

EEAP NEWSLETTER

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EEAP Virtual Conference 2026

“Building an Evidence-Based Path to Net-Zero Energy Transition and Sustainable Development”

Energy Evaluation Asia Pacific is pleased to announce the EEAP Virtual Conference 2026, taking place on October 1, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Bangkok Time.

The conference will bring together evaluators, policymakers, researchers, energy professionals, development partners, private sector actors, and civil society organizations to explore how evaluation can support more effective, inclusive, and accountable energy transitions across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

The conference will focus on key themes including just and inclusive energy transitions, progress toward net zero, climate accountability, evaluation methods and innovation, energy security, finance, and resilience. Abstracts for presentations, case studies, methods sessions, and practice-oriented contributions are welcome.

Abstract submission deadline: **15 July 2026**.

Abstracts should be submitted to asiapacific@energy-evaluation.org.

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Welcoming Amit Khare to the EEAP Steering Committee



EEAP is pleased to welcome Amit Khare from India as a new member of its Steering Committee.

Amit Khare is a global clean energy and climate policy expert with over 18 years of experience at the intersection of energy transition, energy efficiency, international policy, and strategic philanthropy. He currently serves as Program Manager at the Sequoia Climate Foundation, where he leads grant-making to accelerate energy transition.

Amit is recognized for his ability to translate complex energy policy challenges into actionable strategies and to forge high-impact partnerships. He has worked extensively with senior policymakers, international institutions, and leading think tanks to drive the implementation of clean energy policies.

A key highlight of Amit's recent work was his role in supporting partners for the energy track of India's G20 Presidency. Amit has also played a key role in advancing industrial decarbonization, including efforts to decarbonize the steel and cement sectors. He is also a Member of the UN SEforALL's Mission Efficiency Global Ambition Task Force.

Reflecting on the role of evaluation in the energy sector, Amit shares:

"Evaluation is how the energy efficiency earns its credibility. In a region as diverse and fast-moving as the Asia-Pacific, it is also how we learn what works, share it across geographies, and make sure scarce public and philanthropic resources go where they can do the most good."

EEAP warmly welcomes Amit to the Steering Committee and looks forward to his contributions to strengthening evaluation, learning, and evidence use in the energy sector across the Asia-Pacific region.

[Check out EEAP's Steering Committee here](#)

Webinars Recap

EEAP Webinar 24

From Data to Design: Using AI to Improve Clean Energy Interventions

February 11, 2026



Webinar Speakers

- **Peter du Pont**, Co-CEO, Asia Clean Energy Partners
- **Mrutyunjaya (MJ) Nanda**, Team Leader – Technology & Markets, Asia Clean Energy Partners
- Edward Vine, Moderator and Steering Committee Member, EEAP

Main Takeaways:

- AI adds the most value when combined with rigorous qualitative methods, validation steps, and expert interpretation.
- Prompt design is a strategic skill: better prompts lead to clearer, more reliable, and more decision-ready insights.
- Blending stakeholder interviews with desk research produces more realistic, context-sensitive clean energy interventions.

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EEAP Webinar 25

Insights from IEA's 2025 Energy Efficiency Report and Energy Efficiency Progress Tracker

March 03, 2026



Webinar Speakers

- **Lucas Boehlé**, Energy Efficiency Analyst, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- **Renee Stephens**, Energy Efficiency Analyst, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- **Edward Vine**, Moderator and Steering Committee Member, EEAP

Main Takeaways:

- Global energy efficiency progress is improving in 2025, and Asia-Pacific is a major driver of that improvement, but the world is still not on track to meet the COP28 doubling target.
- Slower industrial efficiency gains and the gap between technological progress and policy ambition are two major reasons why progress remains below what is needed.
- The Energy Efficiency Progress Tracker is a useful tool for monitoring progress toward global goals while also enabling deeper regional, and economy-level analysis.
- A new module in the tracker provides deeper insights into industry sector trends, an important focus area given the sector's dominant role in driving global energy demand growth since 2019.
- Energy efficiency data must always be interpreted in context, and the tracker can help evaluators and policymakers better understand economy-specific and sector-specific opportunities and gaps.

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EEAP Webinar 26

Impact Evaluation at UNDP

April 28, 2026



Webinar Speakers

- **Vijayalakshmi Vadivelu**, Chief Corporate and Thematic Evaluations, Independent Evaluation Office, UNDP, New York.
- **Ben Murphy**, Evaluation Specialist, Independent Evaluation Office, UNDP New York
- **Edward Vine**, Moderator and Steering Committee Member, EEAP

Main Takeaways:

- Impact evaluation at UNDP must reflect the complexity of development work, including indirect, system-level, and context-dependent contributions.
- Counterfactual thinking is central to credible impact evaluation, but methods must be adapted to the realities of the intervention and context.
- Impact evaluation should be used strategically when the findings are likely to inform important decisions on scaling, replication, redesign, or investment.
- Mixed-methods approaches are particularly important for understanding both causal effects and the mechanisms behind those effects.
- Energy access is essential for development, but benefits are not automatic and may differ by gender, context, affordability, and productive-use opportunities.
- UNDP's off-grid energy work includes not only infrastructure and energy systems, but also governance, capacity, finance, market development, and enabling environment support.

