROSA]

### Subtheme: The Future of Evaluation - Technology and Innovation

**Multi-paper Session: Harnessing Technology & Innovation: The Future of Evaluation in a Digital Era (MPS#03)**

**Speakers:**

- Piyush Kumar - "Mapping the Future: Geospatial Methods in Evaluation for a Changing South Asia"
- Archi Rastogi - "Brief Scoping Study on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Climate Change Evaluations"
- Sankar Dorairaju Rajakumar - "Exploring the Future of Evaluation through Innovation and Technology"
- Sonam Tshering - "The Future of Evaluation in Bhutan: Harnessing Technology for Advanced Data Collection, Management, and Analysis"



15:30 – 17:00

### Subtheme: Addressing Global Challenges through Evaluation

**Multi-paper Session: Leveraging Evaluation for Climate Resilience and Crisis Response: Insights from Agriculture, Economic Recovery, and Conservation (MPS#04)**

**Speakers:**

- Biswaranjan Baraj and Aishwarya Ravi Kumar - "Role of Monitoring and Evaluations to Achieve Climate Resilient Agriculture: Lessons from India"
- Dulmina Chamatkara - "Strengthening Economic Crises Responses through MEAL System Support: Insights from FAO Sri Lanka's Emergency Response Programme"
- Radhika Menon - "Research Impact: Lessons Learned from the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Climate Compatible Growth Programme"
- Sushila Nepali - "Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool for Protected Areas in Nepal and its Management Response and Use"

### Subtheme: Building Evaluation Systems and Capacities to Leverage Context – A Way Forward

**Panel Presentation: Strengthening Evaluation Systems and Capacities: Learnings and the Way Forward (PP#10)**

Hosted by COE-SA and Gates Foundation

**Panelists:**


- Mahima Taneja [Independent Evaluator]
- Soma DeSilva [Former Regional Director, UNICEF ROSA]
- *(Names of additional panelists will be announced soon)*

### Subtheme: Youth in Evaluation - Leadership and Advocacy

**Multi-paper Session: Youth as Changemakers: Leadership, Innovation, and Advocacy in Evaluation (MPS#05)**

**Speakers:**

- Yatin Diwakar - "Youth as Leaders in Evaluation Networks: Experiences from Asia Pacific".
- Md. Samsul Hussain - "Youth-Led Evaluation for Inclusive Development: Digital Innovation in South Asia"
- Juhi Adhikari - "Effective Approaches to Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning of Arts-Based Peacebuilding Project in Nepal - Perception of a Youth Researcher"
- Pranto Paul, Sadia Rahman and Labib Tazone Utshab - "A Path to Inclusive SDG Achievement: Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and Play-Based Learning for Empowering Marginalized Youth and Women in South Asia"

 15:30 – 17:00

### Subtheme: Equitable and Inclusive Evaluation for Development


#### Roundtable Discussion: Putting People First: Evaluating Human-Centered Design in Public Health Systems (RT#03)

Hosted by Sambodhi Research and Communications and Generating Research Insights for Development (GRID)

#### Discussants:

- Archisman Mohapatra [Executive Director, GRID]
- Nivedita Mishra [Senior Manager, Sambodhi Research and Communications]
- Jithin Jose [Senior Manager, Sambodhi Research and Communications]
- Ritika Mukherjee [Deputy Director, GRID]
- Manish Singh Chundawat [Director, GRID]
- Anuradha Katyal [Deputy Vice President, Sambodhi Research and Communications]

## SIDE EVENT

 17:30 – 19:00

*To be announced soon*



**THURSDAY | 29 MAY 2025**



**09:00 – 10:30**

**Subtheme: Diverse Voices and Contextual Relevance in Evaluation**

**Roundtable Discussion: Exploring Feminist Approaches in Evaluating Leadership Initiatives: Innovations and Insights (RT#04)**

Hosted by GenderSphere (Formerly Gender at Work Consulting, GWCL)

**Discussants:**

- Aliya Bhalidar [Member, EMpower's Girls Advisory Council]
- Vandana Mahajan [Co-founding Director, GenderSphere]
- Jayanthi A Pushkaran [Senior Program Officer, Adolescent Girls at Empower]
- Amrita Gupta [Core Team Member, Gender and Equity Network South Asia]
- Anuradha Rajan [Senior Professional and MEL Expert]
- Sonal Zaveri [Founder and Convener, Gender and Equity Network South Asia]

**Subtheme: Building Evaluation Capacity - Education and Training**

**Panel Presentation: A Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Framework to Better Measure, Understand and Communicate the Impact of Community Engagement Work in Health Research (PP#11)**

Hosted by: The Wellcome Trust, UK

**Panelists:**

- Ruwa Mahdi [Participation Officer, Wellcome Trust]
- Giovanna Voltolina [Consultant, Itad's Knowledge Hub]
- *To be announced soon* [Mahidol Oxford Tropical Health Network (MORU)]
- *To be announced soon* [Oxford University Clinical Research Unit (OUCRU)]

**Subtheme: Addressing Global Challenges through Evaluation**

**Panel Presentation: "Systems Thinking" for Evaluators (PP#12)**

Hosted by Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation

**Panelists:**

- Saloni Atal [Program Manager, Artha Global]
- Ramanshu Ganguly [Director, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation]
- Kadambari Anantram [Director of Climate and Livelihoods, Athena Infonomics]



09:00 – 10:30

### Subtheme: Global and Regional Collaboration for Evaluation Impact

**Multi-paper Session: Strengthening Evaluation through Global and Regional Collaboration: Lessons from Climate Resilience, Financial Literacy, and Governance (MPS#6)**

