

Resolution for collaboration with IPU and GPFE for promotion of evaluation through parliaments

Whereas, evaluation has become all the more important in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which was adopted by the United Nations member states in September 2015;

Whereas, global partners and donor agencies, in their thrust to promote transparency and accountability, have confined their programs and projects along the guidelines and measures of evaluation;

Whereas, we the members of the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation (GPFE) gathered in EvalColombo2018 in September firmly agreed in the [Colombo Declaration](#) that parliamentarians' involvement in evaluation is essential and necessary;

Whereas, in the Global Parliamentarians Session held at the Philippine Senate during the 2nd Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA) International Conference on 26 February 2019, the following were highlighted:

- Monitoring and Evaluation mechanisms promote evidence-based decision making and strengthens the parliamentarians' policy making, budgeting and oversight mandates.
- The Parliament with its vested power should ensure allocation of adequate budget for monitoring and evaluation to support national development initiatives
- Parliamentarians should be well informed with up-to-date information and innovative and effective initiatives and development programs through evaluation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved by the 2nd APEA International Conference that the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) shall declare :

- That the use of evidence, from results evaluation by Parliaments and parliamentarians is important in decision making to maximize development outcomes
- That evaluation should be institutionalized within the Parliament so that parliamentarians can have access to brief evaluation reports and information
- That Parliaments should strengthen the capacity of their parliamentary research units to cater to the information needs of the parliamentarians
- That Parliaments should take the lead in legislating a National Evaluation Policy and other related measures and policies.

It is further resolved that the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) shall join hands with the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation and other national and international evaluation organizations in encouraging parliaments to work together towards achieving the aforementioned objectives. In this regard, we, the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation and the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association on behalf of all the 2nd APEA International Conference participants, will ensure open and continuing communication with the IPU.



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