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EEAP Virtual Conference 2026 - A Resounding Success

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

EEAP held its Virtual Conference on 1 October 2026 under the theme “Building an Evidence-Based Path to Net-Zero Energy Transition and Sustainable Development.” The four-hour event brought together energy evaluators, researchers, policymakers and practitioners to share practical evidence and lessons for the region.

The conference featured 15 presenting speakers, including keynote speaker Abhishek Gupta of Sustainable Energy for All. Ten research presentations and moderated discussions were organized around four themes: evidence for net zero and productive use; regional systems and urban development; community energy, livelihoods and innovation; and gender justice and climate accountability.

Presentations explored industrial decarbonization, mini-grid performance, ASEAN manufacturing, community-led solar solutions, productive uses of clean energy, and more inclusive transitions. Together, they demonstrated how evaluation can help test assumptions, explain uneven results and improve decisions on energy investments.

EEAP thanks the speakers, moderators, organizing committee and participants for making the conference a valuable exchange. Presentation slides and four thematic session recordings are available through EEAP’s website.

Conference Slides and Recoding

Tools & Resources

🖥️ **Webinars**

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Upcoming Events

Dec 3, 2026
EEAP Webinar 32

Registration to open soon

December 5, 2026
EEAP Coordinator Application deadline

Explore

EEAP Welcomes Ten New Steering Committee Members

EEAP is pleased to welcome ten professionals to its Steering Committee, bringing expertise in evaluation, energy systems, public policy, research and sustainable development from across the Asia-Pacific region. Their backgrounds will support EEAP's work in promoting credible evidence and connecting the region's energy evaluation community.

- **Dr. Cristina Alfonso (Philippines)** – an economist specializing in regional integration, energy economics and policy analysis.
- **Sadeep Acharya (Nepal)** – a mechanical engineer and project manager working on energy planning, infrastructure and forecasting.
- **Benedictus Dwiagus Stepantoro (Indonesia)** – a planning and evaluation specialist and co-founder of the Indonesian Development Evaluation Community.
- **Fayyaz Ahmed Fayyaz (Pakistan)** – a monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning professional with experience in digital systems and development programmes.
- **Ishtiaq A. Chisti (Bangladesh)** – works in renewable energy development, solar projects and energy sector advisory services.
- **Dr. Enrique Estrellado Lozari (Philippines)** – brings extensive experience in impact evaluation, results-based management and evaluation capacity development.
- **Dr. Abhinav Jindal (India)** – an energy economist whose research covers power markets, transition finance, regulation and emerging technologies.
- **Dr. Rajib K. Mishra (India)** – an energy policy and power sector expert with experience in electricity markets and regional cooperation.
- **Dr. Narro R. Navarro (Philippines)** – an academic and evaluation professional with expertise in research, development evaluation, and evidence-informed decision-making across the energy and sustainable development sectors.
- **Wongkot Wongsapai (Thailand)** – an energy and policy expert specializing in energy efficiency, industrial decarbonization, energy systems, and Thailand's transition toward net-zero emissions.

EEAP looks forward to their ideas and contributions to webinars, knowledge exchange and collaborative learning. We warmly welcome each member to the Steering Committee.

Check out EEAP's Steering Committee here

Webinars Recap

EEAP Webinar 27

Evaluating Resource Efficiency in Urban Energy Systems

June 5, 2026



Webinar Speakers

- **Christian Allen E. Jimenez** and **Lalitha Ravi**, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore
- **Edward Vine**, Moderator and Steering Committee Member, EEAP

Main Takeaways:

- Sustainable cooling should be evaluated through energy use, thermal comfort, building design and operating conditions together.
- Data centres can reduce energy intensity while increasing pressure on local water resources; both impacts need measurement.
- Evaluations should examine trade-offs among efficiency, emissions, water security and infrastructure choices.

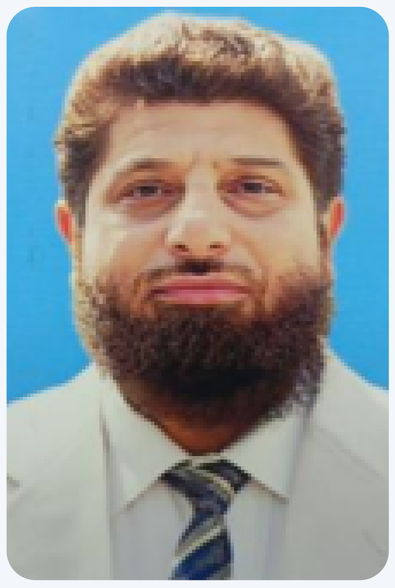
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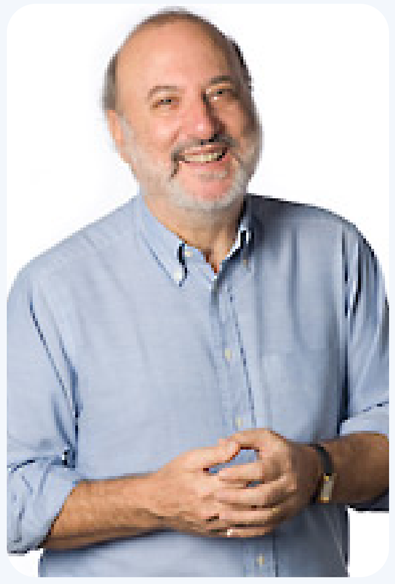
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EEAP Webinar 28

