



Terms of References for conducting research on: Evaluation Landscape in Asia Pacific: *“Can we talk about a Made in Asia Pacific evaluation?”*

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1. About EvalPartners

EvalPartners is a global movement that shapes the international agenda for evaluation by encouraging the evaluation profession to take a more global approach in addressing world problems and creating a platform for evaluation capacity development.

EvalPartners actively works with various stakeholders to drive forward a Global Evaluation Agenda, aligned with the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, including Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) through the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE), the five EvalPartners networks (EVALSDGs, EvalYouth, the Global Parliamentarian Forum for Evaluation, EvalGender+ and EvalIndigenous) and other strategic partners.

APEA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that aims to improve the theory, practice, and use of evaluation across the Asia-Pacific region. Our members are national and thematic voluntary evaluation associations and we represent 40+ countries in the region. There are 17 national evaluation associations as members of APEA. APEA will host the “4th APEA Conference” from 4th to 7th December 2023 in Manila, Philippines. The “4th APEA Conference” will be part of *EvalVisionAsia 2023* to celebrate the Asia Pacific’s accomplishments in 2023 and to prepare and welcome 2024.

2. Inaugural memorial lecture in honour of Dr Sulley Gariba

EvalPartners was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dr Sulley Gariba on 27 April 2021 – a pioneer for global and African evaluation within the EvalPartners family.

During his career, Sulley served as a senior presidential advisor, a diplomat, esteemed lecturer, and Board Member with several international non-profit organizations and foundations. He was a visionary leader in the global evaluation movement: the founding President of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS) from 2002 to 2005, the President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) from 2007-2009, and a firm advocate for *Made in Africa* evaluation, to name only a few highlights of his inspiring career.

In a moving tribute, Mastercard Foundation President and CEO, Reeta Roy wrote: “Sulley’s distinguished career set him apart. But his humility, wit, and love fostered connection, endearing him to many. For a number of us at the Foundation, he was not just a colleague and icon – he was a friend and faithful mentor. Gentle and firm. Gracious and honest. Hopeful and pragmatic. Thoughtful – but ever so humorous.”



Indebted to Sulley for his significant contribution to the field of global evaluation, EvalPartners together with WFP and UNICEF, will set up the Memorial Lecture at the 4th APEA Conference in December 2023 , following the roadmap started in the Inaugural event in the 10th AfrEA International Conference in September 2021.

3. Responsibilities of the consultant

EvalPartners is looking for an Independent Consultant to conduct research and produce an academic paper on: ***“Can we talk about a ‘Made in Asia Pacific evaluation’ approach?: Where are we, and where are we heading?”***

The research paper will be used to prepare the Memorial Lecture to be launched at the Fourth APEA Conference and EvalVisionAsia in December 2023 during a plenary session.

The Consultant’s responsibilities include to:

- Review relevant background materials and develop a research outline & methodology for the paper
- Assess the evaluation landscape in the Asia Pacific region and its adequacy for the region’s present development realities and priorities
- Barriers and bottlenecks: in particular make reference by way of examples how the political and bureaucratic structures and cultures in South and South-East Asia affect the practice of evaluation. What are the commonalities and variations in the dominant perceptions and expectations around evaluation in the region? In many countries it seems that evaluations tend towards a pilot, quantitative research “proof of concept” modality - e.g. does rice fortification in school meals show sufficient results to be scaled up? Are there examples of countries where institutions are more receptive to external evaluations , bringing a learning perspective to their performance in meeting the needs of vulnerable people?
- Assess the progress made in implementing South Epistemologies in Evaluation
- Describe who are the key players and what role they should play in spearheading a possible Made in Asia Pacific Evaluation.
- Discuss current capacities to meet this transformation
- Identify Dr Sulley Gariba’s perspective to evaluation and highlight its use, articulated with Asia Pacific perspectives, for promoting South Epistemologies on the continent and globally
- Make practical recommendations on strengthening “Evaluation” in our region
- Synthesise the paper into key points that could be presented in the 30-minute lecture, working closely with the lecture presenter
- Review the lecture presentation prepared for the event
- Review the research paper and work taking into account the Reference Group advises and comments.

4. Deliverables and timeline

An estimated 20 days are allocated for the research paper in line with the following tasks and timeline -a Reference Group will accompany the consultant with reviewing activities- :

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TASK	CONSULTANT DEADLINE	CONSOLIDATED FEEDBACK BY REFERENCE GROUP	ESTIMATED WORK DAYS FOR CONSULTANT
Research outline & methodology	05 July 2023	20 July 2023	3
Prepare and deliver full research paper	19 September 2023	3 October 2023	12
Synthesis of research paper & key points for lecture	10 October 2023	17 October 2023	3
Review and finalization of lecture presentation	24 October 2023	31 October 2023	2

5. Submission instructions

Please send:

- An expression of interest and short CV highlighting similar activities
- Proposed daily rate in US\$, including taxes and transaction costs

to the EvalPartners Partnership Manager (epsecretariat2022@gmail.com), APEA coordinator Madhuka Liyanagamage, apea.coordinator@gmail.com before or on **22 May 2023**.