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विषय /Sub: MANUU- Administration – National Conference on the theme “Institutionalizing Monitoring and Evaluation Practices for Sustainable Impact” conducted by the, Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office, Niti Ayog, GOI -Nominations to attend through Virtual mode -Orders-Regd.

संदर्भ/Ref: I/c Vice- Chancellor’s approval dated: 12.03.2021.

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NITI Aayog, the National Institute for transforming India, is organizing a two day National Conference on the theme “Institutionalizing Monitoring and Evaluation Practices for sustainable Impact” through Virtual mode on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021, New Delhi.”As such the following members have been nominated to attend the conference through virtual mode.

Sl.No.	Name & Designation
1.	Prof. Abdul Wahid, Director I/c, CIT
2.	Mr. Mirza Farhatullah Baig, COE
3.	Dr. M.A. Sikander, Deputy Dean, P&D

The nominated members can register and attend the sessions by using the link mentioned below:

link:<https://dmeo.gov.in/content/national-monitoring-and-evaluation-conference-2021>

The CIT is requested to make necessary arrangements, so as to enable the members to attend the conference through virtual mode.

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All Members

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**D.O. No. F-20016/02/2021-DMEO(Admn)**

**Dated: March 09, 2021**

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

As you may be aware that the Development Monitoring & Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog is the apex Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) office with the mandate to drive sustainable development outcomes and support evidence-based policy making in India.

2. DMEO, NITI Aayog has been spearheading initiatives such as the Output Outcome Monitoring Framework, Evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Sector Reviews and Global Indices for Government of India, among others. In its efforts to strengthen the M&E ecosystem in the country and to bring together the key stakeholders, DMEO is organizing a two-days National Conference on Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning on the theme **"Institutionalizing M&E practices for sustainable impact"** on 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 in virtual mode.

3. The conference will deliberate issues related to the demand for evidence, translation of evidence into policy-making, data governance, and capacity building for institutionalizing M&E systems, innovations, challenges, and relevant best practices adopted in India and across the world. A background note, detailing the objectives of the conference and themes which will cover during the conference along with the programme, is attached for your reference.

4. We invite you to attend this conference and also encourage the officials from your organization to participate in the sessions. Please use the link <https://dmeo.gov.in/content/national-monitoring-and-evaluation-conference-2021> to register for the sessions and to know more about the conference.

5. In case of any query, please contact Shri Alok Mishra, Deputy Director General, DMEO NITI Aayog (Mob: +91-9654531754, Email: [amishra.edu@nic.in](mailto:amishra.edu@nic.in)) and Dr. Shweta Sharma, Consultant Gr II, DMEO NITI Aayog (Mob: +91-9999790227, Email: [shweta.sharma82@nic.in](mailto:shweta.sharma82@nic.in)).

Looking forward to your support.

Regards,

Yours sincerely

  
(Sekhar Bonu)

To,

**The Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities**

## Background Note for National Conference on Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

### Introduction

The concept of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) evolved to serve the primary objectives of accountability, efficiency, effectiveness and learning for course correction of development interventions. It is a continuous assessment of progress towards achieving intended results and the information collected thereof is processed and analyzed to allow real time evidence driven decision-making. While on one hand the Governments and organizations around the world are faced with challenges such as limited resources, on the other hand they are required to be more responsive to the demands of the stakeholders, good governance, accountability, transparency, effectiveness, and delivery of tangible outcomes. M&E capabilities in India are fragmented and still in a nascent stage, plagued by lack of systemization and low awareness of M&E. Thus, there is a need to leverage existing capacities to build a holistic M&E approach to foster accountability and develop a culture of evidence-based decision making.

