



Institutionalization of evaluation in Sri Lanka:

Regulations, institutions, professionalization and academic courses

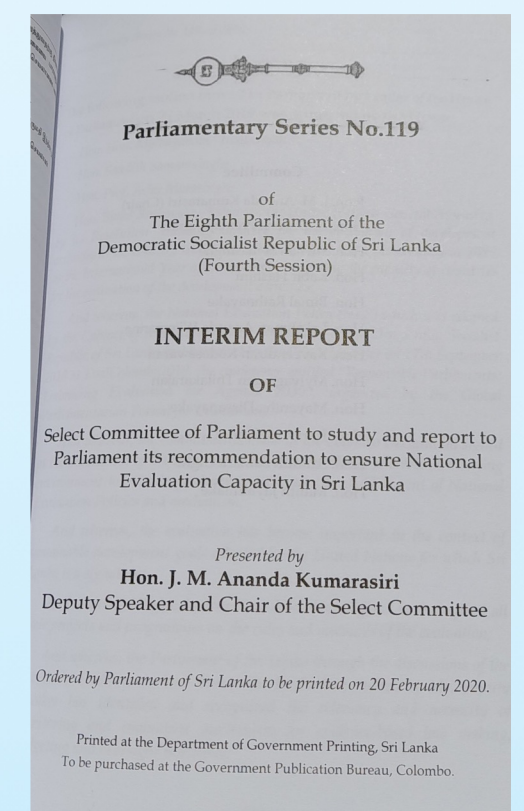
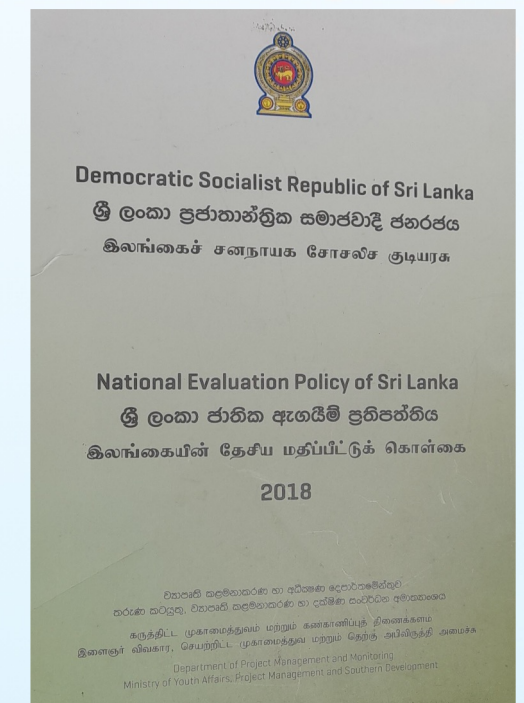
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Regulations for National evaluation

- National Evaluation Policy approved in June 2018
- National Evaluation Policy Implementation Framework launched in September 2023
- Draft National Evaluation Bill finalized by the Parliament of Sri Lanka





Institutional set up

- Department of Project Management and Monitoring (DPMM)
- Department of National Planning
- Department of Budget
- Budget Office at the Parliament (new)
- Parliament oversight committees

Institutionalization at the Parliament

- Adjournment motions – 2016
 - Approving NEP
 - Allocation of funds for evaluation from the national budget
- Budget speech Nov 2017 (section 256) on establishment of NEP
- Parliament Select Committee on Evaluation 2019
- Recommendations from the PSC:
 - Enact the national evaluation bill
 - Establish standing committee on evaluation
 - Upgrade PRD to PR&ED
- Capacity building of PRD to provide evidence

Professionalization through academic sector

- Academic courses on M&E – 2016
 - Curriculum developed in line with evaluator competencies
 - Post graduate Diploma in M&E at University of Sri Jayewardenepura – five batches completed
 - Advanced Certificate in M&E at USJ starting 9 March 2024
 - MSc in M&E – waiting for approval from UGC
 - Three other state universities in the process of starting Advanced Certificate course this year
- Center for Evaluation at USJ
 - Curriculum development
 - Promote courses through universities
 - Teacher guide and teacher training

Capacity building of young professionals

- EvalYouth Sri Lanka
 - National chapter of EvalYouth network
 - Network of young and emerging evaluators
- Career development of YEEs
 - Training on career development in monitoring and evaluation
 - Mentoring and guidance
 - YEE as part of evaluation team
- Engage YEEs in evaluation projects for professional development and capacity building

