

SAMEA Annual Report

Presented at the AGM 15 October 2015



**Using Evaluation to improve the
lives of South Africans**



Chair's Welcome

1. SAMEA Board Structure

a) Organisational, Governance & Management

- I. Finance and Fundraising
- II. Memorandum of incorporation
- III. Outgoing Board Members
- IV. Elections Results

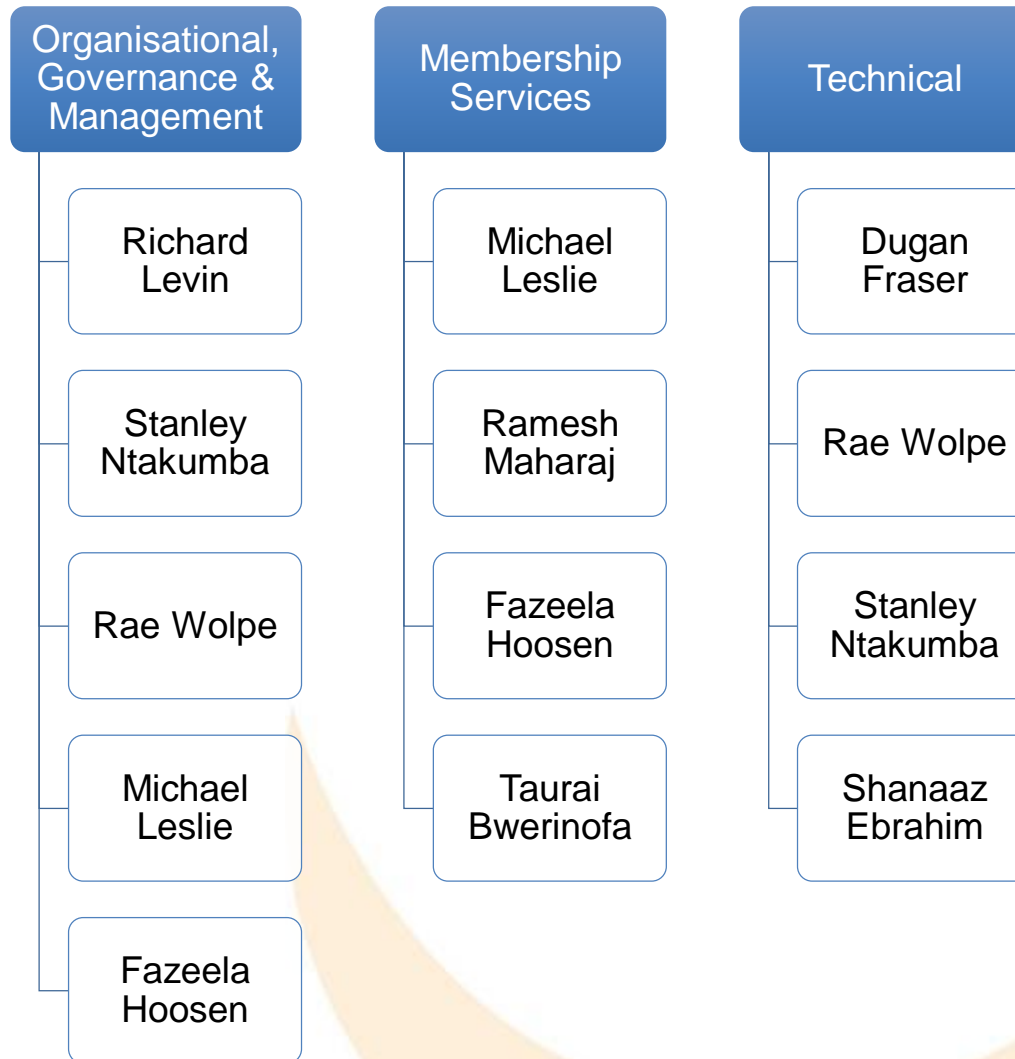
b) Membership Services

- I. Membership stats
- II. SAMEA Conference
- III. Emerging Evaluators
- IV. Evaluation Cafés

c) Technical

- I. Peer to peer engagement
- II. Professionalisation
- III. 10 Year Strategic Review

SAMEA BOARD STRUCTURE



SAMEA Secretariat

1. SAMEA secretariat adds value to ensuring SAMEA is operational.

1. SAMEA Achievements:

- a) Re-branding: website, stationary, social media, banners
- b) Evaluation cafes
- c) Hosting of the International Evaluation year launch
- d) Conference planning and coordination
- e) Fundraising
- f) Media engagement (e.g. SABC Newsbreak)
- g) Monthly newsletter and

2. Coordination with international peers (eg. Peer to Peer programme)

Organisational, Governance & Management

Financial overview and Annual Financial Statement

- SAMEA began the 2013 financial year with a balance of R1,084,346 on 1 March February 2013 and ended the financial year on 28 February 2014 with a cash balance of R840,779.

