

# Making Data Collection Meaningful

## National Training on Data Collection through the Project Cycle

### What is this workshop about?

This one-day intensive workshop organized by Spur change in collaboration with the Inter-Council Network (ICN) members will be a practical hands-on experience for participants to dive deeper into data collection design, participatory and feminist approaches, and technology for data collection. Together we will explore key tips and tricks for improving data collection and management and involving local partners and community members in data collection. We will review gender-sensitive, feminist and community-led approaches to data collection, and apply learning through case studies and shared experiences. Participants will talk through and engage in exercises to make decisions on using technology for data collection, based on an understanding of the pitfalls, opportunities and best practices for going digital. We will also share and demonstrate the top technology tools and app options for SMOs. At the end of the day you will leave with practical ideas, new Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) friends and more enthusiasm, skills and tools for ensuring your data collection is easy, empowering and impactful to you and your organization.

Offered by:

- ▶ Spur Change Program
- ▶ Inter-Council Network (Provincial & Regional councils for International Cooperation)
- ▶ Salanga ([www.salanga.org](http://www.salanga.org))

### What will you learn?

Through a mix of practical activities and examples of effective practice you will learn how to:

- ▶ Design a data collection strategy, including knowing when to begin the design process, and what kinds of data sources and methods to consider;
- ▶ Apply gender-sensitive, feminist, and participatory lenses for data collection and stakeholder engagement;
- ▶ Consider community-led data collection options, decide when it makes sense to do so, and assess implications for the project;
- ▶ Consider technology tools and app options for data collection, with an understanding of key options, pitfalls, opportunities and best practices.

# AGENDA

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SPUR  
CHANGE

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ON DATA COLLECTION

THROUGH PROJECT CYCLE

inter-council  
network

<b>8:30</b>	<b>WELCOME AND REGISTRATION</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA AND APPROACH, LEARNING RESULTS</b>
<b>9:45</b>	<b>PLANNING FOR DATA COLLECTION</b>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>GENDER-SENSITIVE, FEMINIST AND COMMUNITY-LED APPROACHES TO DATA COLLECTION</b>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>1:30</b>	<b>GENDER/FEMINIST/COMMUNITY-LED APPROACHES CONT'D</b>
<b>2:30</b>	<b>TECHNOLOGY FOR DATA COLLECTION</b>
<b>4:30</b>	<b>REVIEW AND WRAP-UP</b>
<b>5:00</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>

## Meet the trainers

### Jakub Nemec



Salanga's Programs Director. Jakub is an expert in MEL technology and has hands-on experience with back-end design of database systems specifically for the non-profit development and humanitarian sector. He has led the piloting and roll-out of multi-lingual, cloud-based data collection systems for tracking project impact for 30+ organizations, drawing on 15+ years' global experience in development, tech design and entrepreneurship. With a track record in international development, software design and deployment, he specializes in designing user-friendly and inclusive tech-user experiences. Jakub brings together best practices and methodologies from social justice, agile and digital principles for development to improve practices and co-create solutions focused on community-driven approaches and supporting transformational change. Learn more about Jakub on his [Linked-in Profile](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jakub-m-nemec/) (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jakub-m-nemec/>).

### David Valenta



Salanga's Data Scientist. David is a data-enthusiast who loves crunching numbers and cracking fresh problems in quantitative data collection and analysis. He has a passion for improving development organization's capacity in monitoring, evaluation and learning and excels in statistics and data analysis. You can find him deeply focused on his computer where he's designing and testing an innovative online software for data management and learning called Kinaki ([kinaki.ca](http://kinaki.ca)). At Salanga he's using his expertise to make the software user-friendly and highly functional for collecting and learning from both quantitative and qualitative data. He holds an MSc in International Development Studies, a BA in Economics and international field experience in Africa and Asia, undertaking data collection, research and analysis for surveys and impact evaluations. Learn more about David on his [Linked-in Profile](https://www.linkedin.com/in/valentadavid/) (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/valentadavid/>).

## Natalie Zend

Natalie is a Certified Training and Development Practitioner and a UNICEF Results-Based



Management (RBM) Master Trainer. An IAFTM Certified Professional Facilitator, she has extensive training in facilitation methods, including facilitating participatory monitoring and evaluation. Natalie has designed and facilitated 4- to 5-day Human Rights Based Approaches and RBM workshops for Global Affairs Canada staff and partners as well as UNICEF, in English, French and Spanish, and co-authored UNICEF's corporate RBM handbook. She has supported numerous international development organizations in the field application of RBM tools and methods, through coaching, facilitation and process and systems design. She is fluent in French. Learn more about Natalie on her [Linked-in Profile](https://www.linkedin.com/in/nzend/) (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/nzend/>) and on her [.website](http://www.zendialogue.ca) ([www.zendialogue.ca](http://www.zendialogue.ca)).

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