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Welcome Message from the Ministry of Finance, People's Republic of China

The Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China gladly welcomes delegates from 40 countries and 20 international development organizations to the inaugural 2016 Asian Evaluation Week.

We are happy that countries in the Asia-Pacific Region—joined by our friends from Africa, Europe, Latin America, and North America—spearhead this initiative to convene an Asian Evaluation Week. With the help of the Asian Development Bank and our very own Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute (AFDI), this learning event will help synthesize global learnings on evaluation and demonstrate how they can best inform development policies.

The People's Republic of China in more recent years has emphasized performance evaluation as a prerequisite for accountability and results; and launched new evaluation campaigns requiring public projects be evaluated. Similar undertakings I am sure are happening in other countries, given global challenges, competing demands for resources, and the need for effective use of public funds. Evidence-based policy making is thus important.

We wish everyone a happy stay in Xi'an, an ancient capital in Chinese history.

Our best wishes for a successful Asian Evaluation Week.

Zhengwei Zhang

Deputy Director General
Ministry of Finance
People's Republic of China



Welcome Message from Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute

It is with great pleasure that the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute—a public institution directly affiliated with the People's Republic of China Ministry of Finance—co-hosts the inaugural 2016 Asian Evaluation Week with the Asian Development Bank.

Over the years, AFDI has engaged in knowledge sharing and capacity development for Chinese government officials as well as government officials in other countries. In recognition of our enhanced ability, we were elevated from a Center to an Institute authorized to issue degrees. In delivering our mandate, we regularly collaborate with development partners on various programs to develop evaluation capacity across the region and also interregionally as we also engage our friends from Africa and Latin America. The Institute sees this strengthening of capacity in monitoring and evaluation as an integral part of overall results based public sector management.

The Asian Evaluation Week is an opportunity to share and match Chinese practices on evaluation with Asian and international concepts. Countries in the region could use this opportunity to enhance evaluation knowledge and its use.

AFDI hopes to see the Asian Evaluation Week progress into a regular, and joint undertaking by countries and development partners.

With warmest regards,

Kouqing Li

Director General
Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute





Welcome Message from the Asian Development Bank

The Independent Evaluation Department (IED) of the Asian Development Bank extends its gratitude to member countries, development partners, and in particular the Asia Pacific Finance and Development Institute of the People's Republic of China for this opportunity to collaborate on the inaugural Asian Evaluation Week.

The Asia-Pacific region has been the engine of world growth in recent years and that may likely continue. Nevertheless the challenges of, sustainable and inclusive growth, poverty reduction, inequality, vulnerability to climate change, aging, and urbanization, are still to be overcome. The Sustainable Development Goals incorporate these new development challenges as well as recognizing the important role of evaluation in supporting the better design, implementation, monitoring, and assessment of development initiatives.

The AEW provides an invaluable opportunity for evaluation practitioners and experts to exchange the latest ideas and thoughts on how evaluation can promote better public policy. As the key knowledge sharing event on evaluation, it serves to promote partnerships among evaluation practitioners, evaluation experts, and development partners. We are confident that this event will provide encouragement to focus on results and evidence to better inform development. We thank everyone for their contribution, and hope that all participants will make the most of what the AEW has to offer.

