



**THEME: PURPOSE-
DRIVEN MONITORING AND
EVALUATION**

2017 SAMEA ANNUAL REPORT



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Overview of strategic vision, key programmes and outcomes & highlights

SAMEA strives to cultivate a vibrant community that will support, guide and strengthen the development of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) as an important discipline, profession and instrument for empowerment and accountability in South Africa.

Through this it intends to promote the recognition of M&E as a profession and discipline essential to development, and practiced and used in a manner that adds significant value to effective, sustainable development in South Africa.

The day-to-day activities of SAMEA are undertaken under the leadership of the voluntary Board of Directors, with limited administrative support from a part-time administrator.

Directors for 2016 -2017

- Mr Dugan Fraser (Chair)
- Ms Fazeela Hoosen (Deputy Chair)
- Ms Alyna Wyatt (Treasurer)
- Dr Lauren Wildschut
- Dr Victor Naidu
- Ms Jerusha Govender
- Mr Asgar Bhikoo

Three board members stepped down during the course of October 2016 – October 2017

Overview of strategic vision

- We had the strategic planning session on 20 - 21 January 2017
- Development of 4 Portfolios:
 - **Membership and membership services Portfolio**
 - **Strengthening evaluators and evaluation Portfolio**
 - **Finance Portfolio**
 - **Conference Organising Portfolio**
- Work plans for each portfolio developed & currently being implemented

SAMEA 2017 Events

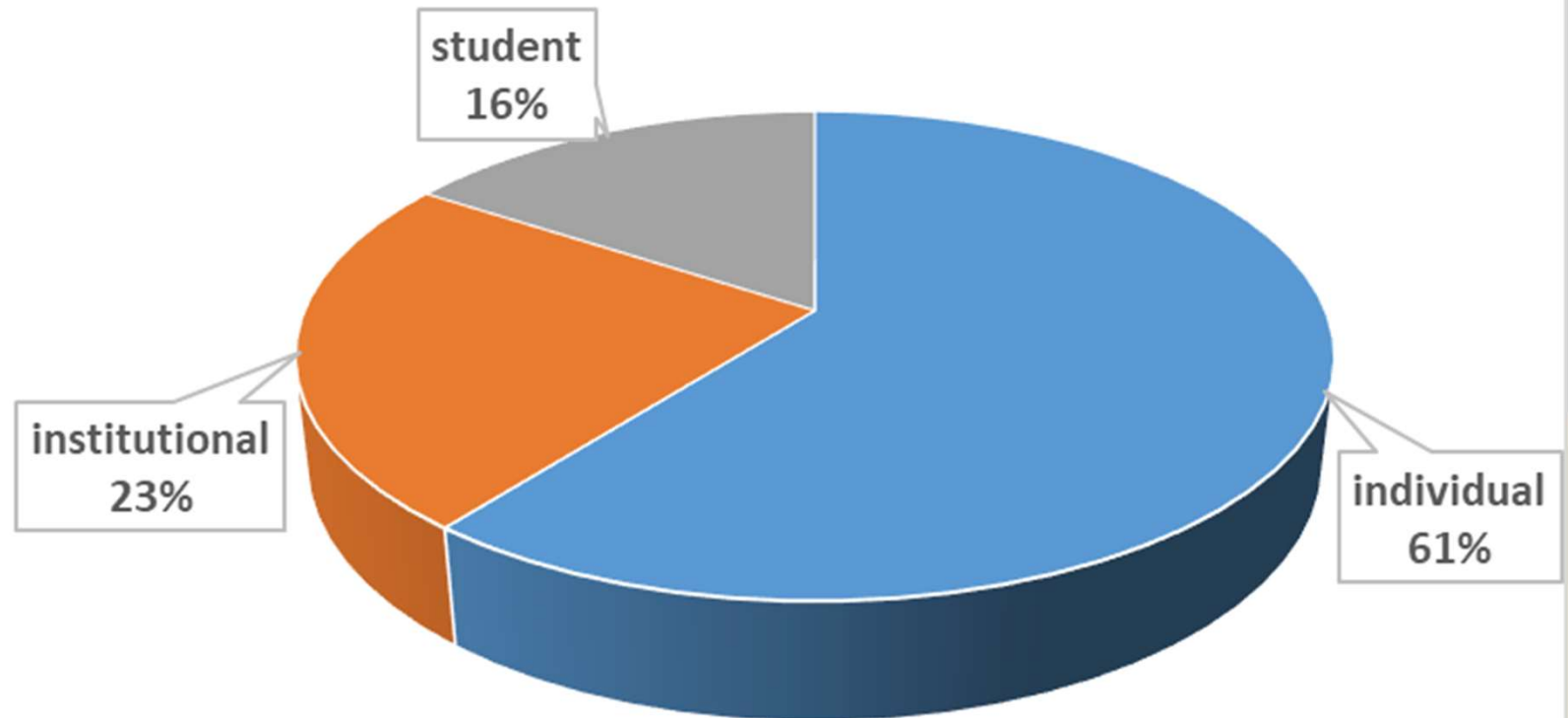
Date	Title	Event	costs
20 February 2017	Establishing evaluator competencies in South Africa – what could be in store for us?	EvalCafe	Free
10 April 2017	Evaluative Thinking and other emerging topics from AfrEA	EvalCafe	Free
19 June 2017	Strengthening Evaluation Alliance (SEA)	Workshop	Free
19 June 2017	Sharing of Research Findings	Workshop	Free
31 July 2017	Using the B Impact Assessment to help companies “Measure What Matters”	EvalCafe	Free
22 August 2017	Ag Shame Poor Monitoring	Webinar	Free
23 – 24 October 2017	Capacity Building	Workshop	Paid
25 – 27 October 2017	Purpose-driven monitoring & evaluation	6th Biennial Conference	Paid
27 November 2017	Data Verification (TBC)	EvalCafe	Free

