

Conference Organizer

Evaluation Community of India (ECOI)

Venue

India Habitat Centre, New Delhi,

Date: 12th -14th February 2020

Participants:

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Overview

EVAL-Fest 2020 was organized by Evaluation Community of India (ECOI) for a three-day event at New-Delhi. This event was organized mainly to promote a culture of evaluation through advocacy, for capacity building by sharing knowledge about best practices, approaches, evaluation methods and innovation that are relevant in the context of global progress towards realization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The theme of the event was **“Evidence Building for Achieving SDGs**. The format of the event includes a mixture of keynote speeches, presentations and panel discussions with plenty of time scheduled for formal and informal networking. The conference brought together the stakeholders in the field of the evaluation, including policy makers and expert consultants facilitating a rounded discussion with multiple viewpoints.

This EVAL-Fest 2020 was an opportunity for those who are under the development evaluation to showcase the role and activities of individual practitioners and enhance the capacities of individuals and organization towards building a better monitoring and learning about evaluation. The ultimate objectives of the conference were to share experience, inspire people and to build network.

The objective of this conference was:

1. To promote demand for evaluations among all stakeholders including community
2. To strengthen robust evaluation practices in diverse disciplines
3. To promote equity-focused and gender responsive evaluation
4. To strengthen voices and community participant in evaluations

5. To promote utilization of evaluations to influence programs and policies

Conference Format

The three-day conference consisted of 17 plenary sessions where each day there were two to three plenary sessions in different halls, with 4-5 speakers per session. Each speaker was given 20 minutes to present, followed by 5-10 minutes for questions.

The conference was structured to foster discussion between participants and speakers around core themes. Each day of the conference also allotted one hour for lunch, and 30 minutes for morning and afternoon tea to allow participants to continue their discussions after each session. Every morning there was a recap video of the previous session. There was even an innovation bazaar where there were few presenters from different countries, they present their innovative ideas around evaluation. The Bazaar was in the form of a space where each participant/organization was given to present their innovative ideas and the participants visit the bazaar stall to hear from the presenters on the innovations.

Takeaway

It was a great opportunity for EAB, where we got to meet with different specialists in the field of evaluation and be able to have a networking with different people from various countries.

It was an opportunity to get together with different stakeholders for sharing knowledge about best practices, approaches and evaluation methods that are participatory, contextual, reliable and adaptable.

Got the opportunity to show case EAB at the international forum. We participated in poster presentation, where we shared about EAB and work done so far after the registration with Civil Society Organization Authority.