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Spotlight on Yoonyoung Jung

Steering Committee Member from Korea



Current Role and Organization

Yoonyoung Jung currently works as an Evaluation Officer in the Impact and Evaluation Unit at the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), an international organization headquartered in Seoul, Korea. In this role, she supports evaluation work that contributes to learning, accountability, and evidence-informed decision-making across GGGI's green growth portfolio. Alongside her professional role, Yoonyoung is pursuing a PhD in Development Cooperation at Ewha Womans University, where evaluation is her main area of focus. This combination of practice and research continues to shape her interest in how evaluation can support more inclusive and sustainable development outcomes.

What Inspired Jung's Work in Energy Evaluation

While Yoonyoung's work has not always focused specifically on energy evaluation, her unit has recently begun engaging more deeply with energy-related evaluations, particularly around just and inclusive energy transition. This has become an area of strong interest for her because energy transition is not only a technical issue. It is also closely linked to social, political, and development challenges. **"My growing interest in energy evaluation comes from seeing how closely energy transition is linked to justice, inclusion, and development outcomes."**

Insights and Trends She Finds Most Important

Yoonyoung is especially interested in the growing focus on justice, inclusion, and social dimensions in energy evaluation. For her, these themes matter because energy transitions affect people and communities differently, depending on their context, access, resources, and role in decision-making. She sees evaluation as an important tool for helping energy interventions move beyond technical performance. It can also help assess equity, relevance, and lived experience, ensuring that energy transitions are not only effective but also fair and meaningful.

Journey with EEAP

Yoonyoung joined EEAP in January 2025, drawn by her interest in learning from and contributing to a community working at the intersection of energy and evaluation. Being part of EEAP has helped her broaden her understanding of energy evaluation and its practical relevance across different contexts. It has also offered a valuable space to connect with evaluators, researchers, practitioners, and other stakeholders working on similar questions and challenges. Looking ahead, Yoonyoung hopes EEAP will continue to grow as a platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and capacity building, especially for evaluators who are newer to the energy sector.

Beyond Work

Something people may be surprised to learn about Yoonyoung is that she studied criminal psychology during her master's degree, a field quite different from her current work in evaluation and green growth.

However, she sees a connection between the two. Her background in criminal psychology shaped the way she observes people, systems, and social dynamics. In her free time, she still enjoys crime and investigation shows such as CSI.

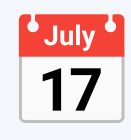
News & Insights

From the Asia Pacific Region

- 1. gLOCAL Evaluation Week 2026 spotlighted AI, evidence, and trust in evaluation (1–5 June 2026):** The Global Evaluation Initiative convened more than 300 free knowledge-sharing sessions, with this year's discussions focusing on AI and other key topics in monitoring and evaluation. This is highly relevant for EEAP as energy evaluators consider how emerging tools can strengthen credibility, learning, and evidence use. *Link: [gLOCAL Evaluation Week 2026](#)*
- 2. ADB Independent Evaluation Department released the 2026 Annual Evaluation Review (2026):** ADB's Independent Evaluation Department assessed recent ADB performance trends and highlighted the need for sharper operational focus, stronger project design, and improved measurement. This is useful for EEAP readers interested in how major regional institutions use evaluation for accountability, learning, and better development results. *Link: [ADB 2026 Annual Evaluation Review](#)*
- 3. ASEAN highlighted energy efficiency as the “first fuel” for regional energy security (7 April 2026):** ASEAN Centre for Energy noted that energy intensity has fallen by 24.5% from the 2005 baseline, but earlier APAEC targets were not fully met. This is a strong newsletter item because it highlights the need for evaluation to understand implementation gaps as ASEAN moves toward its 2026–2030 targets. *Link: [ASEAN Centre for Energy – Energy Efficiency as the First Fuel](#)*
- 4. Australia's AEMO published Quarterly Energy Dynamics Q1 2026 (30 April 2026):** AEMO reported record first-quarter renewable generation share in the National Electricity Market and a growing role for batteries in price-setting. *Link: [AEMO Quarterly Energy Dynamics Q1 2026](#)*

Upcoming Events

EEAP Webinar # 28 - From Evidence to Policy: Innovative Evaluation Methods for Sustainable Energy and Waste-to-Energy Systems



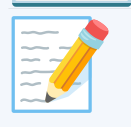
Date: **Tuesday, July 7, 2026**



Time: **9:00 AM Islamabad Time**



Platform: **Zoom**



Registration: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6WNcNWLLRbOeLrhRrSe94w>

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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