Membership Update

556 members of SAMEA in good-standing as at 25 October 2017

12 institutional members- Highest number thus far

Membership by type (25 October 2017)



Progress on Membership & Membership Services Portfolio

Communication by SAMEA with its members fosters a vibrant community of practice

The (Value for money) awareness, sharing, capacity of SAMEA members is continually developed

The emergence of young evaluators is fostered

Membership Survey Results (Nov 2016 - Jan 2017)

Top 3 strengths of SAMEA

Respondents were allowed to choose more than one option



1. Platform for information exchange, resources and access to opportunities

57%



2. Knowledge sharing opportunities

44.3%



3. Networking and capacity building opportunities

39.2%

What respondents thought...

Top 3 reasons why people join SAMEA

Respondents were allowed to choose more than one option

To network and build relationships



74.7%

Professional identification



48.1%

To develop capacity through discussion and learning with colleagues



48.1%

Why respondents joined SAMEA...

67.3% of respondents indicated that SAMEA has been responsive to their questions and concerns



Communication by SAMEA with its members fosters a vibrant community of practice

- Consistently released **SAMEA newsletter** on a monthly basis to members
- Lively monthly discussions led by Board members on SAMEAtalk
- Webinars & EvalCafés on Topical Interests
- **SAMEA Website upgraded** & content is currently being reviewed to reflect current information in SA & internationally.

Website due to go live in first Quarter of 2018!

New policy implemented

SAMEA Membership Recognition Awards Policy

- Developed and piloted at SAMEA 6th Biennial Conference.



The (Value for money) awareness, sharing, capacity of members is continually developed

SAMEA Capacity Development Workshops (23 & 24 Oct 2017)

SAMEA / HSRC EvalCafés

- 3 EvalCafés completed
- 1 more to take place in November 2017

The emergence of young evaluators is fostered

Formulating an Emerging Evaluator Strategy

- Committee to be developed Emerging Evaluator Capacity concept note still being developed
- SAMEA has sponsored 12 emerging evaluators to attend and participate in the conference.

