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## EvalFest 2018

### *Voice, visibility and value*

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

India was the first country to celebrate International Year of Evaluation in January 2015 and was honoured by receiving the ***Eval Torch*** in the country. Out of this week-long celebrations emerged the need for a professional body of evaluators and other stakeholders in the developmental process that promotes evaluation standards; helps in sharing the existing state of knowledge, research outcomes and best practices in development evaluation, plays an advocacy role in furthering the role of quality evaluations in enhancing development results; nurtures growth of evaluation capabilities; and contributes to the evolution of an evaluation culture in the country. In response to this demand, the Evaluation Community of India (ECOI) was established in October 2015. The motto of the community is 'Share and Learn'. ECOI seeks to promote knowledge sharing in the area of monitoring and evaluation to promote high quality, credible and useful evaluations.

It is important to build a culture of evaluation in the country so that all stakeholders like policymakers, program managers, evaluation practitioners, non-governmental organisations, academia and most importantly the community accept evaluations as a means to evidence-informed decision making and information dissemination. Convening these stakeholders will

help build common understanding of the importance of evaluation, how it is done and its usefulness for learning and making improvements by sharing knowledge and perspectives. EvalFest 2018, a three-day event in Delhi, is being conceptualised as a step in the direction to co-produce knowledge and build partnerships with various stakeholders to ensure that evaluation and evidence use are cornerstone in how India works towards achieving SDGs focussing upon engaging stakeholders, inclusiveness and innovation.

**Objective: EvalFest 2018 is a three-day event that aims to contribute to building a culture of evaluation through advocacy, sharing knowledge about best practices, approaches and evaluation methods that are participatory, contextual, replicable and adaptable.**

EvalFest 2018 will provide space for and encourage less traditional forms of information sharing, such as theatre and storytelling using drawing, photos or oral histories (**Visibility for all**) to focus on evaluation experiences from non-traditional voices in evaluation conferences (**Voice for all**). Possible themes will focus on the multiple types of values that evaluation can have and reduce misunderstanding and anxieties that people might have about it. (**How to Value evaluations taking out Fear of evaluation**).

To mark EvalFest 2018 event, Evaluation Community of India (ECOI) and collaborating organizations have been designated as main coordinating body for the work around EvalFest 2018. The collaborating organizations IOCE, 3ie, OXFAM are supporting the EvalFest 2018 event. Among others one of the prime activities is to compile a compendium of good practices in Evaluation within the listed themes (below). *Papers along with abstract and author details may be submitted electronically on or before 31.12.2017 by IST 17:00 PM.* All abstracts and papers submitted by Author(s) on following guidelines as mentioned below will go through a peer-review process before being selected. Selected abstracts and full papers will be published in two separate volumes as in conference compendium for abstracts and one edited book respectively.

#### **LISTED THEMES:**

- 1. Engaging Community and other stakeholders in Development and Evaluation: Field building, Innovation in process and utility orientation.**
- 2. Inclusion- social, economic, cultural and behavioural**
- 3. Innovations: New knowledge and practice**
- 4. Ethics and evaluations**
- 5. Road to SDGs: prioritization, building evaluation capabilities and evidence use**

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### AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Papers along with abstract and author details shall be submitted electronically on or before 31.12.2017 by IST 17:00 PM. All papers and abstracts on the listed themes must be sent by email to: [ecoipapers@gmail.com](mailto:ecoipapers@gmail.com)**
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8. Accepted papers will be published in the edited publication, provided completed papers are received by the appropriate deadline and conform to the format and length requirements.

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  - iii. Reports: World Health Organization. 2010. *WHO Guidelines on Collaborations and Partnership with Commercial Enterprises*. Geneva: WHO.
  - iv. Website: Grimmeisen, S. and H. Rothgang. 2004. The Changing Role of the State in Europe's Healthcare Systems. Second Annual ESPAnet Conference, University of Oxford. September 9- Online, Available at: <http://www.apsoc.ox.ac.uk/Espanet/conference/papers/ppr>.

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