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*EvalYouth Leadership Grows*

It has been a busy few months since EvalYouth was officially launched in November 2015 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The network was well represented by 23 young and emerging evaluators (YEEs) who played an active role in the EvalPartners global evaluation event, and contributed to the [Global Evaluation Agenda 2016-2020](#) (Agenda'2020). During the event, several sessions and

activities related to the newly established global EvalYouth network were held and the priorities and the network's implementation strategies for the coming two years were identified and agreed upon [see participating YEE testimonies [here](#)]. This served as the basis for the working plans of the regional EvalYouth initiatives, which we present one of them in this newsletter - [EvalYouth LAC](#).

More information, and the networks concept note, can be found on the newly established [EvalYouth website](#).

Most exciting, however, during the Global Evaluation Week and afterwards three EvalYouth task forces were launched. Co-chairs and secretariats for each of these task forces have been also named representing different regions and regional VOPEs [[Check their profiles in the section below](#)]. The three task forces are:

- Task Force 1: To increase involvement of YEE in VOPE governance, committees and activities;
- Task Force 2: To develop a YEE mentoring program; and
- Task Force 3: To organize EvalYouth conferences.

[Task Force Leadership](#)

**Task Force 1**  
Co-Chairs



**Rodrigo Luna Gutiérrez (Nicaragua)**  
Member of ReNicSE VOPE



**Fazeela Hoosen (South Africa)**  
Member of SAMEA VOPE

Secretariat



**María Alejandra Lucero Manzano (Argentina)**  
Member of EvaluAR VOPE

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**Task Force 2**  
Co-Chairs



**Antonella Guidoccio (Argentina)**

Member of EvaluAR VOPE

**(Not pictured)**

**Mahamed Rage (Somalia)**

Member of SOMDEA VOPE

Secretariat



**Qudratullah Jahid (Afghanistan)**

Member of AfES VOPE

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**Task Force 3**

Co-Chairs



**C. Josette Arevalo (Ecuador)**

Member of EvaluEC VOPE



**Sofia Estevez (Argentina)**

Member of EvaluAR VOPE

Secretariat



**Antonina Rishko-Porcescu (Ukraine)**

Member of UEA VOPE

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### [EvalYouth TASK FORCE UPDATE](#)

#### **TASK FORCE 1**

The task force initiated its work with developing a work plan with detailed tasks, activities and timeline. It has also been working on developing a mapping exercise where the current status and needs related to YEE involvement in VOPE governance, committees and activities in the different regions of the world will be surveyed and assessed. This mapping exercise will be circulated online and conducted in different languages, including English, French, Spanish and Arabic. The task force holds monthly meeting - so far 3 leadership meetings and 3 member meetings.

#### **TASK FORCE 2**

The task force initiated its work with developing a work plan with detailed tasks, activities and timeline. It has been also working on developing a mentoring survey, which aims to: (i) describe the ways in which Volunteer Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) and other organizations that commission and or use evaluation work engage in YEE mentoring and (ii) identify YEE mentoring gaps and opportunities and potential solutions. The survey will soon be circulated online and is already done in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. The task force holds monthly meeting - so far 3 leadership meetings and 3 member meetings.

### **TASK FORCE 3**

Like other task forces, this task force is also working on developing a work plan with detailed tasks, activities and timeline. Additionally, it started several activities related to the first EvalYouth virtual conference, which is to be held during the end of 2016. A face-to-face conference will take place in 2017. At the same time, the task force, with the EvalYouth leadership, is now coordinating with various regional VOPE conferences in order to arrange for EvalYouth strands, events and participation at these conferences. A [Tricider](#) survey was published online and respondents provided suggestions and voted on the potential themes and sub-themes for the virtual conference. Now the task force is busy arranging for the next steps after committee members have approved the conference topic, potential sub-themes, date and proceedings. The task force holds monthly meeting - so far 3 leadership meetings and 3 member meetings.

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## EvalPartners UPDATE

### *P2P2016 Grant Competition Opens*

IOCE and EvalPartners recently announced the next round of P2P2016 grants for VOPEs. The call for proposals can be found [here](#), with proposals due by **September 15, 2016 (midnight GMT-12)**.

In addition, VOPES and other interested organizations across the globe are strategizing on their “bite of the EvalApple.” For example, the American Evaluation Association (AEA) recently formulated and posted their ambitious [agenda](#). An information session was hosted by EvalPartners on 4th August, which highlighted accomplishments by all of their networks and task forces, including the launching of the EvalPartners [website](#).

