

Conference Venue: Emperors Palace

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#### Introduction

Tania is a young emerging evaluator, researcher and data analyst with over two years' experience in the fields of research and M & E. She holds a master's degree in Demography and Population Studies

from Wits University. Currently she is a Data Analyst at the Data Innovator and her roles include development of TOCs, M & E support, data analysis and data viz training facilitation.

#### Pre-Conference Workshops

Highlights:

Challenges:

Lessons learnt: I learnt so many new tools which I will be implementing soon in my line of work. It is important to attend the pre- conference workshop. I got hands on demonstration of some of the exciting tools on mobile data capturing and live dashboards. It is important to break out of your comfort zone and be open to learning and absorbing as much as you can, given the opportunity.

Challenges: My main challenge during the conference was the issue of transport and accommodation.

Therefore I was unable to take part in the evening activities or attend the SAMEA awards or be part of

the AGM meeting and raise concerns as a YEE.

Networking: Having attended my first SAMEA conference, I was there that I found a network of professionals and emerging evaluators- people