With best wishes,

Farzana Ahmed
Lead Evaluation Specialist
Asian Development Bank

PROGRAM AND AGENDA

Day 1, Monday, 5 September 2016

8:30–9:00	REGISTRATION		
9:00–10:30	Session 1: Opening Session [Da Ming Ballroom, 18th Floor] Zhengwei Zhang , Ministry of Finance, People's Republic of China (PRC) Kouqing Li , Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute (AFDI), PRC Walter Kolkma , Asian Development Bank (ADB) MODERATOR: Runzhong Peng , AFDI, PRC OVERVIEW OF THE AGENDA Farzana Ahmed , ADB		
10:30–11:00	TEA BREAK		
11:00–12:30	Session 2: How evaluation informs public policy [An Yuan Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will appreciate the various tools and approaches toward formulating and assessing public policy.</i> KEYNOTE Indran Naidoo , United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) CASE STUDY PRESENTER Vijaya Vadivelu , UNDP MODERATOR Heather Bryant , UNDP	Session 3: Equality in education evaluation in the PRC [Yong Ning and An Ding Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn about how evaluation is undertaken in the education sector in the PRC - with particular emphasis on equality.</i> KEYNOTE Tao Zuo , Ministry of Education, PRC CASE STUDY PRESENTER Hui Zhang , Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences, PRC PANELIST Riccardo Polastro , UNICEF MODERATOR Zecai Wang , Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences, PRC	Session 4: Strategies for empowering women - lessons from gender responsive budgeting [Shang De Room, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will be able to evaluate whether gender responsive budgeting can make a difference in promoting gender equity.</i> KEYNOTE Yamini Mishra , UN Women CASE STUDY PRESENTER Yumiko Kanemitsu , UN Women PANELIST Batchimeg Namsraidorj , Independent Research Institute of Mongolia MODERATOR Marco Segone , UN Women
12:30–2:00	LUNCH [Green Cafe, 5th Floor]		
2:00–3:30	Session 5: Understanding and supporting equity and gender equality: implications to evaluate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) [An Yuan Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will understand how to address equity issues throughout an evaluation.</i> KEYNOTE and MODERATOR Marco Segone , UN Women Patricia Rogers , Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) DISCUSSANT Riccardo Palastro , UNICEF GROUP DISCUSSION	Session 6: Evaluation and the PRC's public financial management reform [Yong Ning and An Ding Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will get an insight into how public financial management reform is evaluated in the PRC.</i> KEYNOTE Yongjun Wang , Central University of Finance and Economics, PRC CASE STUDY PRESENTER Zecai Wang , Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences, PRC MODERATOR Runzhong Peng , AFDI, PRC	Session 7: Farmer organizations and smallholder access to markets – drawing policy lessons from evaluation syntheses [Shang De Room, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will learn about the main policy lessons emerging from rural development programmes aimed at connecting smallholder farmers to markets.</i> KEYNOTE Michael Dominique Carbon , International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) CASE STUDY PRESENTERS Carlos Tarazona , Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

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3:30-4:00	TEA BREAK		
4:00-5:30	<p>Session 8: Evaluating economic and social impacts of transport projects [Shang De Room, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will appreciate the evaluation methodologies and techniques in evaluating indirect economic and social outcomes from transport sector interventions.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Naoyuki Yoshino, ADB Institute</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER Toshiyuki Yokota, ADB</p> <p>PANELISTS Abdel Hameed Bashir, Islamic Development Bank Chen Li, Shanghai Municipal Finance Bureau, PRC</p> <p>MODERATOR Rafika Amira, AfDB</p>	<p>Session 9: Evaluation of industrial transfer [Yong Ning and An Ding Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn about the design of an evaluation of industrial park and industrial transfer, as well as the utilization of the results.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE and CASE STUDY PRESENTER Jian Qu, China Development Institute (CDI), PRC</p> <p>PANELISTS Rongxin Liu, CDI, PRC Manyuan Zeng, CDI, PRC</p> <p>MODERATOR Rongxin Liu, CDI, PRC</p>	<p>Session 10: Knowledge management and learning in evaluation [An Yuan Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participant will understand the general principles of knowledge management and how it is applied in evaluation as demonstrated through the lessons database of ADB's projects, programs and country partnerships.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Hans van Rijn, ADB Young U. Kang, ADB</p> <p>PANELIST Anuradha Palanichamy, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, India</p> <p>MODERATOR Farzana Ahmed, ADB</p>
5:30-7:00	<p>COCKTAILS [Xing Qing Room, 5th Floor] Welcome remarks: ADB / AFDI</p>		

