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**Abstract for UNDP NEC 2024**

**Stream B:** Inclusive Evaluation Systems – Including citizens’ voice, alternative knowledge, and evaluating complexity.

**Building Inclusive Capacity:** Empowering Stakeholders for Effective Participation in Evaluation

Voluntary Organization for Professional Evaluation is a proactive player and essential component of the evaluation ecosystem. Since the establishment of Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) in 2021, we have been actively yet organically contributing to creating an inclusive evaluation systems. When we first discussed our vision of the VOPE, the condition was clear that MEA could contribute to the society which was to build capacity of national evaluators to make government accountable, and on the other to support our government to institutionalize evaluation. Under this vision, now 200 people joined as members of our association learning evaluation methods, advocating value of evaluation in the society. All these have been made possible with thousands of days of volunteering work for our VOPE. For me, 1000 days fueled with demanding volunteer days in these 3 years have been dedicated to establish and to institutionalize MEA, and if we add of our other board members and members’ contribution, it amounts to several thousand of volunteer days with unpaid work.

Looking back 3 years of volunteer work, I can attest that some one had to sacrifice to pave the way to build up the VOPE to this state, but that would last only for some years unless international development community such as UN and development bank join the efforts with national VOPEs. I have observed that the international development organizations and bank are often partner with regional VOPEs, but leave the national VOPEs on their own, in fact, those are in most need to thrive sustainably to foster inclusive evaluation systems.

Therefore, I would like to make a case and bring the attention to the audience on the importance of UN agencies and development banks to partner directly with national VOPEs besides their partnering with regional VOPEs for greater impact of inclusive evaluation system building.

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