





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



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



Parallel panel presentations



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]





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 Pacifc]

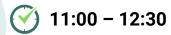
Subtheme: Diverse Voices and Contextual Relevance in Evaluation

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

Hosted by Collaborative Impact, Belgium

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





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]





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)

- 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"





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:

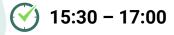
- Harim Humayun [Consultant, UNICEF, ROSA]
- Kamila Nabiyeva [Research and Evaluation Specialist, Afghanistan Country Office]
- Daniel Alonso [Multi Country Evaluation Specialist, UNICEF ROSA]
- Afrika Mukaneto [Social and Behavior Change Specialist, UNICEF ROSA]

Subtheme: The Future of Evaluation - Technology and Innovation

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

- 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"





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:

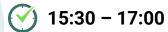
- Mahima Taneja [Independent Evaluator]
- Soma DeSilva [Former Regional Director, UNICEF ROSA]
- (Names of additional panelists will be announced soon)

Subtheme: Youth in Evaluation - Leadership and Advocacy

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

- 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"





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 Bhaldar [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 Nentwork South Asia]
- · Anuradha Rajan [Senor 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]





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]



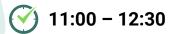
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Subtheme: Building Evaluation Systems and Capacities - Education and Training

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

- 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"





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

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

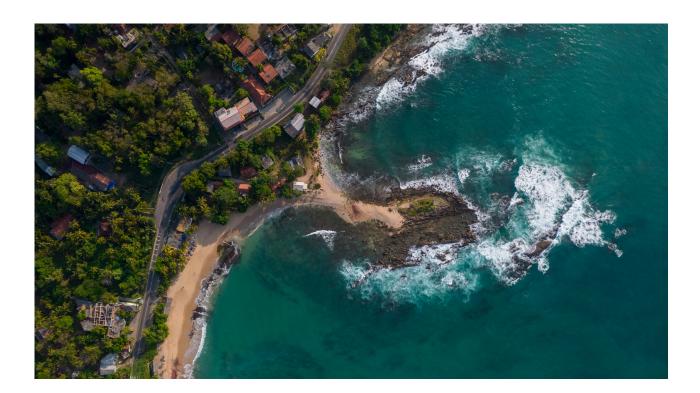




Subtheme: Diverse Voices and Contextual Relevance in Evaluation

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

- 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



29 May 2025 | Thursday | 16:00 - 17:30

Session 3: Roundtable: Shaping the Future of Evaluation with AI and Youth

Moderator and Lead Presentation:

Neha Karkara [Team Lead, Communications, Knowledge Management and AI, UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office; Co-convenor UNEG Working Group on AI]

Experts & co-faciliators:

- · Arshee Rizvi [Co-leader, EvalYouth India]
- Zach Tilton [Tech-enabled Evaluation Specialist, MerlTech, USA]



30 May 2025 | Friday | 09:00 - 09:45

Session 4: From YEEs to international leaders: Youth in Evaluation Stars

Hybrid Session

Chair:

Marco Segone [Director, UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office]

Speakers:

Names of speakers will be announced at the session



30 May 2025 | Friday | 09:45 - 10:30

Session 5: The future of EvalYouth and Eval4Action: From EvalYouth+10 and Eval4Action+5 to EvalYouth+20 and Eval4Action+15

Hybrid Session

Moderator:

Gabriela Renteria Flores [Former Chair, EvalYouth Global Network]

- · EvalYouth regional and global representatives
- Eval4Action campaign partners across stakeholder groups





30 May 2025 | Friday | 11:00 - 12:00

Session 6: Multi-stakeholder and Intergenerational Partnership to Shape the Future of Evaluation

Moderator:

Asela Kalugampitiya [National Evaluation Capacity Development Specialist, UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office]

Speakers:

- Nino Chckheli [Management Group Member, EvalYouth]
- Ada Ocampo [President, International Development Evaluation Association]
- Natalia Nikitenko [Member, Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation]
- Kai Brand-Jacobsen [Senior Advisor, Independent Evaluation Department, Norwegian Development Cooperation]
- · Ruchi Kaushik [Lady Irwin College, India]



30 May 2025 | Friday | 12:00 - 13:30

Joint closing of the Evaluation Conclave and Summit for the Future of Evaluation











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