

Conference Venue: Emperors Palace

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Introduction

Pre Conference Workshops

Highlights:

Challenges: The Pre Conference Workshops were not part of the scholarship but some colleagues did state how useful they were.

Conference

Lessons learnt: In everyday of our lives we do Monitoring and Evaluation, the moment we wake up we already practicing Monitoring and Evaluation, it is everywhere from our personal lives to our professions and workplace environments. Monitoring and Evaluation may be an emerging field but it has proven to be the most crucial field we need as a country. It is not a policing system but rather a system that contributes to sustainability of decision making, policies, projects and programmes that have the purpose of improving service delivery and the lives of our citizens.

Challenges: The conference was well coordinated through allowing different platforms to be part of it and not only focusing on government, we had the opportunity to learn from different sectors and how they view Monitoring and Evaluation. However, there still need to be some solid way of benefiting from the conference because we do not need to only know what has been done and which case studies have been conducted through slides, we need to also share solutions to existing challenges and future plans, we need to put some soul to the conference and make it a more learning and solution sharing based platform.

Networking: I could not really network with people because most of the time we would meet during breaks of which people would be having something to eat so it was a moment of greeting only and really get to network.

Next steps: I would like to engage in YEE platforms and pave a way to the M&E field and put to use what I have learned in the conference.