



EvalFest 2018

Visibility, Voice and Value

7- 9 February, 2018, New Delhi, India



[Formal Inauguration of EvalFest 2018 on 8th February, 2018 at 9.30 a.m. at Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi]

Draft Programme

7th February, 2018 (Satellite Programmes)

Time	Session details	Venue
9.30- 9.45	Registration	
9.50 -1.00	<p>Ethical Standards in Social Research and Evaluation: Indian and International Perspective and Practices</p> <p>The basic demand of ethical norms is to respect human dignity and privacy; take special precautions with vulnerable population; and make efforts to ensure utilization of evaluation findings.</p> <p>Two core aspects to be covered:(1)How best can we sensitize, facilitate and help each other towards improving and ensuring practicing of ethical standards in social research and evaluation.(2) Way forward towards developing policy guidelines on ethics in social research and evaluation in India and institutionalizing the operation of the ethical framework.</p> <p>Chair :Ms. P. N. Vasanti, Director General, CMS</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Sushanta K. Banerjee, Sr. Director (Research & Evaluation), Ipas Development Foundation& Board Member, CMS-IRB• Ms. Beryl Leach Director and Head (Policy, Advocacy & Communication), 3ie <p>(Session organised by CMS)</p>	Centre for Media Studies (CMS) Research House, 34 B Community Centre Saket, (Behind PVR Anupam/Canara Bank), New Delhi
1.00-2.00	Lunch and ECOI General Body Meeting	CMS, Saket, New Delhi

3.00-5.00	<p>Reaching out to the right voice in the age of Big Data</p> <p>The Consultation would discuss:</p> <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 • Big data and Ethics <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burak Eskici , J-Pal , Post Doc Fellow-Harvard University • Diva Dhar, Program Officer (Measurement, Learning and Evaluation), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation • Kultar Singh , Founder and CEO , Sambodhi Group (TBC) • Big Data Expert from Consulting firm, (TBC) <p>(Session organized by Oxfam India)</p>	<p>Oxfam India Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra, 4th and 5th Floor 1, Copernicus Marg New Delhi 110001.</p>
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8th February, 2018 (India Habitat Centre)

Time	Session details	Venue
9.00 – 9.30	Registrations	Silver Oak I
9.30-11.00	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and opening remarks (ECOI) • Lighting of the Lamp by the dignitaries • Screening of a film on ECOI • Release of the compendium by the guest of honour: Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairperson, CACP, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI • Special remarks by Dr. Emmanuel Jimenez, Executive Director, 3ie • Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest: Prof. V.P. Sharma, Chairperson, CACP • Key note address: Marco Segone, Director, Evaluation Office, UNFPA Joseph Barnes, Senior Partner, ImpactReady • Vote of thanks, (ECOI) 	Silver Oak I & II
11.00-11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-1.00	<p>High-quality evaluation: the importance of stakeholder engagement</p> <p>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 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>Facilitator: Beryl Leach, director and head, policy, advocacy and communication, 3ie with Rituu B Nanda (ISST/Constellation)</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harini Kannan, J-PAL South Asia • Sudha Narayanan, IGIDR • Dr. Sudipta Mondal, Project Concern International 	Silver Oak I & II

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11.30-1.00 Parallel Session	<p>Round Table: New Frontiers for Evaluation in the Context of SDGs</p> <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 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: Dr. A.K Shiva Kumar, Senior Development and Policy Specialist</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anurag Goel, SDG Advisor for the Government of Assam • Pravin Srivastava, Additional Director General, CSO, MOSPI • Vanashri Vipin Singh, Chief Evaluation Officer, Karnataka Evaluation Authority • Sanjay Kumar, National Programme Officer, UNFPA, India • Karandeep Bhagat, Senior Manager, Centre for Social Equity and Inclusion 	Maple
1.00-2.00	Lunch	
2.00-3.00	<p>Deconstructing innovation in evaluations</p> <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>Keynote speakers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmanuel Jimenez, Executive Director, 3ie • Shobhini Mukherji, Executive Director, J-PAL 	Silver Oak I & II
2.00 – 3.30 Parallel Session	<p>Roundtable session on Capacity Building in evaluation</p> <p>Chair: Asela Kalugampitiya, Executive Coordinator, EvalPartners</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ganapati Ojha, Chairperson, COE - SA • Gordon Wanzare, ESK • Adinda Van Hemelrijck, Independent Evaluation Consultant, linked to the Centre for Development Impact (CDI) and IDS • Sonal Zaveri, Vice-Chair, COE - SA • Ali Popalzai, AfES 	Maple
3.00 – 3.30 Tea Break (Silver Oak) / 3.30 – 4.00 Tea Break (Maple)		

