

Conference Venue: Emperors Palace

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Introduction

My name is Yolanda Mose, I am an emerging evaluator with an interest in Public Sector Monitoring and Evaluation, I have studied: Bachelor of Public Administration (HRM); Bachelor of Public Administration (Honours) and currently I'm studying towards Post Grad Diploma in Public Sector Monitoring and Evaluation at University of Fort Hare, lastly within the upcoming year 2020 I want to complete my Master of Public Administration (MPA) Degree which I'm only left with dissertation. Furthermore, currently I'm working for Eastern Cape Department of Health at Raymond Mhlaba Sub-district as an Assistant Director Health Information Management Systems.

My success is attributed to hard-work, dedication, competence, self-belief, ability to solve problems and team-work. My goal is to gain as much experience as I can in the field of Monitoring and Evaluation as well as applying the skills I have gained throughout my career and academic enrolment in order to advance myself.

My objective is to increase knowledge on research, monitoring and evaluation and share with other researchers from different institutions around the world. Secondly, to create new collaborations through networking with other researchers in the trainings, workshops and conferences as this will enhance my personal skills. Furthermore, to publish my research work through conferences and higher institution of learning. Lastly, I would also like to be involved in community programs that will mainly help the youth to achieve their dreams.

Pre Conference Workshops

Highlights: N/A

Challenges: N/A

Conference

Lessons learnt: The conference was a stepping stone for me towards reaching my goals as it was my

first experience to attend the SAMEA conference. In all the strands that I have attended I have gained

new knowledge which will assist me and grow me as M&E specialist. In a nutshell, one of the lessons

that I learnt in the SAMEA conference 2019, as someone who has the interest in Public Sector Monitoring and Evaluation, Dr Chirau highlighted that “Monitoring and Evaluation System offer better opportunities for government to identify where programmes are having an effect and where they are not and therefore learn from implementation.” Therefore, to me this means in our working areas as government officials we need to instil the culture of Monitoring and Evaluations to every officials. Among other things that I have learned since I have an ambition of becoming a specialist in the Monitoring and Evaluations are the evaluator competencies as the Monitoring and Evaluation Discipline is regarded as emerging. One of the things that I have learned since the discipline of Monitoring and Evaluation is emerging is that it is borrowing some of its components from other disciplines. Lastly as I was listening to various presentations in the strands I have also learnt about different types of theories that were employed by various presenters in their studies.

Challenges: N/A

Networking: The 2019 SAMEA conference granted me an opportunity to network with other emerging evaluators and the well vested evaluators. The networking will help me with the sharing of ideas and opportunities as we are working in different sectors and we have different expertise. I’m also looking forward to being part of the YEE group which also will help me in terms of networking and sharing of experience.

Next steps:

Now that I have been exposed and have a better understanding of what Monitoring and Evaluation is

all about. Therefore, the next step that I will take as an emerging evaluator is to find myself a mentor who will coach me and assist me to grow within the discipline. Since in my entire career for now I have been exposed to the monitoring side of the discipline the next phase now is to get more exposure

with the evaluation part so that in the future I can be a complete, competent evaluator. My ambition

between now and the next SAMEA biennial conference is to do a study that I will be able to present in the next conference whether it is a poster or oral presentation.