Cash flow projection:

- SAMEA is aiming to maintain a healthy financial balance after the 2015 Conference to sustain member services and operating costs. As part of refining SAMEA's 3 year strategic plan and funding framework, SAMEA continues to explore strategic relationships and sponsorships to diversify its funding sources beyond membership and conference revenue.

Organisational, Governance & Management

New policies

- The Board has developed an Expenditure Approval Framework as well as a Petty Cash policy to strengthen financial management and good governance such as Human Resources (like Performance Management).

Fundraising

- SAMEA has relooked at its funding and sponsorship model to focus on long term sponsorship as compared to once-off funding linked to SAMEA conferences and workshops.
- Hence within this new funding model SAMEA is looking to partner with sponsors on a long term basis on strategic priorities that is mutually beneficial to both partners involved.
- These partnerships would assist in term of strengthening the association to enhance evaluation and the professionalization in general and of evaluation within the country.

Organisational, Governance & Management

Memorandum of Incorporation

- The SAMEA board has been busy with revising its governance documents in line of the Companies Act, 2008.
- The Articles of Association has been revised to form the Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI) in line with the Companies Act.
- A board charter has also been drafted in line with the Companies Act.
- The draft documents compiled by the board is part of the agenda of this AGM and will be reviewed by SAMEA members.
- Inputs from members will assist in finalizing the MOI and the board charter.

Outgoing Board Members

- Michael Leslie
- Taurai Bwerinofa
- Rae Wolpe
- Stanley Ntakumba
- Shanaaz Ebrahim (resigned)

Elections Results

- 14 Number of Nominations
- 189 Number of Votes

SAMEA's New Board members:

- 1) Alyna Wyatt
- 2) Lauren Wildschut
- 3) Victor Naidu
- 4) Bill Sewell
- 5) Awour Ponge

Membership Services Portfolio Report

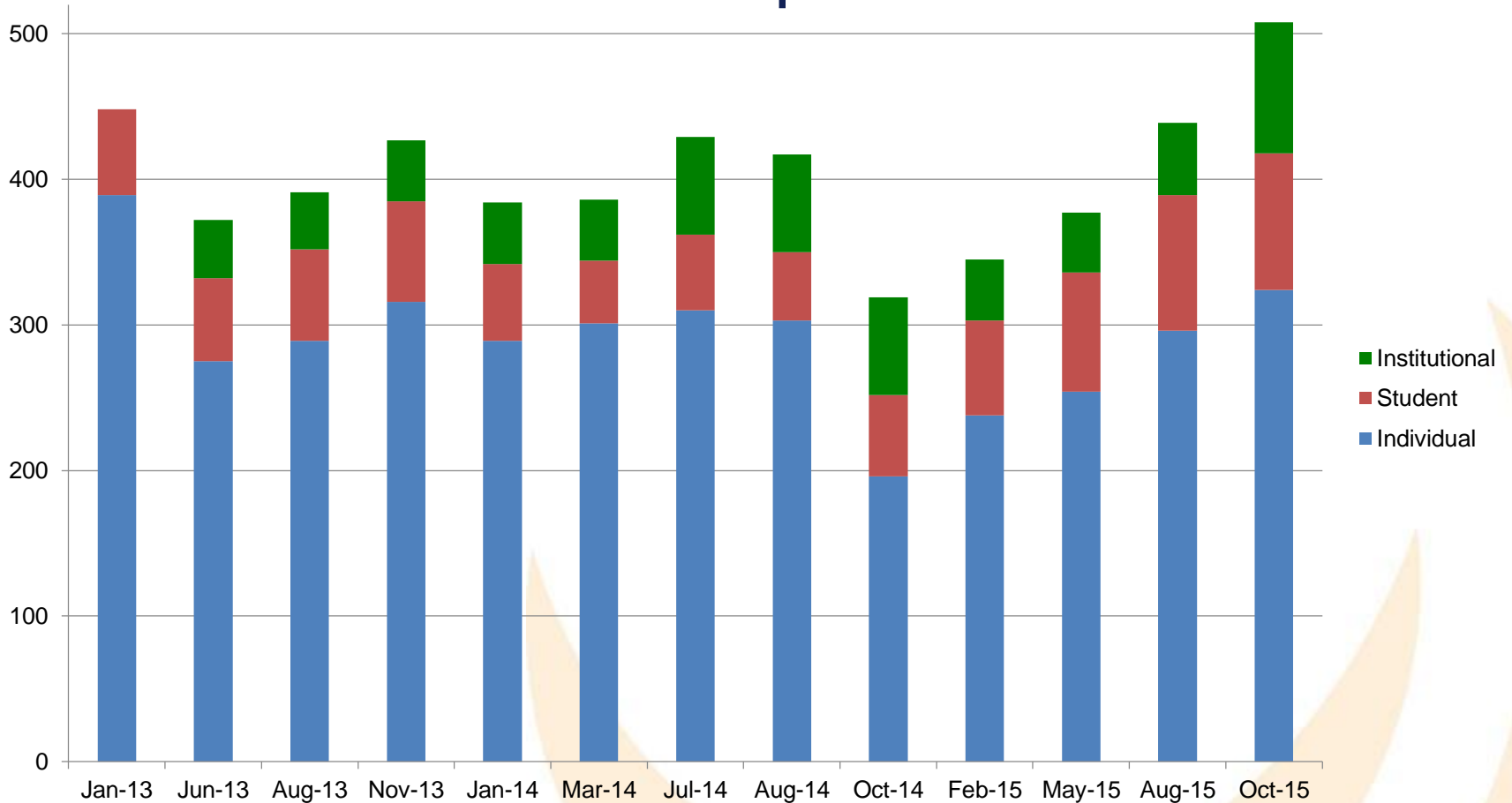
- ◆ Membership currently stands at 507 members, a record high for the association since members began to be regularly tracked in January of 2013.