From Evidence to Policy: Innovative Evaluation Methods for Sustainable Energy and Waste-to-Energy Systems

July 07, 2026





Webinar Speakers

- **Fayyaz Ahmed Fayyaz**, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Specialist and evaluator
- **Edward Vine**, Moderator and Steering Committee Member, EEAP

Main Takeaways:

- Clear evaluation questions, sound criteria and credible data remain essential even as digital tools evolve.
- Digital collection, visualization and AI can strengthen analysis when findings are checked and interpreted by evaluators.
- Ethics, stakeholder participation and the practical use of findings should guide method choices.

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Summary Notes

EEAP Webinar 29

Driving Energy Efficiency in MSMEs: Sustainable Technologies and Financial De-risking for Market Transformation

August 7, 2026



Webinar Speakers

- **Abhishek Dhupar**, Associate Director, International Institute for Energy Conservation
- **Sanjay Dube**, President and CEO, International Institute for Energy Conservation
- **Edward Vine**, Moderator and Steering Committee Member, EEAP

Main Takeaways:

- Efficient technologies alone cannot transform markets without suitable business models and affordable financing.
- Credible measurement and verification of savings can improve lender confidence and project bankability.
- De-risking instruments, capable service providers and access to capital help small businesses overcome investment barriers.

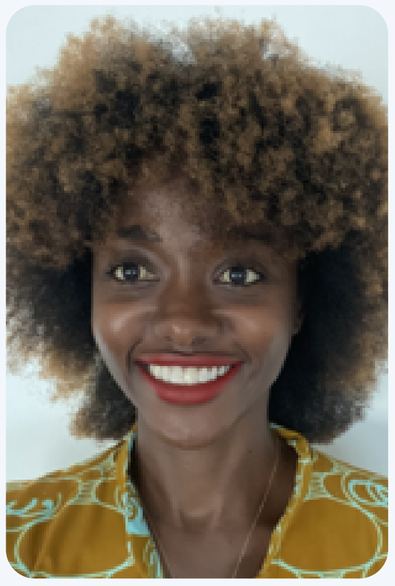
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Summary Notes

EEAP Webinar 30

Results-Based Inclusive and Just Energy Transitions

September 16, 2026





Webinar Speakers

- **Sohna Ngum**, Senior Officer, Gender, Conflict Management and Social Development, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- **Yoonyoung Jung**, Officer, Impact and Evaluation Unit, GGGI, and EEAP Steering Committee Member

Main Takeaways:

- Just transitions require attention to who benefits from clean-energy investments and who may be excluded.
- Gender and social inclusion commitments need clear indicators, baselines, targets and disaggregated data.
- Results-based approaches can make inclusion measurable and help programmes adapt during implementation.

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Summary Notes

EEAP Webinar 31

Fast Tracking Energy Efficiency Projects through IoT - An HVAC Case Study

August 7, 2026



Webinar Speakers

- **Colin Steley**, Founder and Managing Director, Stratcon Power Services Philippines;
- **Robert de Burgh-Day**, Founder and CEO, Brightspace
- **Edward Vine**, Moderator and Steering Committee Member, EEAP

Main Takeaways:

- IoT sensors and continuous HVAC monitoring reveal operating patterns that periodic audits may miss.
- Dashboards and automated controls help facility teams spot inefficiencies and adjust building performance.
- Reliable baseline data and verification are vital for credible savings claims and investment decisions.

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Summary Notes

Spotlight on Dr. Edward Vine

EEAP Co-founder and Steering Committee Member



A Career Built Around One Question: What Actually Works?

For nearly four decades at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), Dr. Edward Vine dedicated his career to understanding how energy efficiency works, not simply in theory, but in the real world. While many around him focused on developing new energy technologies, Edward found himself drawn to a different question: **“What actually works in practice, and how can we make it better?”**

That question became a defining thread throughout his career. As a Staff Scientist and energy researcher at LBNL, Edward evaluated energy efficiency projects, programs and policies and became increasingly interested in something technology alone could not explain: people. He recognized early that saving energy is not simply a technical challenge. Human behaviour, choices and institutions matter just as much.