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3.30 – 5.00	<p>Innovation Evaluation Bazaar</p> <p>‘Innovation Bazaar’ is where individuals/organisations can present their innovative ideas around evaluation and in exchange can get participants feedback. The bazaar will be in the form of a space with each participant/organization given to present their innovative ideas, and the participants visit the ‘bazaar stall’ to hear from the presenters on the innovations. Presentations can use innovative medium e.g. story-telling, slideshows, posters etc. Presenters will need to bring their own laptops, projectors, charts, etc. for showcasing their innovations.</p> <p>Denny John (Campbell Collaboration) and Rituu B Nanda (ISST/ Constellation)</p>	Silver Oak I& II
3.30 – 5.00 parallel session	<p>Role of media in evidence based policy planning</p> <p>Policymaking 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.</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Parvinder Singh, Associate Director, Learning & Communication, CASHLESS CATALYST</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shilipa Pandit, Social Scientist and M&E Specialist • Prashant Nanda , MINT • Lalima Dang, All India Radio • Arun Tiwari, Sr. Journalist 	Maple

9th February, 2018 (India Habitat Centre)

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9.30-9.35	First-day Recap Video	Silver Oak -I
9.35-11.00	<p>Technical Session:SDGs and Evaluations</p> <p>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). In the light of this, the following sub themes emerge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National preparedness to evaluation SDG progress- National indicators • Practical Complexities in Monitoring SDGs: Sectoral SDG goals and status of monitoring at sub-national level • Evaluating sustainability of Development <p>Chair: Dr. Vinod Paul, Member NITI Aayog</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sanjiv Kumar, Director, IIHMR, Delhi • Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, New Delhi • Ms. Sanyukta Samaddar, OSD, NITI Aayog • Shri Amitabh Panda, Addl. Director General, NSSO, MOSPI, Kolkata 	Silver Oak- I
11.00-11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-1.00	<p>Equity and Inclusion: No One left behind</p> <p>Skit on gender and evaluation by IIHMR students</p> <p>Panel : Gender issues in development not only relate to ensuring access to opportunities and resources to women but also call for a change in stereotypic mindsets 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 focussed Gender Responsive) focus? How to achieve social and economic empowerment for women and other vulnerable groups? The session would highlight the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of EFGR in policy documents • Evaluation from Equity and equality lens • Capacities in Evaluation with EFGR focus and resources <p>Chair: Marco Segone, Director, Evaluation Office, UNFPA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madri Jansen van Rensburg, Independent Research Professional, South Africa • Ratna Jena, Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI • Yamini Atmavilas, India Lead, Gender Equality, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation • Savina Ammassari, Senior Strategic Information Adviser, UNAIDS India • Rasha Omar, Country Representative, IFAD, India 	Silver Oak - I

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11.30-1.00 Parallel Session	<p>Data, Evaluation, Communication, and Transformation</p> <p>Data give the 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 sametime 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>Chair: Dr. P.K. Anand, Senior Consultant, RIS</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Barnes, Senior Partner, Impact Ready • Maulik Chauhan, Associate Director, Survey CTO • Leena Sushant, Breakthrough • Anna Schurmann, Independent Public Health Consultant 	Silver Oak II
1.00-2.00	Lunch	
2.00- 3.30	<p>Technical session: Role of Academicians in Development of Evaluation Culture</p> <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>This panel attempts to highlight both the roles and accountabilities of academic institutions in the orchestration and management of wider social transformations and the ways they might organise and transact wider social processes.</p> <p>Chair: Dr. A.K Shiva Kumar, Senior Development and Policy Specialist</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Arup Mitra, DG, NILERD • Dr. Rama Rao, Ex-Director, NAARM, ICAR Emeritus Scientist, PJTSAU, Hyderabad • Dr. Santosh Singh, Ambedkar University, Delhi • Dr. Garima Bansal, Delhi University • Dr. Suraj Kumar, Governance Expert and Adviser Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences. 	Silver Oak I

Time	Session Details	Venue
2.00- 3.30 Parallel Session	<p>Gender Transformative Evaluations: Methods and Approach</p> <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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anukriti Dixit (IIM Ahmedabad) • Sayak Khatua and Mahima Taneja, Outline India • Manika Bora, NEUPA, • Niti Saxena, Sahgal Foundation • Nistha Satyam, Deputy Country Representative, UNWomen, New Delhi 	Silver Oak II
3.30-4.00	Tea break	
4.00-4.30	Tour to Poster exhibition	Silver Oak
4.30- 6.00	<p>Closing Ceremony : Recapitulation and Way forward</p> <p>Chair: Dr. T. Haque, Chairman, Special Cell on Land Policy, NITI Aayog</p> <p>Briefing of the event: ECOI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. P.K. Anand, RIS • Dr. A.K. Shiva Kumar, Senior Development and Policy Specialist • Ms. Moutushi Sengupta, Country Director, MacArthur Foundation • Ms. Mallika Samaranayake, Former President, COE-SA <p>Vote of thanks: ECOI</p>	Silver Oak I & II

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