- ◆ Institutional membership:
 - 1) The Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
 - 2) The Department of Social Development
 - 3) The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
 - 4) The Department of the Premier, Gauteng Province
 - 5) The University of Fort Hare
 - 6) The Southern African Trust
 - 7) Civilian Secretariat of Police (In process)
 - 8) Public Service Commission (Renewal in process)
 - 9) Human Sciences Research Council (In process)

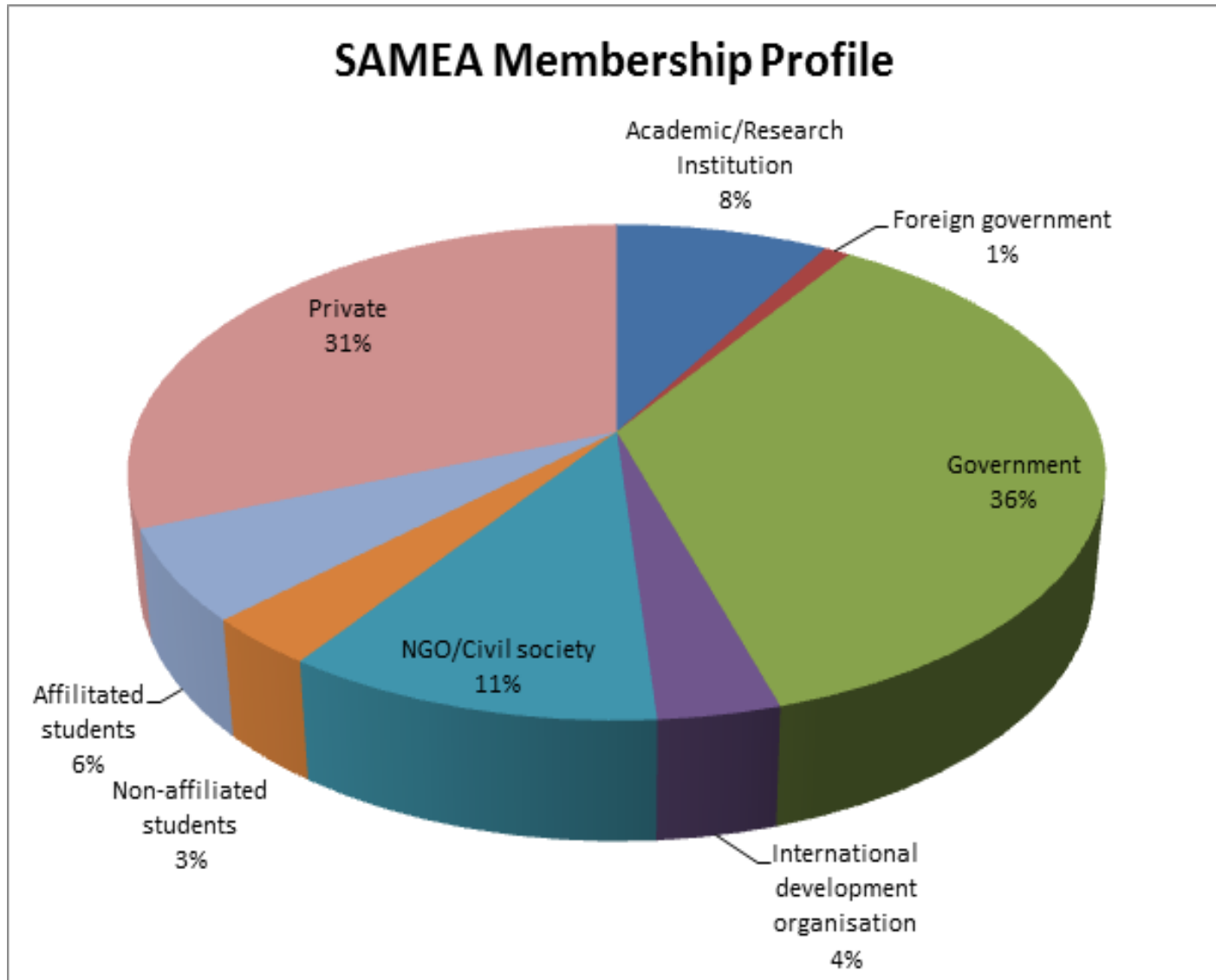
- ◆ A series of events for SAMEA members as part of the International Year of Evaluation illustrates a steady grow as reflected in the following graph:

Membership Services Portfolio Report

SAMEA Membership



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SAMEA Conference SOLD OUT !!!

Number of registrations: 512 

Number of pre-conference workshop attendees: 401



Membership Services Portfolio Report

Emerging Evaluators

- Number of Applications - 30
- Number Qualified of funded – 10 local
- Total value of funding received from Zenex R100 000
- Mentorship



Membership Services Portfolio Report – Evaluation Café Update



HSRC
Human Sciences Research Council

HSRC / EVALUATION CAFÉ SEMINAR invitation

SAMEEA
South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association

SA'S DECLARATION OF EVAL YEAR: Monitoring and Evaluation Methodologies

Mr Terence Beney
Senior M&E Consultant and former SAMEEA Chair

Date: Monday, 1 June Time: 12:30 - 13:30
Venue: VCRs, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban

The M&E section under is funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST). The views and opinions expressed therein as well as findings and statements of the seminar section do not necessarily represent the views of DST.

The Evaluation Cafés are designed to showcase planned, on-going or completed evaluation related work with exciting speakers on evaluation that provide thought-provoking, interesting topical and practical insights into the evaluation process. The Evaluation Cafés are a platform to encourage dialogue on a specific topic among those interested in Evaluation. At the first Evaluation Café it was highlighted that the content of future Evaluation Cafés will be informed by key topics and issues that emanate from previous Evaluation Cafés. The discussion is thereafter continued via SAMEEAtalk.

This evaluation café will include a presentation by Mr Terence Beney on Monitoring and Evaluation Methodologies and the use of both quantitative and qualitative methods when undertaking different types of evaluations.

Please feel free to RSVP Kate at info@sameea.org.za by 20 May if you are interested in participating in this Evaluation Café.

The seminar may be attended in Pretoria, Cape Town or Durban

Venues:
Cape Town: 22nd Floor, First Floor Building, Fish Street, Cape Town
Durban: 27th Floor, 2021 Fynn Road, Woodlands Station, Post Office, Durban
Pretoria: Lower Level, 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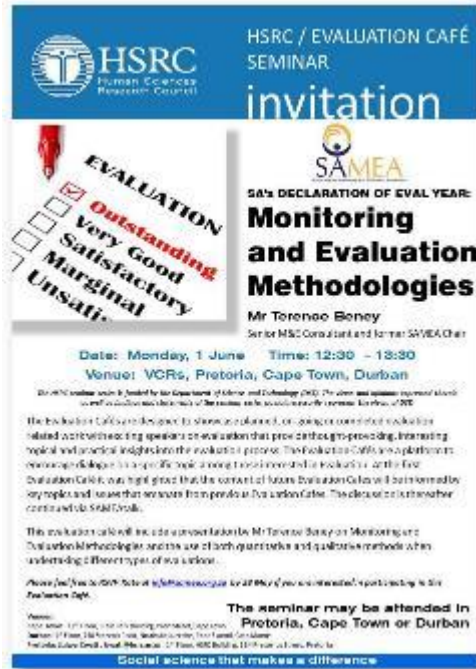
Date	Time	Topics/Themes	Speakers	Number of Participants (across the 3 venues)
20 April 2015	13:00 – 14:00	SA Declaration of Eval Year: Working toward Evaluation Vision 20/20	Pretoria: Ms Jennifer Bigard	CPT – 26 PTA – 12 DBN – 2 Total - 40
1 June 2015	12:30 – 13:30	“Monitoring and Evaluation Methodologies”	Pretoria: Mr Terence Beney	CPT – 20 PTA – 35 DBN – 5 Total – 60
31 July 2015	13:30 – 14:30	How Should South Africa Strengthen Evaluation and Evaluators? Looking at experiences and perspectives from South Africa	Cape Town: Dr Donna Podems	CPT – 21 PTA – 17 DBN – 3 Total – 41
28 August 2015	13:30 – 14:30	Thinking evaluatively about social issues - The developmental context of M&E	Cape Town: Dr Mark Abrahams	CPT – 13 PTA – 9 DBN – 1 Total - 23