### Objectives of the Conference

DMEQ, NITI Aayog in its efforts to strengthen the Monitoring and Evaluation ecosystem in India is organizing an international conference to bring together key stakeholders in the M&E ecosystem to dwell upon and discuss the need for a systematic and scientific M&E culture and share strategies, methodologies, innovations, experiments, challenges and relevant best practices adopted in India and across the world. This will also facilitate in achieving the following goals:

- Catalyze the acceptability, ownership and culture of M&E at all levels
- Enhance synergy between various stakeholders
- Understand the issues and challenges
- Share national and international experiences and identify best practices that can be adopted and adapted by the other stakeholders
- Explore emergent innovative approaches and applications of cutting-edge technologies in the domain of M&E

### Themes of the Conference

The key theme of the Conference is “**Institutionalizing M&E practices for sustainable impact**”. Over the course of two days, discussion would explore aspects related to:

1. Demand for evidence and translating results into action and impact
2. Experience and best practices from institutionalizing outcome-based monitoring
3. Data governance to improve the quality of evidence generated
4. Building institutional and resource capabilities in Government for demand generation and implementation of M&E systems

5. Innovative and alternative methodologies/approaches to Monitoring and Evaluation
6. Emergent and cutting-edge technologies in the domain for Monitoring and Evaluation
7. Adapting evaluative approaches to a post COVID world

✓ **Proposed Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

✓ **Venue:** New Delhi/Virtual

**Participants:** Evaluators, Policymakers, International Organizations, Academic/Research Institutions (Academia, students, Fellows etc.), Think Tanks, NGOs (in M&E Space), Consulting Firms

### Speakers and Sessions

For the above-mentioned sessions distinguished speakers can be invited from Multilateral organizations, International organizations, Think Tanks, Academia, Central Ministries and State Government, Training Institutes, Research Agencies and NGOs.

Schedule	Day 1	Day2
10:00 -11:30	<p><b>Inaugural Session 10:00 – 10:20</b>            Welcome Address: Dr Sekhar Bonu, Director General, DMEQ            Inaugural address: Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog</p>	<p><b>Opening Session 10:00 – 10:20</b>            Welcome Address: Dr Sekhar Bonu, Director General, DMEQ            Opening address: Mr Amitabh Kant, Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog</p>
	<p><b>Plenary Session 10:20 – 11:30</b>  <i>“Role of M&amp;E in Institutionalizing Evidence-based Policy Making”</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Sekhar Bonu, Director General, DMEQ</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri M. Hari Menon, Country Director, Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation</li> <li>• Dr Yamini Aiyar, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research</li> <li>• Shri Pravin Srivastava, Ex-Secretary and Chief Statistician of India, Government of India</li> <li>• Mr Gonzalo Hernández Licona, Director, Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network</li> </ul>	<p><b>Plenary Session 10:20 – 11:30</b>  <i>“Building robust M&amp;E systems: An Indian States perspective”</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Ashutosh Jain, Deputy Director General, DMEQ</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka</li> <li>• Dr. Chaya K Degaonkar, Chief Evaluation Officer, Karnataka Evaluation Authority, Government of Karnataka</li> <li>• Tmt Jayashree Raghunandan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary,</li> </ul>

Schedule	Day 1	Day2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj</li> </ul>	<p>Government of Tamil Nadu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Atul Anand, IAS, Commissioner, Planning and Program Implementation, Govt of Tamil Nadu</li> <li>Shri TVSN Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance &amp; Planning, Govt of Haryana</li> <li>Amod Kumar, Principal Secretary, Planning Department, Uttar Pradesh</li> <li>Sh. Ravi Prakash Gupta, Director General, Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management</li> </ul>
11:45- 13:00	<p>&lt;Sub Theme 2 &gt;</p> <p>"Monitoring Outcomes for realizing SDGs"</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Shri Anand Trivedi, M&amp;E Specialist, DMEQ</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Shyam S. Dubey, Joint Secretary &amp; Financial Adviser, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India</li> <li>Shri Sampath Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Programme Implementation &amp; Evaluation Department, Govt. of Meghalaya</li> <li>Dr Pinaki Chakraborty, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy</li> <li>Ms Shrayana Bhattacharya, Senior Economist, World Bank</li> </ul>	<p>&lt;Sub Theme - 1,7 &gt;</p> <p>"Leave no one behind: How M&amp;E can help achieve more equitable results in the wake of COVID"</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Yasmin Ali Haque, UNICEF Representative to India</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Gonzalo Hernández Licona, Director, Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network</li> <li>Dr Renu Singh, Executive Director, Young Lives India</li> <li>Shri Nand Kumarum, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Madhya Pradesh Agency for Information Technology (MAPIT)</li> </ul>
14:00 - 15:15	<p>&lt;Sub Theme - 6,7 &gt;</p> <p>"Evidence when it matters most: Near-real time monitoring of food security and nutrition during crisis situations."</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Eric Kenefick, Deputy Country Director, WFP India CO</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p>	<p>&lt;Sub Theme 5 &amp; 6&gt;</p> <p>"Emerging approaches and technologies for evidence generation"</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Shri Venugopal Mothkooor, M&amp;E Specialist, DMEQ, NITI Aayog</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shri Sriganesh Lokanathan, Data</li> </ul>