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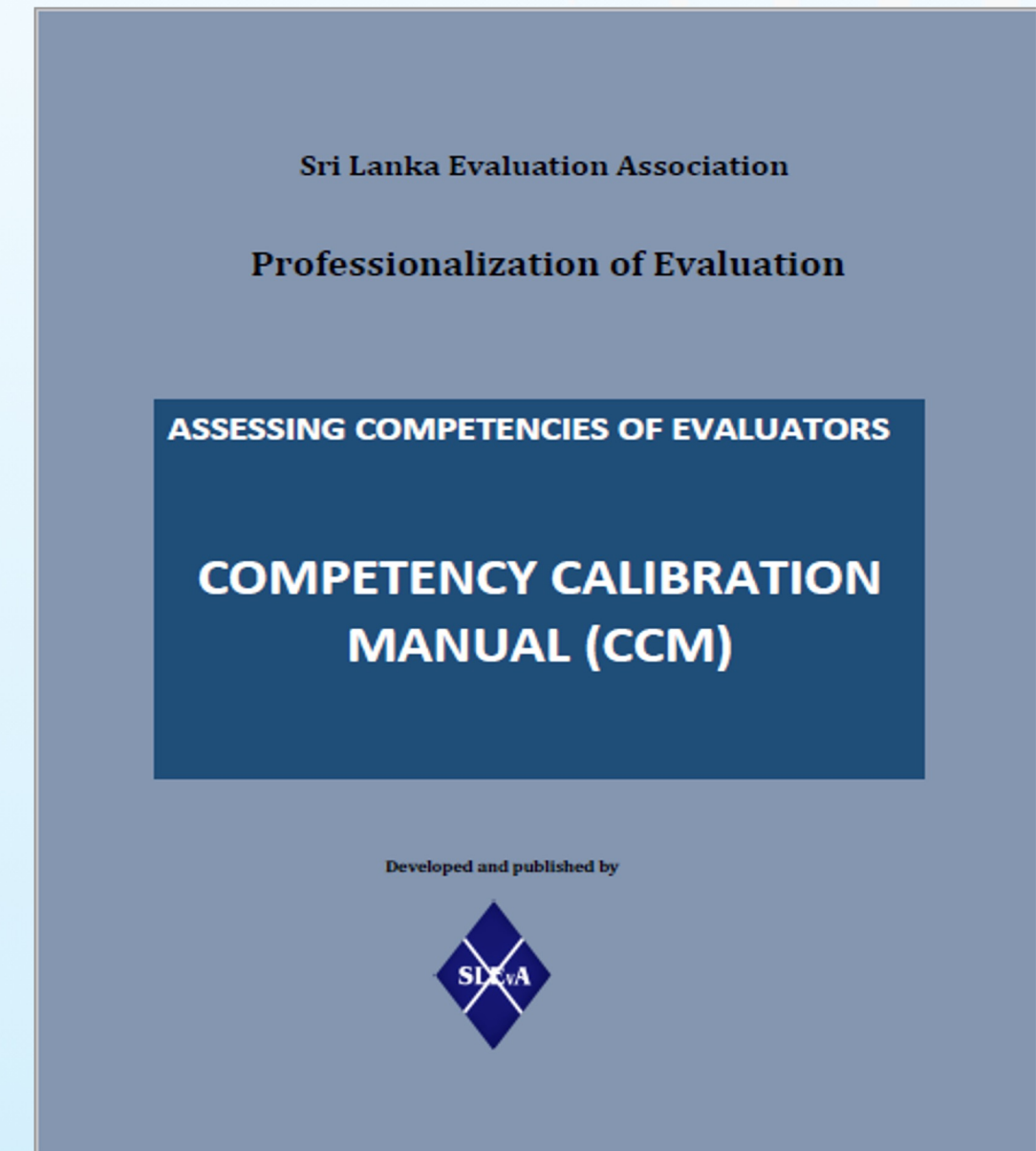
APEA
Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association



- First ever YEEs workshop in Sri Lanka and the Asian Region on Career Development in M&E
- The main objective of this workshop was to promote and engage YEEs in Sri Lanka in the evaluation field
- Organized by Center for Evaluation/University of Sri Jayewardenepura and supported by UNICEF

Professional network

- Sri Lanka Evaluation Association
 - Professional association of evaluators
 - Established in 1999
 - Over 350 members
 - Developed competencies for evaluators
- Regional and other networks
 - Asia Pacific Evaluation Association
 - Community of Evaluators
 - IDEAS/ AEA



Competencies for evaluators in Sri Lanka



6 Competency Domains
43 Competencies
208 Indicative Behaviors

COMPETENCY DOMAINS	NO OF COMPETENCIES	INDICATIVE BEHAVIORS
<i>Professional Practice</i>	09	32
<i>Technical Competence</i>	10	42
<i>Contextual Analysis</i>	06	32
<i>Program Management</i>	08	52
<i>Interpersonal Competence</i>	07	37
<i>Personal & Professional Development</i>	03	13
6	43	208



Thank you very much



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