Day 2, Tuesday, 6 September 2016

9:00–10:30	<p>Session 11: Evaluating SDGs and multi-goal targets [Shang De Room, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will explore the interrelatedness of SDG targets, discuss data capacities and challenges at the national level, and the implications for evaluation.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Vijaya Vadivelu, UNDP Heather Bryant, UNDP</p> <p>PANELIST Qiam Mukhtar, Ministry of Economy, Afghanistan</p> <p>MODERATOR Heather Bryant, UNDP</p>	<p>Session 12: Evaluating science and technology interventions in the PRC [Yong Ning and An Ding Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn about the general framework and development of evaluation practices in the PRC's science and technology interventions.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Ruijun Wang, NCSTE, PRC</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTERS Huaibin Xing, NCSTE, PRC Yun Yang, NCSTE, PRC</p> <p>PANELISTS Minrong Li, ZhongZhi Institute of Science and Technology Evaluation, PRC Xiaoyong Shi, NCSTE, PRC</p> <p>MODERATOR Runzhong Peng, AFDI, PRC</p>	<p>Session 13: Using evidence for making decisions about environment and growth trade-offs - what do we know and what do we need? [An Yuan Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn how impact evaluations play a role in decisions about policies to mitigate and adapt to climate change</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE and MODERATOR Jyotsna Puri, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)</p> <p>PANELISTS Michael Bamberger, Independent Consultant Michael Dominique Carbon, IFAD Pernelle Smits, University Laval, Canada David Anthony Raitzer, ADB</p>
10:30–11:00	TEA BREAK		
11:00–12:30	<p>Session 14: Integrating big data and smart data analytics into the evaluation of development programs [Shang De Room, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will be provided with an overview of the exciting developments in the field of big data and smart analytics.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE and MODERATOR Michael Bamberger, Independent Consultant</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER Diastika Rahwidiati, Pulse Lab Jakarta</p> <p>PANELISTS Jyotsna Puri, 3ie Vijaya Vadivelu, UNDP</p>	<p>Session 15: Evaluating health interventions in the PRC [Yong Ning and An Ding Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn how health interventions are being evaluated in the PRC.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Zhaoyang Zhang, National Health and Family Planning Commission, PRC</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER Zhaoyang Zhang, National Health and Family Planning Commission, PRC Lei Wang, AFDI, PRC</p> <p>MODERATOR Qiming Liu, China Agricultural University, PRC</p>	<p>Session 16: Evaluating urban development interventions – the Latin American experience [An Yuan Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn the evaluation tools and challenges in evaluating urban development projects.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Juan Manuel Puerta, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER Cheryl Gray, IADB</p> <p>MODERATOR David Anthony Raitzer, ADB</p>
12:30–2:00	LUNCH [Green Cafe, 5th Floor]		

