RESPONSIBLE PARLIAMENTS – EMBRACING EVALUATION FOR AGENDA 2030: FOLLOW UP TO EVALCOLOMBO2018 AND COLOMBO DECLARATION

INSTITUTIONALIZING EVALUATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES OF SRI LANKA

- Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
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  - Treasurer - Sri Lanka Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation
Participants will learn the importance of institutionalization of evaluation in Parliaments for strengthening evidence-informed decision making towards sustainable development. Participants will also learn the parliamentarians’ role in national evaluation policies and systems.
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EVOLUTION

• **2014** – Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation - Chairman
• **2015** - Renewed effort for Good governance
• **2016** - Sri Lanka Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation
• **2018** - National Evaluation Policy
  EvalColombo2018
  Colombo Declaration
• **2019** – Parliament Select Committee on Evaluation
Signing of Colombo Declaration at EvalColombo2018

EvalColombo2018 – Global Conference
LOGIC MODEL: INSTITUTIONALISING EVALUATION IN SRI LANKA
PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ON EVALUATION

- Formulation of national policies and legislating laws
- Encouraging public-private partnership
- Examining the existing oversight mechanism of the Parliament
- Setting up a Legislative Standing Committee for Evaluation;
- Extending the functions of the Parliament Research Unit to ‘Parliament Research and Evaluation Unit’
NATIONAL EVALUATION BILL

- **Mandate of the PSL on Evaluation (3.1.a)**
- **Baseline:** UN Resolution A/RES/69/237 / SL-NEP / Colombo Declaration
- **Structure:**
  - National Evaluation Commission – Regulatory body
  - Public / Central Administration
  - Provincial and Local Administration
NATIONAL EVALUATION BILL

• Implementation: M&E at all administrative level;
  Answerable to Parliamentary Committee on Evaluation

• Ex-ante and Ex-Post Evaluation:
  Govt. Policies, Programme and Projects

• Mandatory Budgetary Allocation for Evaluation (1%)

• Implementation Mechanism

• Ensure transparency and accountability
1st Meeting of Parliament Select Committee on Evaluation

Stakeholder Consultation for Draft National Evaluation Bill
EVALUATION IN PARLIAMENT OF SRI LANKA

• SL Parliamentarians’ Forum for Evaluation – Caucus

• Parliament Research and Evaluation Services

• Evidence-Informed Governance for Results (EIGR)
  
  Outcome 1: Capacity Building for Parliamentary Research Service

  Outcome 2: PRU – National Evaluation Information Centre

  Outcome 3: Linking Universities with Parliament
Capacity Building Programs for PRU
CONTRIBUTION OF SLPFE

- Sri Lanka Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation – a group of parliamentarians interested in promoting evaluation
- Two adjournment motions submitted to and debated in the parliament
  - to introduce NEP
  - allocate funds from the national budget for evaluation
- 2018 budget speech includes NEP
- SLPFE hosted EvalColombo2018
- SLPFE is in a process of implementing a long term program to institutionalize evaluation within the parliament
Global Partnership for Evaluation

Panel 5 – Ballroom 2
Evaluation for the Executive and the Legislature

Panellists
Ms. Evelyn Mpagi, Former Member of Parliament, Uganda, APNODE Board Member,
Siyasath, Head of the Speaker Bureau, Legislative Council,
Annasothy, Secretary to the Ministry of Development and Christian Religious,
Sri Lanka
Gautha Dissanayake, Member of Parliament, Sri Lanka

Panel Chair
Dr. Walter Kolkma, Director Independent Evaluation Thermic and Country Division, Asian Development Bank

2nd APEA Evaluation Conference – Sri Lankan Delegation
EVALUATION IN PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICES

- Rigorous Evaluation on the Business before the House
  * (Bills, Policy, Regulations, Budget, Programmes, Projects, Reports, etc.)
- Special Evaluation on Mega Projects – Considerable value
- Establishing a Standing Committee on Evaluation – SO (a)
- Introducing KPIs for Parliamentary Evaluation
- Value Addition – COPA : COPE : SOC : Procedures
- Amendments – SO → the Constitution
CONCLUSION

• Initial Stage, SL–NEP, Global Partnership, Parliamentary Caucus, etc.
• Parliament engages in fact finding, study, enacting law, capacity building and structural changes
• 2019 - Institutionalizing Evaluation in Legislative Process
  
  *Resolution / Motion / Amendment / Reform*

• The challenges: political stability, will/background of the MPs, Resources, attitude, etc.
• The way forward - Report of the Select Committee Dec, 2019
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