This perspective led him to study how behaviour shapes energy consumption and to contribute to evaluation protocols used by public utility commissions and other stakeholders to understand whether energy efficiency programs are actually delivering results.
His evaluation journey eventually extended beyond energy into forestry, where his work contributed to the program of research led by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was jointly awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

Building a Community Around Evaluation

Edward’s contribution to evaluation goes well beyond research. His involvement with the energy evaluation community began around 1983 with the International Energy Program Evaluation Conference in the United States. Decades later, he helped establish the International Energy Policy and Programme Evaluation Conference, now Energy Evaluation Europe.

Then came another opportunity. Across Asia and the Pacific, Edward encountered professionals who shared an interest in evaluation but lacked a dedicated regional community through which to connect, exchange ideas and learn from one another. In 2018, Edward joined colleagues in turning that opportunity into Energy Evaluation Asia Pacific (EEAP).

Since then, he has remained closely involved in building the network and bringing together experienced professionals and a new generation of energy evaluators.

A Vision for the Next Generation

After decades in the field, Edward’s ambition remains firmly focused on what comes next.
His vision is for **thriving, self-sustaining evaluation communities across the Asia-Pacific region, with a dedicated organization championing energy evaluation in every country**.
It is a fitting continuation of the question that has guided his career: not simply whether our energy policies and programs look promising, but whether they truly work and how evidence can help us make them better.

Beyond evaluation, Edward is an avid walker and birdwatching enthusiast.

Listen to Edward’s EEAP podcast: **EEAP Podcast Series**

Put Your Money Where the Evidence Is

Summary of Margery's Reflections from Asian Evaluation Week 2026



Asian Evaluation Week 2026, held at the Asian Development Bank Headquarters in Manila, carried a powerful message: "Put Your Money Where the Evidence Is: Institutionalizing Evaluation for Stronger Development Impact." For me, the theme captured an increasingly important challenge across Asia: how do we ensure that scarce public, climate, and development resources are directed toward interventions that genuinely deliver results?

The discussions at AEW 2026 reinforced that evaluation must go beyond accountability. It needs to become part of the systems through which governments, development institutions, and investors make decisions.

Evidence as the Currency of Development

One of the strongest messages from the week was the importance of using evidence to guide investment and manage risk. In areas such as climate finance, evaluation can help distinguish between initiatives that deliver meaningful additional impact and those that simply repackage existing activities. This is especially important as countries across Asia work to meet climate and net-zero commitments while operating within significant fiscal constraints.

Evaluating a Just Energy Transition

Sessions on climate finance and energy transition highlighted the gap that can exist between financial commitments and actual benefits reaching communities. Evaluation therefore has an important role in asking not only whether investments reduce emissions, but also who benefits, who may be left behind, and whether the transition is equitable. Just transition principles—including retraining, social protection, and community participation—need to be embedded into evaluation frameworks from the beginning.

New Tools, Same Need for Judgment

Another important discussion focused on artificial intelligence and its growing role in evaluation. AI can help automate data collection, identify anomalies, and support policy analysis. But it should complement, not replace, human judgment. Evaluators will increasingly need the skills to use these tools while critically examining transparency, bias, and the quality of evidence they produce.

From Evidence to Impact

What struck me most during AEW 2026 was how strongly evaluation connects different sectors. Whether in energy, climate finance, health, or digital transformation, the underlying challenge is the same: ensuring that evidence is not only produced, but actually used.

For Asia, the opportunity is to institutionalize evaluation within budgeting, planning, policy, and investment systems. Ultimately, evaluation should help ensure that resources are directed toward credible, inclusive, and transformative pathways for sustainable development.

Check out the full article here!

📢 EEAP is looking for its next Coordinator!

Energy Evaluation Asia Pacific (EEAP) is seeking a motivated professional to support the coordination of our growing regional network and activities across the Asia-Pacific.

The Coordinator will help organize webinars and events, support communications and newsletters, coordinate with the Steering Committee, and contribute to strengthening EEAP's community of energy evaluation professionals.

If you are passionate about energy, evaluation, knowledge-sharing, and regional collaboration, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Complete Job Description: EEAP Coordinator
Application Deadline: **Dec 5, 2026**

📩 Interested? Please contact us at asiapacific@energy-evaluation.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

EEAP Webinar # 32 – TBD

📅 Date: **Thursday, Dec 3, 2026**
🕐 Time: **3:00 PM Sydney Time**
💻 Platform: **Zoom**
📝 Registration: TBD

EEAP Webinars in 2027

EEAP will be continuing its webinars in 2027! 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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