2:00–3:30	<p>Session 17: How census data informs policy formulation [Shang De Room, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will understand the role of censuses in monitoring, evaluating, and achieving the SDGs.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Alexandra Chambel, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER Jordi del Bas, UNFPA</p> <p>PANELISTS Khaing Khaing Soe, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Myanmar Razali Ritonga, BPS–Statistics, Indonesia Mashud Alam, Bureau for Statistics, Bangladesh</p> <p>MODERATOR Alexandra Chambel, UNFPA</p>	<p>Session 18: Performance evaluation in the PRC’s agricultural sector [Yong Ning and An Ding Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn about the PRC’s efforts and explorations on the performance evaluation in the agricultural sector.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Xueling Chu, Ministry of Agriculture, PRC</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER Qiming Liu, China Agricultural University, PRC</p> <p>MODERATOR Tao Zuo, Ministry of Education, PRC</p>	<p>Session 19: Strengthening the demand and use of evaluation in policy making [An Yuan Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn the role of Parliamentarians and National Evaluation Policies in supporting the national evaluation functions.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Marco Segone, UN Women Asela Kalugampitiya, Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation (GPFE)</p> <p>PANELISTS Rangina Kargar, Member of Parliament (MP), Afghanistan Ananda Pokharel, MP Nepal Buddhika Pathirana, MP Sri Lanka Arunasalam Rasappan, Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association Karen Rot-Munstermann, African Parliamentarian’s Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE)</p> <p>MODERATORS: Marco Segone and Asela Kalugampitiya</p>
3:30–4:00	TEA BREAK		
4:00–5:30	<p>Session 20: Evaluating risk [Shang De Room, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will understand the risks and how they affect development programs.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Patricia Rogers, ANZSOG Michael Bamberger, Independent Consultant</p> <p>DISCUSSANT Sasae Walter, National University of Samoa, Samoa</p> <p>GROUP DISCUSSION</p> <p>MODERATOR Joanne Asquith, ADB</p>	<p>Session 21: Evaluating knowledge sharing [Yong Ning and An Ding Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will understand the challenges and theoretical methods in evaluating knowledge sharing technical assistance.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Suk-Won Lee, Seoul National University, Center for International Development Evaluation (SNU-CIDE)</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER Jae Eun Shin, SNU-CIDE</p> <p>PANELISTS Hyuk-Sang Sonh, Kyung Hee University, Republic of Korea Jeffrey Singer, QED Group, USA</p> <p>MODERATOR Farzana Ahmed, ADB</p>	<p>Session 22: Gender equality in development [An Yuan Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn about the opportunities and challenges of mainstreaming gender equality in development projects.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE and MODERATOR Caroline Heider, World Bank</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTERS Elena Bardasi, World Bank Shagun Sabarwal, CLEAR World Bank</p>

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Day 3, Wednesday, 7 September 2016

9:00–10:30	<p>Session 23: Moving towards environmentally sustainable growth [Da Ming Ballroom, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will be informed of the environmental threats to region, lessons from evaluation, and options and opportunities for promoting environmentally sustainable growth, including the potential contributions from evaluation.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Walter Kolkma, ADB</p> <p>PANELIST Hideyuki Mori, Institute for Global Environmental Studies Robert Dobias, ADAPT Asia-Pacific, Thailand Sohail Hasnie, ADB</p> <p>MODERATOR Andrew Brubaker, ADB</p>
10:30–11:00	TEA BREAK
11:00–12:30	<p>Session 24: What is meant by inclusive growth at the macroeconomic level and how it can be measured? [Da Ming Ballroom, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will better understand the key determinants of inclusive growth, how it is measured, and what evaluation can show about inclusive growth.</i></p> <p>PRESENTERS and PANELISTS Muhammad Quibria, Morgan State University Veronique Salze-Lozac’h, ADB Yan Wang, George Washington University Joanne Asquith, ADB</p> <p>MODERATOR Farzana Ahmed, ADB</p>
12:30–2:00	LUNCH [Green Cafe, 5th Floor]
2:00–5:30	<p>Session 25 Open discussion and recess</p>

