

# POST-EVENT REPORT

## Following the participation in the Global Evaluation Forum in Kathmandu, Nepal from 23-25 November 2015

### I. General information of the event

**Title of event:** EvalPartner Global Evaluation Forum (GEF)

**Place:** Kathmandu, Nepal

**Time:** 23-25 November, 2015

### II. Background to the event:

**Background:** EvalPartner 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Forum took place from 23-25 November in the context of Global Evaluation Week to commemorate the culmination of the International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear) that saw 76 events all over the world discussing the 2016-2020 Global Evaluation Agenda.

**Target participants:** The Global Forum was attended by VOPE leaders, parliamentarians, government officials, UN agencies, multilateral banks, private foundations and academia, among others. The participants of the event launched the 2016-2020 Global Evaluation Agenda at the Parliament of Nepal, with the participation of an estimated 300 participants, including parliamentarians from all over the world.

### III. Objectives

The main goal of the EvalPartners Global Forum is to start implementation of the Global Evaluation Agenda by developing action plans in seven thematic areas.

I myself was nominated as a young and emerging evaluator (YEE) by Vietnam Network for Monitoring & Evaluation, to participate in EvalYouth initiative, whose objective is to strengthen the voice and contribution of young and emerging evaluators.

### IV. Discussions and activities:

During the event, I had chances to meet up with young evaluators representing VOPEs from countries around the world. After considering a number of topics and given the limited timeframe of the Forum, we decided to navigate our focus on three topics:

1. Governance: Increasing involvement of YEE in VOPE governance, committees, and activities;
2. Development: Mentoring programs for YEE
3. Further events for EvalYouth: Organizing EvalYouth conferences in future.

More specifically, under each topic, YEEs have discussed and raised a number of initiatives:

1. Governance: Increasing involvement of YEE in VOPE governance, committees, and activities
  - The engagement of YEE in the VOPEs of their country can be in forms of a focal point for EvalYouth, to exchange information and opportunities;
  - Document best practices (on governance) of EvalYouth in each country and share among the network;

- Conduct need assessment for YEE;
- VOPE to provide capacity building for YEE;
- Establish the connections with other research institutions/ think tank on M&E.

2. Development: Mentoring programs for YEE

- Peer mentoring for YEE: can be the mentoring of senior PR practitioners to junior YEEs; or can be peer mentoring of YEE to YEE to exchange knowledge and experience;
- Form the foundation for mentoring: making it a regular practice;
- The mentoring can cover far more topics than just technical ones. It can be the sharing and transmission of experience, knowledge, opportunities, and networking;
- Establish the partnership with relevant organizations, such as VOPE to enlarge partnership with institutions to provide internship opportunities for YEE, where YEE members can get mentorship. Potential YEEs can be college students and young professionals who have interest in M&E field. This can also be a way to recruit members of YEE. The example is visualized as below:



3. Further events for EvalYouth: Organizing EvalYouth conferences in future.

YEEs have discussed and come to agreement that two EvalYouth Conferences are to be organized, one virtual in 2016, and one face-to-face in 2017 (can be the same as the GEF 2017)

**V. Personal outcome after the event and conclusion**

This is the first time I have participated in such a networking events. I came to GEF 2015 with the expectation to have a chance to learn about the technical M&E approaches currently applied by leading M&E expert around the world, and compare those with what I am doing in my work as a junior project evaluator.

Even though in this Forum, I was more engaged in networking activities and discussions on development of EvalYouth, I still found this Forum fruitful in terms of information and opportunities. I have chances to talk with peer YEE from different counties and continents about what they were doing in the field of M&E. They shared with me their vision and ideas of exploring and enlarging their network. I have met

enthusiastic practitioners in the field and listened to inspirational presentations. The events gave me a broader view of the M&E world and more in-depth vision about this career around the world as well as in Vietnam.

Last but not least, VNME and GEF 2015 granted me a chance to visit Nepal, a peaceful and friendly country. Regardless of the recent earthquake, the country stayed strong with warm-hearted people and magnificent architects across Kathmandu capital city. I have made friends with international friends and local people, come to know a piece of a new culture and broaden my view and perspective, and hopefully I can come back to this beautiful country in near future.