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## EvalYouth LAC



Since EvalYouth was officially launched in November 2015 in Kathmandu, Nepal, 7 young and emerging evaluators (YEEs) from Latin America formed a regional chapter of the EvalYouth initiative: EvalYouth LAC (Latin America and the Caribbean). EvalYouth LAC has been working arduously to bolster the initiative in the region. Among its first achievements, the EvalYouth LAC group has developed a strategic plan, governance rules, and formed an executive committee. In addition, EvalYouth LAC has participated in a YEE virtual conference in Honduras

- organized by the Honduras Evaluation Network (REDHPRESS) - , and was accepted to present a poster about the situation of Latin American YEEs at the American Evaluation Association conference in October. For more information, check our [Facebook page](#).

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### [YEE PROFILE](#)

#### **My Evaluation Journey: Story of A Young and Emerging Evaluator From Nigeria**



**Taiwo Adesoba** is a YEE from Nigeria. He holds a bachelor's degree in Microbiology from the University of Ado Ekiti, Nigeria (Now known as Ekiti State University). Taiwo has been passionate about international development since he was an undergraduate and was always writing to international development

organizations requesting for their publications. He got a lot of insight into opportunities in his anticipated career path as he read those publications. He joined an NGO, Kids & Teens Resource Centre Nigeria immediately after his undergraduate as a Monitoring & Evaluation volunteer. His experience in this organization sparked an undying passion for evaluation in him. What exactly attracted him to evaluation was the use of data for decision making. He also feels happy providing evidence of the impact a project has made. His participation in global evaluation conferences in Africa, Asia and Europe has further revealed to him the significance of evaluation to international development and he has been consistently engaged in monitoring and evaluation practice for the past six years. Taiwo has worked as monitoring and evaluation specialist on development programmes funded by the PEPFAR, USAID, DFID, and the Global Fund. Currently, Taiwo works as Senior Officer, Monitoring & Evaluation for Society for Family Health Nigeria. One of his job responsibilities is training and mentoring of young and emerging evaluators (YEE) of NGOs in Akwa Ibom state, Nigeria. At the moment, Taiwo provides M&E support to four local NGOs in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. Furthermore, Taiwo provides technical assistance to the Akwa Ibom State Agency for the Control of AIDS (AKSACA) on the performance measurement, monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS prevention and control programmes in the state. Moreover, Taiwo also has a strong professional network with whom he shares news about evaluation conferences. It is noteworthy that three persons in his network who had never participated in the European Evaluation Society (EES) will be participating in this year's conference in Maastricht, The Netherlands because he informed them about the conference, their papers were accepted, and they also got scholarships from EES. Taiwo would like to thank organizations such as The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), European Evaluation Society (EES), African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) and the UK Evaluation Society (UKES) for positively influencing his career through travel scholarships for different international evaluation conferences. Taiwo hopes to become a Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor of an international organization in the very near future.

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## [UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AND BY YEEs](#)

Note: We collect these events from evaluation-focused websites, especially [betterevaluation.org](http://betterevaluation.org) and others, to make them readily available for the readers and followers of the newsletter. For future newsletters, please do not hesitate to let us know of any other evaluation-related event(s) that you like us to include in this section and advertise to your fellow YEEs.

### **Courses**

- Milan Summer School in Cost Benefit Analysis Italy - September 5-9, 2016 - Paid [[Link](#)]
- Knowledge Management Course - September 13-16, 2016 - Brighton, United Kingdom - Paid [[Link](#)]
- Transformative Evaluation Course with Donna Mertens: Santiago- Chile - September 20-23, 2016 - Free
- Long Course on Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning for Think Tanks Online - September 26 - November 11, 2016 - Paid [[Link](#)]
- Managing for sustainable development impact course 2017 Netherlands - 20th March 20 - April 7, 2017 - Paid [[Link](#)]
- SAMEA Capacity Building Workshops “Strengthening evaluation culture and capacity in South Africa” - October 6-7, 2016 - Cape Town, Upper Woodstock, Upper East Side Hotel - Paid [[Link](#)]

### **Conferences**

- Asian Evaluation Week China - September 5-9, 2016 - Free [[Link](#)]

- Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) Conference 2016 Australia - September 17-21, 2016 - Paid [\[Link\]](#)
- Evidence2016 - Africa Evidence Network Conference South Africa - September 22-24, 2016 - Paid [\[Link\]](#)
- 12th EES Biennial Conference Netherlands - September 26-30, 2016 - Paid [\[Link\]](#)
- AEA Conference 2016: Evaluation + Design United States - October 24-29, 2016 - Paid [\[Link\]](#)

### **Seminars**

- How sustainable is social change without communication? - Communicating social change and the Sustainable Development Goals: Challenges and opportunities Australia - September 22, 2016 - Free [\[Link\]](#)

### **Other**

- Oxford: Realist Reviews and Realist Evaluation United Kingdom - November 14-18, 2016 - Paid [\[Link\]](#)

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