Day 4, Thursday, 8 September 2016

9:00–10:30	<p>Session 26: Linking evaluation to food security policy [Shang De Room, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will appreciate how evaluation contributes to knowledge in food security and changes in related policies and governance.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Masahiro Igarashi, FAO</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTERS Dorjee Kinlay, FAO, Kyrgyz Republic and Aziz Aliev, Finance and Credit Department, Kyrgyz Republic Michael Dominique Carbon, IFAD</p> <p>MODERATOR Carlos Tarazona, FAO</p>	<p>Session 27: What works in promoting private-sector growth? Evidence from evaluation [Yong Ning and An Ding Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will be able to discuss the various evaluation findings on supporting private sector growth.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Rakesh Nangia, AfDB</p> <p>PANELIST Rakesh Nangia, AfDB Balbir Singh, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) Joseph Eichenberger, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Caroline Heider, World Bank Hau sing Tse, AfDB</p> <p>MODERATOR Rafika Amira, AfDB</p>	<p>Session 28: Evaluating policy-based lending [An Yuan Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will gain a deeper understanding of conceptual issues surrounding policy-based lending and techniques and challenges in evaluating the design, implementation, and development effectiveness of such lending.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Cheryl Gray, IADB</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER Mark Sundberg, World Bank</p> <p>PANELIST Joanne Asquith, ADB</p> <p>MODERATOR Farzana Ahmed, ADB</p>
10:30–11:00	TEA BREAK		
11:00–12:30	<p>Session 29: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and recent economic crises [Shang De Room, 18th Floor] <i>Participants will learn the challenges of designing an economic crisis management strategy and how recent lessons can strengthen the IMF's crisis management role.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Shinji Takagi, IMF</p> <p>MODERATOR Farzana Ahmed, ADB</p>	<p>Session 30: Evaluating megaregional cooperation initiatives in trade, infrastructure, and public goods [An Yuan Room, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will learn lessons about recent developments in regional cooperation and integration initiatives in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE and MODERATOR Ganeshan Wignaraja, ADB</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER Marco Gatti, ADB</p> <p>PANELISTS Minghui Shen, China Academy of Social Sciences, PRC Rakesh Nangia, AfDB Juan Manuel Puerta, IADB</p>	<p>Session 31: Addressing complication and complexity in evaluation [Yong Ning and An Ding, 5th Floor] <i>Participants will understand the options available to adequately understand and manage complicated aspects of interventions.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE Patricia Rogers, ANZSOG</p> <p>CASE STUDY PRESENTER and MODERATOR Michael Bamberger, Independent Consultant</p> <p>GROUP DISCUSSION</p>
12:30–2:00	LUNCH [Green Cafe, 5th Floor]		

2:00-3:30	<p>Session 32: Learning from Experience: How can countries institutionalize and promote the use of evidence in development decisions? [Da Ming Ballroom, 18th Floor]</p> <p><i>Participants will learn on how can countries institutionalize and promote the use of evidence in development decisions.</i></p> <p>KEYNOTE AND MODERATOR Caroline Heider, World Bank</p> <p>PANELISTS Oswaldo Feinstein, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Argentina Abdoulke Gounou, Ministry for the Evaluation of Public Policies and Privatization Program, Benin Arunasalam Rasappan, Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association David Gomez Alvarez, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Jalisco State Government, Mexico Graciela M. Teruel Belismelis, National Council for Evaluation and Social Development Policy (CONEVAL), Mexico</p>
3:30-4:00	TEA BREAK
4:00-5:00	<p>Session 33: Closing Session [Da Ming Ballroom, 18th Floor]</p> <p>WRAP UP: Evaluation in Asia going forward Satish Rao, New Development Bank, PRC Caroline Heider, World Bank Walter Kolkma, ADB Kouqing Li, AFDI, PRC</p> <p>MODERATOR Farzana Ahmed, ADB</p>
5:00-5:15	<p>CLOSING REMARKS Kouqing Li, AFDI, PRC</p> <p>MODERATOR: Runzhong Peng, AFDI, PRC</p>

Day 5, Friday, 9 September 2016

9:00–10:30	WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION
10:30–11:00	TEA BREAK
11:00–12:30	WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION
12:30–2:00	LUNCH [Green Cafe, 5th Floor]

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SPEAKERS' PROFILE*



Farzana Ahmed is the Lead Evaluation Specialist at the Independent Evaluation Department (IED) of the Asian Development Bank. Amongst other evaluation roles, Ms. Ahmed leads the evaluation capacity development function at IED. Ms. Ahmed joined the ADB in 1998 and prior to joining IED, held positions in ADB Operations that included a country posting in Indonesia and a secondment as an Advisor to the Australian Agency for International Development. Before joining ADB, Ms. Ahmed worked in various financial positions in the private sector in the United Kingdom and Australia. Bangladeshi by origin, Ms Ahmed graduated from Oxford University, UK and is a qualified chartered accountant.



Joanne Asquith is Senior Evaluation Specialist at the Independent Evaluation Department of the Asian Development Bank. She has worked for a number of development agencies in both operations and evaluation, and has spent most of her career based in the field in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific. Her recent work has included the Sri Lanka Country Assistance Program Evaluation, an evaluation of ADB's Pacific Approach, and a review of ADB's Social Protection Strategy. She has also worked on evaluations of governance, inclusive growth, and the MDGs. Outside ADB, Joanne's evaluation work has included budget support, public financial management, and water. Joanne holds a Master's degree in economics from the University of Manchester.



Michael Bamberger has a Ph.D in Sociology. He has 45 years of experience in development evaluation including 23 years with the World Bank where he worked on development evaluation, evaluation training for the Asia region and gender and development. Since retiring from the World Bank, he has worked as an independent consultant on development evaluation with 10 UN agencies, development banks and NGOs. He currently advises the Evaluation Office of the Rockefeller Foundation, is a member of the international advisory panel of the Independent Evaluation Office of UNDP, and UN Women's evaluation advisory panel. Recent publications include *RealWorld Evaluation: Working under Budget, Time, Data and Political Constraints* (2012); *Introduction to Mixed Methods in Impact Evaluation* (2012); *How to Design and Manage Equity Focused Evaluations* (2011); *Emerging Opportunities: Monitoring and Evaluation in a Tech-Enabled World* (2014), and *Dealing with Complexity in Development Evaluation*.



Andrew Brubaker is Senior Evaluation Specialist at the Asian Development Bank. He has been with ADB for 4 years and primarily works on thematic evaluations related to environment, agriculture and natural resources management and public sector management. Before joining ADB, he worked in evaluation at the International Fund for Agricultural Development and for several US government agencies. Andrew's international work began in the Philippines where he served as a US Peace Corps Volunteer. He has a Master's of Public Affairs degree from Indiana University and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Temple University.



Heather Bryant is Evaluation Advisor at the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), where she has been working since 2012. She is currently conducting evaluations of UNDP country programmes called Assessments of Development Results, most recently in Malaysia, Morocco, Mauritania and Cameroon. She also recently completed a Joint Evaluation of the GEF/UNDP Small Grants Programme in collaboration with the GEF Independent Evaluation Office. Prior to joining the UNDP IEO, Heather worked for UNDP Nepal as the head of the Strategic Planning and Development Effectiveness Unit, where she was responsible for planning, monitoring and evaluation tasks, with a special emphasis on human rights, gender equality and social exclusion issues. Heather has a master's in geography from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and speaks English and French.

* The profile of speakers in this list refers only to keynote speakers, the AEW Secretariat and IED staff. Panelists, case study presenters and moderators are fully recognized.



Michael Carbon has worked in evaluation since 2005, first for IFAD, Rome and later for UNEP, Nairobi. Michael led a great variety of ex-post evaluations in Africa, Asia and Latin America, including evaluations of the UNEP disasters and conflicts, climate change and chemicals and waste sub-programmes, the UNEP Sudan Country Programme, the IFAD DR Congo CSP, and numerous environmental and rural development projects and programmes. Before starting his evaluation career, Michael worked in northern Vietnam, as a technical assistant and later as a project coordinator in the field of rural extension and farmer organization. Michael obtained a MSc in Bio-engineering, specializing in Forestry, Nature Conservation and Tropical Agriculture from KUL (Leuven, Belgium), an Engineering Diploma in Tropical Agronomy from CNEARC (Montpellier, France) and a PhD Preparatory Studies Degree in Geography and Development Practice from INA-PG (Paris). Michael recently returned to the IFAD Independent Evaluation Office as a Senior Evaluation Officer.



Xueling Chu is Associate Research Fellow from the Foreign Economic Cooperation Center, Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China (PRC). She is engaged in agricultural international cooperation and performance evaluation. She has presided over or participated in 13 loan or grant projects funded by international financial organizations, and worked as a consultant in the performance evaluation for MOA's agricultural investment projects in recent years. The "Operation Manual for Performance Management of Agricultural Investment Project", which is the first technical standard in the performance management for agricultural investment projects in PRC, written by Ms. Chu and her colleagues, has been issued to all the Chinese provinces. She holds a Doctoral degree in management.



Alexandra Chambel is Evaluation Adviser at the Evaluation Office of UNFPA, in New York. She has more than 21 years of experience on international cooperation and development aid. This has included positions in bilateral and multilateral organizations spanning evaluation, monitoring and policy. She started her career at the European Commission, working with the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries in 1995, in Brussels. She has worked as Evaluation Officer at the Institute of Portuguese Cooperation of the MFA of Portugal before being seconded, in 2002, to the European Commission/EuropeAid where she held management and coordination positions in evaluation and monitoring. After almost 6 years of working in HQ, she became Policy Adviser at the EU Delegation in Guatemala. In 2009, Alexandra relocated to New York and joined the Evaluation Office of UNDP as Evaluation Specialist prior to joining UNFPA in 2011.



Marco Gatti is Principal Evaluation Specialist at the Asian Development Bank. He has extensive experience in conducting evaluation studies, including corporate, sector and project evaluation studies. Amongst his recent corporate evaluations are Managing for Development Results, Knowledge Products and Services, and Regional Cooperation and Integration. Prior to working at ADB, he was a staff of Elf Trading France SA (Elf Aquitaine Group) and DRI Energy, DRI/McGraw-Hill Inc in Paris, France. He completed his undergraduate Degree in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and Master's (M.Sc.) Degree in Economics from the London School of Economics.



Cheryl Gray joined the IDB in June 2011 after working 25 years at the World Bank, most recently as Director of Independent Evaluation. Prior to that position, she served as a Director in their Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Vice-Presidency, managing the World Bank's work on economic policy, governance, legal and judicial reform, and gender and poverty analysis in 30 ECA countries. From 1997 to 2002 she served as Director for Public Sector Reform, co-authoring the World Bank's anticorruption and public sector reform strategies, and from 1987 to 1997 she worked as an economist in the World Bank's Development Research Department and Office of Chief Economist. Before joining the World Bank she worked for three years as an advisor in the Ministry of Finance in Indonesia. Cheryl holds a PhD degree on Public Policy from Harvard University and an undergraduate degree in economics from Stanford University.



Caroline Heider is the Director-General and Senior Vice-President of Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank Group. She joined the Independent Evaluation Group on October 1, 2011. She reports directly to the World Bank Group's Boards of Executive Directors through the Committee on Development Effectiveness. Caroline has more than 25 years of international experience, the majority of which in evaluation. Prior to the World Bank Group, she has worked with five multilateral organizations, including two international finance institutions (Asian Development Bank and International Fund for Agriculture Development), a technical agency (UNIDO) and two Funds and Programmes of the UN System (UNDP and WFP). She is a life-time member of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS). She has been a member of the American Evaluation Association, the Australasian Evaluation Society and the European Evaluation Society. She served a 2-year term as vice-chair of the UN Evaluation Group.



Masahiro Igarashi is an evaluation expert with more than 25 years of experience in development evaluation, economic analysis, organizational reform and policy development, and result-based management. He is currently serving as the Director of OED and has led the reform process of FAO's evaluation function to enhance the quality of its evaluations and their utility to stakeholders. Before joining FAO, he served as Evaluation Advisor at the United Nations Development Programme. Prior to this, he served as Programme Management Officer and Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development. He holds a doctorate degree in economics from the University of Queen's in Canada and a master's degree in socio-economic planning from the University of Tsukuba in Japan. He will deliver the keynote for FAO's session on the importance of linking evaluation with policy and governance in food security.



Asela Kalugampitiya is a Sri Lankan lawyer currently working as EvalPartners Executive Coordinator which is co-chaired by United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG). He manages initiatives related to Global Evaluation Agenda 2016-2020 and EvalPartners global activities. Asela has been working in the MandE field for over 15 years particularly in gender equality and policy development. He has worked for international organizations including International Development Law Organization (IDLO), UN Women, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), International Labor Organization (ILO) and CARE International as Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist. Asela was instrumental in initiating "engaging parliamentarians in evaluation" campaign which led to the launch of Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation. He was also instrumental in International Year of Evaluation 2015 and organizing Global Evaluation Week held at the parliament of Nepal.



