



# **Reflections on an evaluation journey**

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# Educational & professional timeline



## PG Diploma M&E

- Exposure to a community of current and aspirant M&E students, scholars and “professionals”
- Springboard for an M+E career



**And then.....**

**NO EVALUATIONS!**



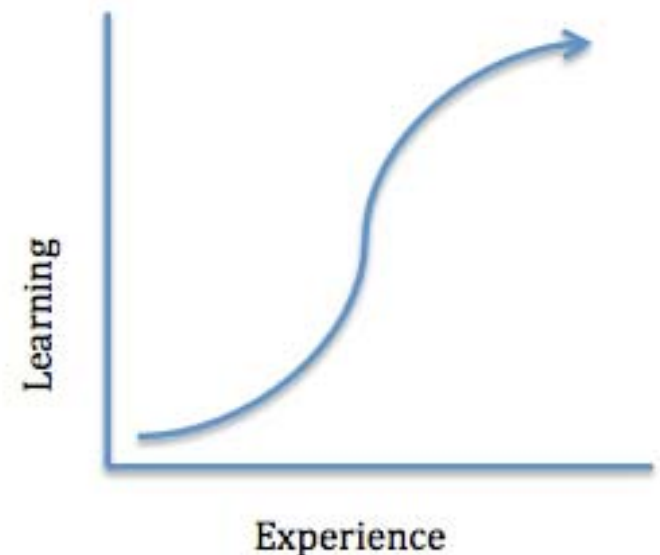
**FOR 2 YEARS**

## But there was...

- Mentorship
- Support systems, resources and international networks
- Exposure to diverse public sector environments
- A budding community of interest
- Further learning and development encouraged

## An evaluator?

- Management consulting  $\neq$  Evaluation
- Steep learning curve
- Raised questions of rigour, quality and standards for evaluation



# Culture and Context

Cross-cultural competence?

Contextually relevant? Implications for use?





# Professionalisation

- African Evaluation Guidelines
- Standards and Competencies
- SAMEA AGMs 2013 + 2014
- Feasibility study
- **Open Forums**
  - 8 July, 31 July and 21 August





# 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial SAMEA Conference

12-16 October 2015, Sandton, Johannesburg

***Using evaluation to improve people's lives***

12-14 October- Capacity Building Workshops

14-16 October- Conference, SAMEA AGM

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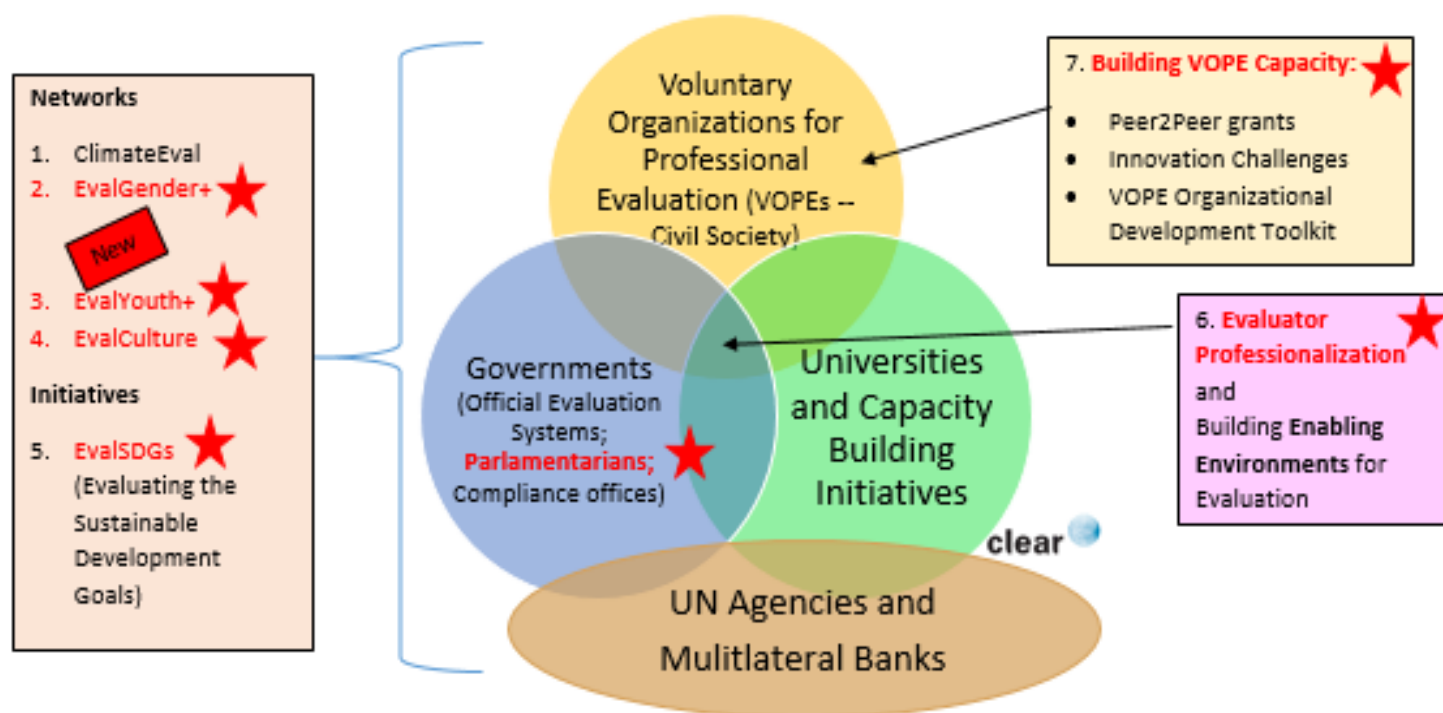


# Global Forum



Preparing for the EvalPartners 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Forum 2015 Celebrating International Year of Evaluation 2015 and Launching EvalVision 20/20: the 2016-2020 Evaluation Agenda

Kathmandu, Nepal, 23-27 November 2015



**ioce** Cross-cutting functions: Management, ★ Knowledge Management/Communications (including Social Media), Advocacy Support, Monitoring and Evaluation, Financial Accountability and Reporting

★ Indicates that the topic will be extensively discussed at the EvalPartners 2nd Global Forum as they emerged from the global online dialogue.



# THANKS

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