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From the EEAP Steering Committee

Looking Back at 2025, Looking Ahead to 2026 - *Reflections from the EEAP Steering Committee*

In 2025, EEAP continued to grow as a regional platform for energy evaluation learning and collaboration. Despite global economic and geopolitical uncertainty, the Steering Committee highlighted strong momentum: rising interest from partner organizations, 8-9 webinars delivered, around 270 live participants reached (excluding recording viewers), and the successful launch of the EEAP podcast. Members also reflected on the value of serving on the Committee and expressed interest in contributing more actively through future webinars, podcasts, and country-level collaboration.

Looking ahead to 2026, EEAP's priorities include continuing webinars and newsletters, expanding podcast episodes, exploring a possible conference, and strengthening engagement with global evaluation events. With renewed commitment and strengthened operational capacity, EEAP is well-positioned for a productive year ahead.

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Strengthening Governance Through Evidence: The Revised National Evaluation Policy Framework of the Philippines

By Margery Bautista, Member Steering Committee, EEAP



In November 2024, the Philippines approved a revised National Evaluation Policy Framework (NEPF), a major governance reform that places evaluation at the center of planning, budgeting, and implementation across government. Led by DEPDev (formerly NEDA) and DBM, with support from UNDP and partners, the framework aims to institutionalize learning, accountability, and transparency so that public programs are not only well-designed but demonstrably effective.

The revised framework (operationalized through JMC No. 2025-02) strengthens institutional roles and coordination by establishing a Steering Committee, Technical Committee, and Secretariat, and aligning with RA 12145. It requires agencies to prepare evaluation plans (including theory of change, indicators, methods, timelines, budgets, and dissemination plans), and recognizes multiple evaluation types, from formative and process to outcome and impact. It is also backed by practical implementation measures, including evaluator capacity development, interagency collaboration, and the rollout of a National Evaluation Portal in early 2026 to publish reports, track progress, and support public access to evidence.

While implementation challenges remain such as capacity gaps, data quality, and coordination complexity, the NEPF creates a strong foundation for adaptive governance and stronger public trust. As highlighted in the recent EEAP webinar, success will depend on a whole-of-society approach that engages government, Congress, civil society, academia, private sector, and citizens in using evidence to improve policy outcomes.

[Read the Full Article here](#)

Webinars Recap

EEAP Webinar 22

Advancing Appliance Energy Efficiency Frameworks Across Asia- Evaluation of Policies and Impacts in China, India, and Indonesia

October 23, 2025



Webinar Speakers

- **Kynan Tjandaputra**, Senior Associate Climate, Indonesia, CLASP
- **Hu Bo**, Manager Technical, China, CLASP
- **Kishore Kumar**, Senior Manager, India, CLASP

Main Takeaways:

- China's appliance efficiency policies are critical to achieving its 2060 carbon neutrality goal, given the sector's significant share of emissions.
- The MAPSI tool enables robust modelling and impact assessment, supporting evidence-based policy revisions and future projections.
- Appliance efficiency policies must be tailored to local cultural and market contexts, as shown by Indonesia's focus on rice cookers.
- Regional benchmarking and anti-dumping measures are essential to prevent the influx of obsolete appliances and ensure policy integrity.
- India's appliance efficiency program has delivered substantial environmental and economic benefits, with billions in energy savings and emissions reductions.
- Strong compliance and regional leadership are key to sustaining and expanding the impact of energy efficiency policies.

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EEAP Webinar 23

Advancing Evaluation for Better Governance in the Philippines

January 14, 2026



Webinar Speakers

- **Mr. Jesse David**, Chief Economic Development Specialist, Department of Economy, Planning and Development
- **Ms. Edel Ocampo**, Chief Budget and Management Specialist at Department of Budget and Management, Philippines
- **Romulo Emmanuel M. Miral, Jr., PhD**, Deputy Secretary General, Congressional Policy And Budget Research Department, House of Representatives, Philippines

Main Takeaways:

- The revised National Evaluation Policy Framework represents a major step toward institutionalizing evaluation as a core government function, not an add-on.
- Persistent challenges remain around capacity, data availability, and shifting agencies from monitoring-heavy to evaluation-informed decision-making.
- Evaluation evidence is critical to ensuring budgets deliver results, not just expenditures.
- Aligning evaluation timing, communication, and systems with the budget cycle is key to increasing its policy influence.
- Evaluation must extend beyond the executive to influence legislation, oversight, and citizen accountability.
- A whole-of-society approach is essential to transform evaluation from a technical exercise into a driver of better governance.

