



EvalWeek in Delhi, India, 19-23 January, 2015

‘Evaluations for Good Governance’

India is the first country to kick start the celebrations of the International Year of evaluation by organizing EvalWeek during 19-23 January, 2015. India also got the honour to be the first country to receive the EvalTorch which was handed over by Marco Segone Director IEO, UN Women and vice- chair UNEG to Rao Inderjit Singh, Hon’ble Minister of State for Planning (Independent Charge), Government of India. The event was organized by National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD) [formerly Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR)] and Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO), NITI Aayog (formerly Planning Commission), Government of India. On this occasion a compendium of research papers titled ‘Evaluation for Sustainable Development: Experience and learning’ was released by the Hon’ble Minister. A Framework for Evaluation Policy brought out by the Task team on Enabling Environment of Evaluations of Community of Evaluators- South Asia (COE-SA) was launched by Marco Segone. Mrs. Mallika Samaranyake, President COE-SA from Sri Lanka was present at launch of the framework. Several national international organizations like UNWomen, 3ie, Oxfam, UNICEF, Care, ISST, CMS joined hands together in organizing the week long celebrations. Marco delivered key note address on the theme ‘Looking to the future: evaluation for a sustainable and equitable development’. The Valedictory address was delivered by Sindhushree Khullar, CEO, NITI Aayog.

During the course of EvalWeek, detailed deliberations were convened on issues like ownership of evaluations by various stakeholders, creating evaluation culture, bottom up approach for development and evaluation, strengthening evaluation capacities, knowledge products and sharing, equity focused and gender responsive evaluations. Government of India has recently substituted Planning Commission with NITI Aayog, where NITI stands for the ‘National Institution for Transforming India’. One of the major objectives of NITI Aayog is to actively monitor and evaluate implementation of programmes and initiatives. In due course, India would also consider developing its National Evaluation Policy with gender focus and be pro-active in developing evaluation culture and capacity building.



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Some Glimpse of EvalWeek India:

