



Launch

International Year of Evaluation in South Africa

Date: 19 March 2015

Time: 08:30 – 12:00

**Venue: Senate Room, 2nd Floor, Senate House,
University of Witwatersrand (WITS), Johannesburg**

Endorsements

 <p>SAMEA South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association</p>	 <p>PSC Custodian of Good Governance</p> <p>The Public Service Commission</p>	 <p>The Presidency: Department of Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation</p>
 <p>Regional Centers for Learning on Evaluation and Results</p>    		
 <p>BRIDGE LINKING INNOVATORS IN EDUCATION</p>	 <p>Room to Read[®]</p> <p>World Change Starts with Educated Children.[®]</p>	 <p>Benita Williams Evaluation Consultants</p>
 <p>University of Fort Hare Together in Excellence</p>	 <p>Khulisa management services</p>	

Programme Director: Prof Richard Levin, Chairperson of SAMEA

Objective

The International Year of Evaluation seeks to draw attention to Evaluation's central role in development and to advocate and promote evidence-based policy making at international, regional, national and local levels.

Programme

Time	Session	Responsible
8.30	Coffee and arrival	SAMEA Secretariat and CLEAR-AA
9.00	Welcome	Prof Imraan Valodia , Dean of Commerce, Law and Management, University of Witwatersrand
9:10	Purpose of the launch and EvalYear	Prof Richard Levin , Chairperson, SAMEA
9.20	An oversight role of M&E in Good Governance	Ms Phumelele Nzimande , Commissioner, Public Service Commission
9.30	1) Message of support from EvalPartners Management 2) Other messages of support	Dr Ian Goldman , Head: Evaluation and Research Unit, The Presidency: Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
9.40	Introduction of the Hon. Minister	Ms Nolwazi Gasa , Acting Director-General : The Presidency: Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
9.45	Speech by the Hon. Minister	Hon Jeff Radebe, MP , Minister in the Presidency responsible for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
10.15	Unveiling of the South African International Year of Evaluation Declaration and lighting the EvalYear Torch	Hon Jeff Radebe, MP , Minister in the Presidency responsible for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
10.30	Unveiling the South African International Year of Evaluation Calendar of Events	Dr Liezelle Jacobs , Chief Operations Officer, SAMEA
10.45	Vote of Thanks	Dr Laila Smith , Director : CLEAR-AA, Wits University
Light snacks & Networking		

EvalYear 2015 events

Domestic events

When	Event	Responsible & Enquiries	Location
19 March	1. Official Launch of the International Year of Evaluation	EvalYear Organising Committee info@samea.org.za	Wits University, Johannesburg
17 March	2. National Evaluation Capacity session with SAMEA, DPME and CLEAR	Christel Jacob, DPME christel@presidency-dpme.gov.za	Johannesburg
20 April	3. First Evaluation Café with the HSRC	Liezille Jacobs, SAMEA coordinator@samea.org.za	Pretoria (HSRC offices in Cape Town & Durban)
28 April	4. Thematic Seminar on evaluations focusing on Children's Rights	Matodzi Amisi, DPME Matodzi@presidency-dpme.gov.za	Constitution Hill, Johannesburg
April (TBC)	5. Budget speech by Hon. Jeff Radebe, MP, Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation.	Stanley Ntakumba, DPME stanley@presidency-dpme.gov.za	Cape Town
May (TBC)	6. Launch of the book: Evaluation Management in South Africa & Africa.	Prof Fanie Cloete, Stellenbosch Fanie.Cloete@spl.sun.ac.za	Cape Town
May (TBC)	7. Session with Parliament in collaboration with Parliamentary Budget Office	Prof Richard Levin, SAMEA RichardL@opsc.gov.za	Cape Town
June (TBC)	8. CLEAR-AA Seminar with special guest presenter, Phil Davies, 3ie	Neissan Besharati CLEAR-AA neissan.besharati@wits.ac.za	Wits University, Johannesburg
June (TBC)	9. Thematic Seminar on the Department of Trade & Industry's priority evaluations	Timothy Dladla, the dti ttdladla@thedti.gov.za	Pretoria
July (TBC)	10. Launch of African Evaluation Journal Special Edition on SA National Evaluation System	Ian Goldman, DPME ian@presidency-dpme.gov.za Mark Abrahams AEJ marka@iafrica.com	Pretoria
8 July	11. Stakeholder workshop to validate findings & recommendations of the Feasibility Study on Professionalisation of Evaluation in South Africa	Jabu Mathe, DPME jabu@presidency-dpme.gov.za	Pretoria
September (TBC)	12. Launch of the African Development Evaluation Education Programme (AFDEEP)	Prof Richard Levin, SAMEA RichardL@opsc.gov.za	TBD
12-16 October	13. SAMEA 5 th Biennial Monitoring & Evaluation Conference 'Using evaluation to improve people's lives'	Dr Liezille Jacobs, coordinator@samea.org.za	Johannesburg

Other domestic events to take note of:

Date	Event	Organisers	Info and Location
15-16 April	14. Serious Social Investment Conference	Tshikululu Social Investments	This is an event identified to participate in and influence.
14 May	15. BRIDGE National Maths & Science Learner Support Community of Practice: Monitoring & Evaluation Colloquium	BRIDGE, Tshegofatso Thulare: Tshegofatso@bridge.org.za	Johannesburg, TBC
26 June – 2 July	16. Celebrating Building Evaluation Scholarship and Capacity in SA	University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University and Zenex Foundation	The week long event will be held at UCT, SU and Wanderer's Hotel in Johannesburg with presentations by international guests Dr Stephanie Evergreen and Dr Tiffany Berry.
5 August	17. BRIDGE National Maths & Science Learner Support Community of Practice: Monitoring & Evaluation Colloquium	BRIDGE, Tshegofatso Thulare: Tshegofatso@bridge.org.za	Johannesburg, TBC
TBC	18. Peer-learning on the Provincial & Municipal Evaluation Practices in South Africa	University of Fort Hare, Eastern Cape Office of the Public Service Commission and the Office of the Premier Contact: ejoma@ufh.ac.za	The event will be a 3-day colloquium held in East London for young and emerging evaluators.
6 October	19. BRIDGE National Maths & Science Learner Support Community of Practice: Monitoring & Evaluation Colloquium	BRIDGE, Tshegofatso Thulare: Tshegofatso@bridge.org.za	Johannesburg, TBC

International EvalYear events to take note of:

When	Event	Location	SA Rep.
11-13 March	20. Uganda Evaluation Week	Kampala	DPME
March (TBC)	21. Meeting of African Parliamentarians	Benin	DPME
13-14 May	22. Canadian Evaluation Society Conference	Montreal, Canada	DPME
June (TBC)	23. CLEAR Regional Dialogue in Anglophone Africa – (CLEAR AA)	Kampala, Uganda	CLEAR-AA
26-30 October	24. UNDP/EvalPartners Event in Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand	SAMEA
9-14 November	25. American Evaluation Association Conference	USA	SAMEA
November (TBC)	26. CLEAR Regional Dialogue in Anglophone Africa – (CLEAR AA and CLEAR FA)	Dakar, Senegal	CLEAR-AA

Short courses on offer throughout the year (contact for costs and details)-

When	Course	Responsible & Enquiries	Location
2 - 6 March	Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting for Development Projects	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	Cape Town
9 - 11 March	Implementing a Results-Based M&E system	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	Cape Town
9 - 13 March	Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting for Development Projects	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	Swakopmund, Namibia
16-20 March	Public Sector Monitoring & Evaluation, NQF Level 8	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, Hanlie Coetzee hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
23-26 March	Training course on impact evaluation in industrial policy	Neissan Besharati CLEAR-AA in partnership with UNIDO for DTI neissan.besharati@wits.ac.za	Burgers Park Hotel Pretoria
15 - 16 April	Theory of Change	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	Cape Town
20-22 April	Advanced M&E: Integrated Planning, Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation, NQF Level 9	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
18-19 May	Public Sector M&E: Theory of Change, NQF level 8	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
18 – 22 May	Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting for Development Projects	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	East London
20-22 May	Advanced Monitoring & Evaluation: Indicator Development, NQF level 9	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
1-5 June	Public Sector Monitoring and Evaluation, NQF level 8	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
9 - 11 June	Implementing a Results-Based M&E system	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	Durban
June/July	Short course (ten days) in RBM at WSG	CLEAR-AA Kieron Crawley kieron.crawley@wits.ac.za	Wits School of Governance, Parktown, Johannesburg
17-19 June	Advanced Monitoring & Evaluation: Evaluation Analysis and Research NQF level 9	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
24 – 28 August	Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting for Development Projects	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	Joburg
31 Aug-4 Sept	Advanced Monitoring & Evaluation: Integrating Planning, Implementation, Budgeting, Monitoring & Evaluation NQF level 9	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
14-18 Sept	Public Sector Monitoring and Evaluation, NQF level 8	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town

When	Course	Responsible & Enquiries	Location
15 – 17 September	Implementing a Results-Based M&E system	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	Joburg
5-7 Oct	Advanced Monitoring & Evaluation: Indicator Development, NQF level 9	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
13 - 14 October	Theory of Change	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	Joburg
20 – 22 October	Outcome Mapping: Tools for Dealing with Complexity in Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	Southern Hemisphere, Pippa Segal: training@southernhemisphere.co.za	Cape Town
26-28 Oct	Advanced Monitoring & Evaluation: Integrating Planning, Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation NQF level 9	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
5-16 October	Short course in RBM at WSG	CLEAR-AA Kieron Crawley kieron.crawley@wits.ac.za	Wits School of Governance, Parktown, Johannesburg
12-16 October	Introduction to Programme Evaluation (Module in PG Diploma in Social Science Methods)	University of Cape Town & Stellenbosch University ehector@sun.ac.za	Stellenbosch
9-11 Nov	Public Sector M&E: Theory of Change, NQF level 8	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
23-27 Nov	Public Sector Monitoring and Evaluation, NQF level 8	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town
1-3 Dec	Advanced Monitoring & Evaluation: Evaluation Analysis and Research NQF level 9	Stellenbosch University School of Public Leadership, hcoetzee@sun.ac.za	SU Campus Bellville, Cape Town

Is there a short course that you know of that is not included here? Please email us with details as we'll be updating this list on the website throughout the year.

SOUTH AFRICAN DECLARATION SUPPORTING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF EVALUATION

Evaluation is the systematic analysis of policies, programmes and projects to assess their value and worth, including their contribution to the realisation of national, regional and international societal goals. Evaluations should be undertaken for a specific purpose and provide knowledge and evidence to inform strategic decision-making and improve operational performance.

Evaluation helps to improve learning, provides an opportunity to people who are often excluded from participating in important decision-making and can strengthen institutions and initiatives. Good evaluations also build trust and help to hold government bodies and other role-players accountable for their performance and results.

The International Year of Evaluation is a collaborative effort to increase people's awareness of evaluation as an important practice that can add value to development processes and lead to improved governance.

We are stakeholders from civil society, government, private sector, academia, donors and multi-lateral agencies active in evaluation in South Africa. We strongly support the decision made in Brazil by a broad-based group of evaluation stakeholders to declare 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear).

By the end of 2015 we aim to have broadened the evaluation community and increased commitment and understanding amongst evaluation users and decision makers.

The South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA) seeks to cultivate a vibrant community to support, guide and strengthen development evaluation as an important discipline, profession and instrument for empowerment and accountability in South Africa. It will be coordinating a series of EvalYear events in partnership with local and international partners. These events will include training and capacity building events, the release of knowledge products, and hosting a number of networking opportunities.

We call on all South Africans who are interested in deepening democracy, improving governance and promoting development to participate in the EvalYear programme of activities. In particular we encourage people to participate in the SAMEA Conference to be held from 12 to 16 October in Johannesburg.

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SAMEA CHAIRPERSON
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