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Spotlight on Steivan Defilla

Steering Committee Member from China



Current Role and Organization

He is currently based at the APEC Sustainable Energy Center (APSEC), a specialized energy research center established in 2014 within the University of Tianjin, China. APSEC reports to the APEC Energy Working Group and contributes to analysis and dialogue on key energy transition challenges across APEC economies.

APSEC's work in recent years is focused on cities. Since 2019, the center has regularly produced city-focused reports that support evidence-informed planning and policy discussions in the region.

What Inspired Steivan's Work in Energy Evaluation

Steivan's professional journey in energy evaluation has been shaped by one central observation: the priorities of countries differ significantly depending on their development stage. In many developed economies, the focus is often on energy efficiency, while in many developing economies, energy access remains the immediate priority.

This contrast has reinforced his belief that **"Energy evaluation must remain context-sensitive, adaptive, and practical, supporting decision-makers with evidence that reflects local realities rather than one-size-fits-all assumptions."**

Insights and Trends He Finds Most Important

One of the most important insights he highlights is the inherent tension between affordability and efficiency. Low energy prices can support access, while higher prices can incentivize efficiency, yet balancing both is complex.

He is particularly interested in the idea of a managed transition pathway, where energy can remain affordable in lower-income contexts while evolving over time as economies develop. In his view, this is precisely where energy evaluation can add value: by monitoring how such transitions affect equity, access, and long-term sustainability.

Journey with EEAP

He was introduced to EEAP in 2018 and has remained actively engaged since then, including through his role on the Steering Committee. Being part of EEAP has provided him with valuable regional learning, stronger cross-country perspectives, and a platform to exchange ideas with peers working on similar challenges. He sees EEAP as an important space to advance practical, evidence-based dialogue on the future of energy transition in Asia-Pacific.

Beyond Work

Outside his professional role, he is an active musician. He performs with the Peiyang Symphony Orchestra at Tianjin University, which holds two concerts each year and is well regarded within the university community.

He enjoys playing major orchestral works by composers such as Bedřich Smetana, Gioachino Rossini, Edvard Grieg, and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and also follows the work of emerging Chinese orchestral composers. He is additionally involved in local German and French cultural associations.

News & Insights

From the Asia Pacific Region

- 1. Australia released 2025 electricity network efficiency benchmarking (27 Nov 2025):** Australia's regulator (AER) published the latest benchmarking of distribution and transmission businesses, with productivity/efficiency comparisons across network providers. This is directly useful for utility regulation and performance evaluation frameworks.
Link: [AER annual benchmarking reports 2025](#)
- 2. IEA published Energy Efficiency 2025 (20 Nov 2025):** While global, this is highly relevant for APAC evaluators: it updates policy and performance trends across buildings, industry, appliances, and transport, and provides comparable indicators often used in regional evaluation baselines and benchmarking.
Link: <https://www.iea.org/reports/energy-efficiency-2025>
- 3. IEA's Southeast Asia capacity building explicitly included "indicators and evaluation" track (Dec 2025):** IEA's Southeast Asia Energy Efficiency Policy Training Week included a dedicated indicators/evaluation stream, signaling continuing demand for stronger M&E capability in the region's energy-transition policy work.
Link: [IEA Southeast Asia Training Week 2025](#)
- 4. APEC's energy-efficiency evidence products expanded (2025 publications being used into 2026 planning):** APEC released multiple technical workshop reports (manufacturing efficiency; power generation efficiency) with recommendations for policy design, implementation, and investment—useful for evaluability design and cross-economy learning in APAC.
Link: [APEC manufacturing EE summary report](#)

Upcoming Events

EEAP Webinar # 25 - Insights from IEA's 2025 Energy Efficiency Report and Energy Efficiency Progress Tracker

 Date: **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

 Time: **6:00 PM Paris Time**

 Platform: **Zoom**

 Registration: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kpdgBgerTimZbn2NImBdCw>

EEAP Webinars in 2026

EEAP will be continuing its webinars in 2026! EEAP would like to hear from evaluators of energy programs and policies – both energy efficiency and renewable energy. See the list of topics and, if you are interested in presenting on one or more of these topics, please contact Ed Vine, EEAP Steering Committee Member, at elvine@lbl.gov.

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