



**Sri Lanka  
Parliamentarians  
Forum for Evaluation**

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

# INSTITUTIONALIZING EVALUATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES OF SRI LANKA

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- *Member of Parliament, Member of Parliamentary Select Committee on Evaluation*
- *Treasurer - Sri Lanka Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation*

# TAKE AWAY MESSAGE

- 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

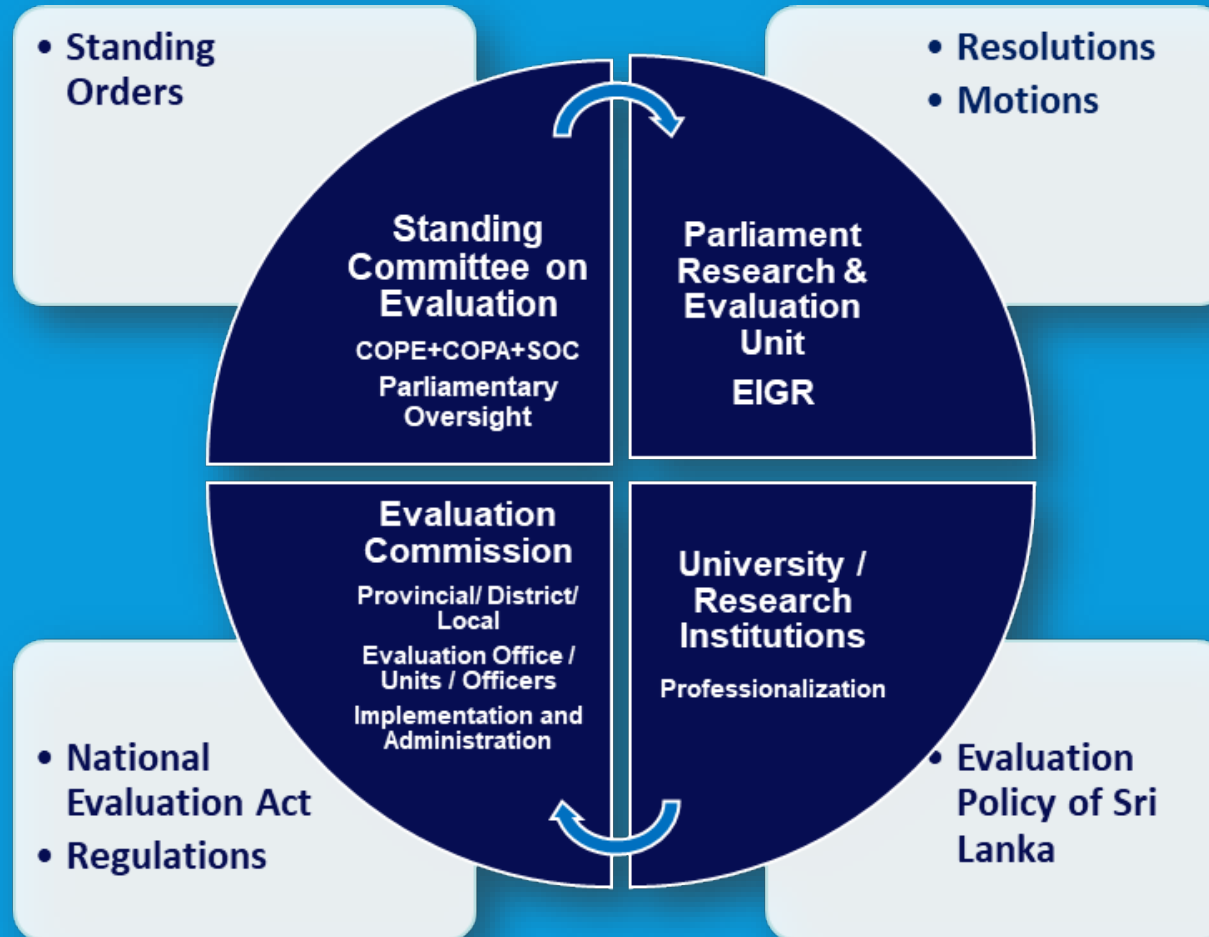


Signing of Colombo Declaration at EvalColombo2018



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**



## Stakeholder Consultation for Draft National Evaluation Bill

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Parliament Select Committee on Evaluation

# 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,

### Panel Chair

**Dr. Walter Kolkma**, Director Independent Evaluation Thematic and Country Division, Asian Development Bank)

**Lawas**, Head of the Speaker Bureau, Legislative Council.

**Manasothy**, Secretary to the Ministry Development and Christian Religious Government of Sri Lanka

**Anthya Dissanayake**, Member of Sri Lanka



2<sup>nd</sup> 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

# THANK YOU!

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