Young Uck Kang joined ADB in July 2014 for promoting internal/external knowledge sharing, especially through a case-based approach in capturing and sharing tacit knowledge embedded in developmental experiences and ADB's projects. As a knowledge management practitioner, he was a professor at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management (2005-2014), teaching Analysis of Market and Public Policy, Analysis of Policy-making Process, and Strategic Leadership in Public Management. His specialties also lie in the area of policy analysis and evaluation, public finance, governance, and public education. Kang earned his PhD in Public Administration from the New York University in 2004. He holds a Master of Philosophy from the New York University in 2001, a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago in 1998 and a Master of Business Administration from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1991. He has a BA in economics and computer science from the Georgetown University.



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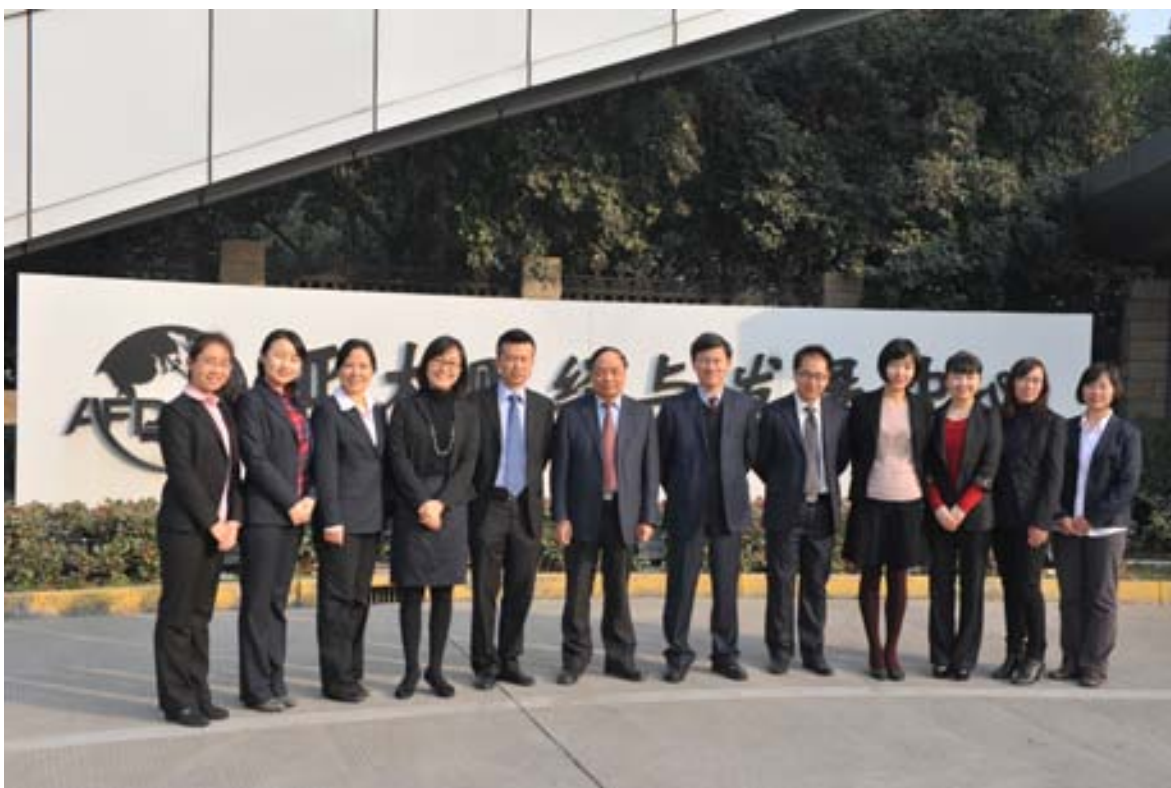
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