Participation on EvalYouth Task Forces

- Task Force 1: To increase involvement of YEE in VOPE governance, committees and activities

Feedback Session
on Task Force
Groups @ 13:45,

Progress on Strengthening evaluators and evaluation Portfolio

**Develop clear
research agenda
and facilitate
commencement of
4 studies**

Development of
frameworks on
ethics, standards
and competencies

Partnerships with
evaluation
stakeholders are
forged &
sustained

Commissioned and facilitated 4 research studies

- A research partnership was forged between CLEAR-AA, CREST and SAMEA
- 4 studies were completed which covered issues of utilization and Professionalization.

A workshop was convened on 19 June 2017 to report on the research findings and a meeting report was generated and disseminated.

- The research contributes to our understanding of the state of evaluation

Development of frameworks on ethics, standards and competencies

- SAMEA in partnership with CREST, is working on developing a draft competency framework and ethics and standards. These will be shared with the SAMEA membership and boarder M&E community in the first half of 2018 for feedback and revision.
- Sustained engagement on professionalization has been undertaken, with ongoing agreement on the need to strengthen the system.

Partnerships with evaluation stakeholders are forged & sustained

- It has become clear that the project of strengthening the system needs more hands on deck than just SAMEA. This has led to the creation of the Strengthening Evaluation Alliance
- The Alliance will be a project of SAMEA and will focus in the first phase on capacity development and resource mobilisation.

Progress on Finance Portfolio

**Progress on
SAMEA's Financial
Status**

**Progress on
Financial
Administration**

**Financial
Planning for 2018
onwards**

SAMEA Financial status

- SAMEA aims to maintain a healthy financial balance of R1 million year on year (as determined in 2012 / 2013)
- FY 2017 began with a balance of R 911 636
- Ended the financial year with a balance of R 1 219 854 (+300k)
- FY 2017 was a particularly good year given that it was a ‘non-conference’ year; we still generated a positive income.
 - Cost reductions included reducing back to one secretariat staff, reducing travel costs by having meetings virtually, and other cost-efficiencies
 - Capacity building workshops have gained momentum and we expect to see this as an important revenue stream
- FY 2018 looks to be on track despite large investment in the website re-development

Financial Administration

- Treasurer hand-over occurred in May 2016 (therefore, current board member has one more year)
- Board determined that external financial support received is crucial for maintaining the financial matters in hand
- Includes (1) monthly accounts and (2) tax and regulatory filing
- Treasury Management Guidelines are applied
- SAMEA main bank balance was moved into a higher interest bearing account
- Boshoff are the SAMEA Auditors – Board propose using them again for FY 2018

Financial Planning

- Strategic Planning occurred in 2017 and led to the establishment of a budget for three workstreams
- Approved expenditures while maintaining a strong fiscal balance
- Strategic Planning to occur in January 2018 to continue to enhance member services
- Current conference attendance and sponsorship revenue will ensure that SAMEA goes into FY 2018 in a healthy position
- Focus for FY 2018 is a stronger and more directed fundraising efforts as potential funders will have specific 'projects'

Board Election results - 2017

The current elections results were as follows;

Number of votes that have been casted: 208

Number of voters that casted a vote: 53

The new board members are ;

- Matodzi Amisi
- Gordon Freer
- Nozipho Gwabi
- Anzel Schnfeldt
- Aluwani Mauda

Board Members 2017-2018



Aluwani



Anzel



Victor



Nozipho



Alyna



Jerusha



Asgar



Lauren



Matodzi



Gordon

Conference status

- Total number of workshop registrations: 372 delegates
- Total number of Conference registrations: 660 delegates
- Number of countries represented at the conference: 23
countries represented in the conference including South Africa
- 12 Emerging Evaluators sponsored
- 50% of all delegates are international delegates

We Celebrate 10 years since the first SAMEA Conference!



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