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A featured event at the Evaluation Conclave 2025

Summit for the future of *evaluation*

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1. What is the Summit for the Future of *Evaluation*?

The Summit for the Future of *Evaluation*, a featured event at the [Evaluation Conclave 2025](#), takes inspiration from the [Summit of the Future](#), held at the United National General Assembly in September 2024 and its resulting "[Pact for the Future](#)." The Pact calls for global collaboration to address humanity's biggest challenges and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. The Pact, along with the Declaration for Future Generations and the Global Digital Compact, emphasizes strengthening global governance through improved international cooperation. It urges accelerated action on sustainable development, prioritizing climate action, poverty eradication, and reducing inequalities. Furthermore, it stresses the importance of harnessing technology for good, ensuring new technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), serve humanity and promote inclusion. The Pact also highlights the urgent need for meaningful youth engagement including involving young people in decision-making in every sphere.

The Pact for the Future offers a forward-looking vision that guides the evaluation field in adapting to global challenges and opportunities. It encourages the evaluation field to evolve and adapt, ensuring that evaluation plays a crucial role in promoting good governance and accountability, towards a more just, equitable, and sustainable future for all. Looking ahead, the Summit for the Future of *Evaluation* will be a key moment for the evaluation field, coinciding with significant milestones: the fifth anniversary of the Decade of Evaluation for Action ([#Eval4Action](#)) advocacy campaign and the tenth anniversary of the EvalYouth network and the Global Parliamentarian Forum for Evaluation. The Summit will also be aligned with the outcomes of the Academic Symposium on M&E Education held in Colombo, Sri Lanka (December 2023), highlighting the role of the academic sector in professionalizing evaluation and increasing the momentum towards meaningful engagement of youth in evaluation.

The Summit for the Future of *Evaluation* is a collaboration among the Eval4Action campaign, its coleaders - the UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office, EvalYouth Global Network, Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation (GPFE) - Community of Evaluators-South Asia; and International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE).

2. What can we expect at the Summit for the Future of *Evaluation*?

The Summit for the Future of *Evaluation* will be a dynamic event with a strong focus on collectively making the evaluation field fit for purpose. It will focus on two critical tracks, meaningful engagement of youth in evaluation and ethical AI use in evaluation, exploring how the synergy of youth and AI integration can act as catalysts for transformative change in evaluation.

TRACK 1: Meaningful youth engagement in evaluation.

Reviewing the progress of the last five years on multi-stakeholder and intergenerational collaboration in evaluation, this track sets a vision for strengthening this partnership for the upcoming five years. It will advocate for stronger commitment and action to engage young

people in all stages of the evaluation process in various sectors. Sessions will examine innovative approaches to youth engagement, best practices, and strategies to overcome barriers to participation in all sectors. Overall, this track aims to increase the commitment to the [Youth in Evaluation](#) manifesto and standards, a global movement with a wide range of supporters.

TRACK 2: Ethical use of AI in evaluation.

This track will examine the transformative potential of AI in evaluation while emphasizing the importance of responsible and ethical AI deployment in evaluation. Discussions will center on how AI can enhance evaluation practices, making them more effective, efficient, insightful and timely.

Key highlights:

- **2025 Youth in Evaluation Champions Award Ceremony:** This ceremony will be a key moment in the Summit, recognizing organizations across sectors that have demonstrated exceptional commitment to upholding the [Youth in Evaluation standards](#). It will be an opportunity to celebrate their achievements, share lessons learned, and inspire others to prioritize youth engagement in their evaluation work. This is the second annual Champion Award ceremony, building on the success of the [inaugural event](#) held at the [Youth in Evaluation week 2024](#).
- **Intergenerational learning:** The Summit will provide a unique platform for cross-fertilizing knowledge and experiences between generations of evaluators, including young evaluators, those who have progressed as mid-career evaluation professionals, as well as seasoned professionals, fostering a rich exchange of insights to expand the Youth in Evaluation movement and use of new technologies such as AI.
- **Shaping the future of evaluation with AI and youth:** Sessions will cater to diverse levels of AI experience, offering practical examples and deep dives into AI applications for evaluation. Participants will gain insights into real-world use cases and learn about tools and frameworks for ensuring ethical AI integration in evaluation. The sessions will also deep dive into the future of youth in evaluation advocacy and potential ways to increase this momentum.

3. Who should attend the Summit for the Future of *Evaluation*?

The Summit is an in-person event, however, to facilitate inclusion, a hybrid option to join the Summit will be available. Whether you are a VOPE, evaluation professional, young and emerging evaluator, parliamentarian, government, evaluation user, academic, multilateral organization, or another sector or agency supporting the achievement of the SDGs and the advancement of evaluation, you are invited to join the Summit for the Future of *Evaluation*.

4. How can you contribute to the Summit for the Future of *Evaluation*?

The Summit especially encourages the participation of young evaluation professionals. To support their engagement, bursaries will be available to help young people engage in-person or participate online.

Youth in Evaluation champions from 2024 and 2025 will receive a special invitation to the Summit. Registration will be available through the Evaluation Conclave 2025 website. Further details will be available shortly.