Evaluation Café Report



TOPICS COVERED:

- Professionalisation of M&E
- M&E methodologies
- Response to social issues (e.g., xenophobia)
- Evaluation experiences within the SADC region.



HSRC / EVALUATION CAFÉ SEMINAR invitation

SA'S DECLARATION OF EVAL YEAR: Monitoring and Evaluation Methodologies

Mr Terence Boney
Senior M&E Consultant and former SAMEA Chair

Date: Monday, 1 June **Time:** 12:30 – 13:30
Venue: VCRS, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban

The seminar may be attended in Pretoria, Cape Town or Durban

Social science that makes a difference



HSRC / EVALUATION CAFÉ SEMINAR 4 invitation

"Thinking evaluatively about social issues"!

Dr Mark Abrahams
Founding member and past Chairperson of SAMEA

Date: Friday, 28 August **Time:** 13:30 – 15:00
Venue: VCRS, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban

The seminar may be attended in Pretoria, Cape Town or Durban

Social science that makes a difference



HSRC / EVALUATION CAFÉ LAUNCH SEMINAR invitation

Working towards EvalVision 20/20

Jennifer Bingard

Date: Monday, 20 April **Time:** 13:00 – 14:00
Venue: VCRS, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban

The seminar may be attended in Pretoria, Cape Town or Durban

Social science that makes a difference

Technical services portfolio report

Peer to Peer Engagement

- Peer to Peer Support Program funded by Eval Partners
- SAMEA invited the President of the Zimbabwean Evaluation Association (ZEA) for a two day visit to South Africa in April 2015.
- Purpose of the visit was to use the lessons and best practices from knowledge sharing sessions to inform the development of a joint strategic plan, which will be aligned with the EvalPartners International Advocacy Strategy for Enabling Environment.



Matthew Maruva
ZEA President

Technical services portfolio report

Professionalisation Update

- SAMEA is collaborating with the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency to undertake what is called “A Feasibility Study on the Professionalisation of Evaluation” in South Africa. The project is being funded by the UK’s Department for International Development and is being undertaken by a team led by Dr. Donna Podems of OtherWISE Research and Evaluation.
- The Terms of Reference for the Study states its purpose as being to “explore the most appropriate route for professionalising evaluation in South Africa and to develop a roadmap for implementation of professionalization.
- The project started in February this year and has led to the delivery of a number of outputs, including an Inception Report, a Literature Review, a Situational Analysis, a Benchmarking Report and a Road Map, which has yet to be formally approved by the Committee overseeing this work.
- The project is the subject of a whole stream at this Conference and the views and perspectives on the issue cannot be easily summarized
- What is clear from a SAMEA perspective is that the Association needs to step up and play a strong leadership role in the process, particularly by facilitating and hosting inclusive conversations so that a clear route emerges in the coming period.

Technical services portfolio report

10 YEAR STRATEGIC REVIEW

- SAMEA commissioned a strategic review to assist it in reflecting on what has been achieved over the past decade and to help provide a clear strategic direction for the Association.
- Former Chairperson of the SAMEA Board, M&E consultant, Candice Morkel, undertook the review.
- Review draws a literature survey, interviews with 14 key informants an online survey with 85 people.

RESULTS

- More and better services
- Review reports on the development of M&E in South Africa and of SAMEA's ten-year history.
- Board of SAMEA to improve its performance
- It also compares SAMEA to a number of other Voluntary Organisations for Professional Evaluations and gives a good sense of what it has achieved and what its challenges are.
- SAMEA to play a leading role in the professionalization debate
- SAMEA to development continuous professional and capacity development

Key priorities for 2016

1. Developing a Strategic Plan
 2. Broadening fundraising
 3. Strengthening member services
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1. Broadening involvement and relationships with key stakeholder groupings (such as civil society and academia)
 2. Play a key role in the process of professionalisation

Questions & Answers



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THANKS