Schedule	Day 1	Day2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.</li> <li>• Shri Kamal Kishore, Member, National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India.</li> <li>• Mr. Nicolas Bidault, Senior Programme Officer, WFP.</li> <li>• Ms. Yumiko Kanemitsu, Regional Evaluation Officer, WFP RBB.</li> </ul>	<p>Innovation &amp; Policy Lead, UN Pulse Lab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri Sayak Khatua, Evaluation Specialist – Research Transparency, Reproducibility &amp; Ethics (TRE), 3ie</li> <li>• Shri Varad Pande, Partner, Omidyar Network India</li> <li>• Shri Anand Trivedi, M&amp;E Specialist, DMEG, NITI Aayog</li> </ul>
<p><b>15:30 - 16:45</b></p>	<p>&lt;Sub Theme. - 4 &gt;</p> <p><i>“Promoting evaluations in academic institutions”</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Ashwini Chhatre, Associate Professor, Indian School of Business, Mohali</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Dean, Indian School for Public Policy</li> <li>• Dr. Arnab Mukherjee, Professor, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore</li> <li>• Dr. B. Venkatesh Kumar, Former Prof. &amp; Chairperson at the Centre for Public Policy &amp; Governance, Tata Institute for Social Sciences</li> <li>• Dr. Anitha Govindaraj, Professor, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Bhopal</li> </ul>	<p>&lt;Sub Theme No. - 1 &gt;</p> <p><i>Strengthening pathways from evidence to action</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Marie Gaarder, Executive Director, 3ie</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Kirthi Rao, 3ie</li> <li>• Mr Emmanuel Jimenez: Senior Research Fellow, 3ie</li> <li>• Shri S. Krishnan: Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Tamil Nadu</li> <li>• Ms Suneeta Krishnan: India Country Lead, MEL, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</li> </ul>
<p><b>17:00 - 18:15</b></p>	<p>&lt;Sub Theme No. - 1,4 &gt;</p> <p><i>Reaching scale: What does it take from evidence and implementation lens?</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Shagun Sabarwal, Director - Policy, Training, and Communication, CLEAR/J-PAL South Asia</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri Balamurugan D.. Chief Executive</li> </ul>	<p>&lt;Sub Theme No. -4 &gt;</p> <p><i>Professionalization of M&amp;E to Enhance Institutional Capacity: Opportunities and Challenges</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Rashmi Agarwal, co-Founder, ECOI</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p>

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	<p>Officer, Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (JEEViKA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri Debasish Ray Choudhuri, Director - Livelihood, CEO - Social Enterprise, Bandhan Konagar</li> <li>• Mr Colin Andrews, Program Manager - Social Protection and Jobs, World Bank</li> <li>• Ms Doris King, Associate Director, Programs, Co-Impact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Marco Segone, Director, UNFPA EO, NYC</li> <li>• Mr Asela Kalugampitiya, President, APEA, Colombo</li> <li>• Mr Aniruddha Brahmachari, Co-leader, ECOI, New Delhi</li> <li>• Ms Ana Erika Loreza, Co-leader, EvalYouth Asia, Manila</li> <li>• Mr Alok Srivastava, Core Group Member, ECOI</li> </ul>

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