**Speakers:**

- Prasanth Kotturi - "Enhancing Adaptive Capacities of Coastal Communities, Especially Women, to Cope with Climate Change Induced Salinity in Bangladesh"
- Anvesha Khandelwa Punjani - "Evaluation of Small Business and Financial Literacy Training in Rural Hilly Regions of Nepal"
- Kadjo Samuel Alain - "Evaluation Practice in Local Authorities in Côte d'Ivoire: Issues and Perspective"
- Dea Tsartsidze - "Quality Assurance Frameworks for Strengthening National Evaluation Systems: Lessons from Georgia for Global Impact"

### Subtheme: Equitable and Inclusive Evaluation for Development

**Panel Presentation: The Promise of People Power: Sketching Equity-Centred Evaluation for Collective Action (PP#13)**

Hosted by: Purpose

**Panelists:**

- Anusha Chandrasekharan [Lead, Programmes, Praxis Institute for Participatory Practices]
- Srilakshmi [Founding Director of Auom Impact and Consulting, a division of Insomanywords Private Limited, India]
- Pooja Haldea [Senior Advisor, Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University]
- Harpreet Bhullar [Associate Director - Impact Measurement & Learning, Purpose]



11:00 – 12:30

### Subtheme: Building Evaluation Systems and Capacities - Education and Training

**Multi-paper Session: Strengthening Evaluation Capacity: Competencies, Professional Development, and Inclusive Practices (MPS#07)**

**Speakers:**

- Shikha Rana, Ramanshu Ganguly and Rishabh Bhattacharya - "Evolving evaluation competencies to adopt to transformative interventions"
- Sonam Tshering - "Evaluating the impact of a professional development programme for the local government leaders in Bhutan : A mixed-Method approach"
- Shuvo Roy and Delwar Hossen - "Empowering Youth and Advancing M&E Capacity: Insights from Academic and Professional Training in Bangladesh"
- Awuor PONGE, "From Marginalization to Empowerment: Reimagining Evaluation Practices with the Indigenous Ogiek Community of Kenyas"



11:00 – 12:30

### Subtheme: Youth in Evaluation - Leadership and Advocacy

#### Panel Presentation: Youth at the Center: Advancing Rights and Results through Meaningful Participation in Evaluations (PP#14)

Hosted by Universalia

- Meaghan Carly Shevell [Evaluation Consultant, Universalia]
- Jane Mwangi [Regional Evaluation Advisor, UNICEF EAPRO]
- Ticiana Garcia-Tapia [Regional Adolescent Development Specialist, UNICEF EAPRO]
- Andi Reza Zulkarnain [Member, UNICEF Indonesia and the UNICEF EAPRO's Young People's Action Team]

### Subtheme: Equitable and Inclusive Evaluation for Development

#### Roundtable Discussion: Bridging Gaps: Advancing Women's Empowerment through Equitable and Inclusive Evaluation for Development (RT#05)

Hosted by International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)

#### Discussants:

- Rohan Shah [Senior Evaluation Specialist, 3ie]
- Divya Pandey [Senior Evaluation Specialist, 3ie]
- Alkesh Sharma [Former Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India]
- *To be announced shortly* [Ministry of Rural Development, India]

### Subtheme: Addressing Global Challenges through Evaluation

#### Panel Presentation: Emerging Gaps in South Asia for Integrating Gender in Evaluation (PP#15)

Hosted by Institute of Social Studies Trust, (ISST) India

#### Speakers:

- Karuna Onta [Consultant, Government of Nepal]
- Jahnvi Andharia [Director, ISST]
- Thilini De Alwis [Independent Consultant, Sri Lanka]
- Alpaxee Kashyap [Consultant, ISST]



11:00 – 12:30

### Subtheme: Diverse Voices and Contextual Relevance in Evaluation

**Multi-paper Session: Integrating Diverse Voices: Contextualizing Evaluation for Social Transformation and Inclusivity (MPS#09)**

**Speakers:**

- Sonal Zaveri - "Challenging Assumptions: Evaluating Social Norms with Feminist and Localized Lenses"
- Vaqar Ahmed, Fayyaz Mohammad and Bushra Siddiqui, (Oxford Policy Management) - "Evaluating social transformation enabled by mainstreaming rights of the religious minorities in South Asia: The case of Pakistan"
- Anna Augustyn - "Evaluating interactivity in stakeholder platforms"
- Rakib Hossain, Khan Mehdi Hassan and Abdulla Al Mamun - "Community Led Real-Time Evaluation (CLRE) Approach: Transforming Evaluation Paradigms for Advancing Sustainability, Equity, and Inclusivity"



# SUMMIT FOR THE FUTURE OF EVALUATION

All sessions will be streamed live.



29 May 2025 | Thursday | 14:00 – 14:45

## Session 1: The significance of the United Nations Pact for the Future for the Future of Evaluation

Hybrid Session

### Moderator:

Khalil Bitar [President, International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation]

### Opening Remarks:

Natalia Kanem [Executive Director, UNFPA] (virtual)

Felipe Paullier [Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs, United Nations] (virtual)

### Talk show:

- Marco Segone [Director, UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office]
- Ana Erika Lareza [Chair, EvalYouth Global Network]
- Kabir Hashim [Chair, Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation]
- Rajib Nandi [Chairperson, Community of Evaluators –South Asia]



29 May 2025 | Thursday | 14:45 – 15:30

## Session 2: 2025 Youth in Evaluation Champions Awards

Hybrid Session

Session organized and led by EvalYouth Global Network

### Moderator:

EvalYouth Executive Committee









