

Facilitator's Short Biography

Michael Quinn Patton has more than 50 experience years as an independent evaluator and organizational development consultant based in Minnesota, USA. He is former President of the American Evaluation Association (AEA) and author of eight major evaluation books including a 5th edition of Utilization-Focused Evaluation co-authored with Charmagne Campbell-Patton. He is author of a 4th edition of Qualitative Research and Evaluation Methods used in universities worldwide. He has also authored books on Practical Evaluation, Creative Evaluation, and Developmental Evaluation: Applying Systems Thinking and Complexity Concepts to Enhance Innovation and Use. He co-authored a book on the dynamics of social innovation and transformation with two Canadians entitled Getting to Maybe: How the World is Changed. He is recipient of the Myrdal Award for Outstanding Contributions to Useful and Practical Evaluation Practice, the Lazarsfeld Award for Lifelong Contributions to Evaluation Theory, and the 2017 Research on Evaluation Award, all from AEA. EvalYouth recognized him with the first Transformative Evaluator Award in 2020. He regularly conducts training for The Evaluators' Institute and the International Program for Development Evaluation Training. He has published books on Principles-Focused Evaluation and Facilitating Evaluation: Principles in Practice. His 2021 book on evaluating global systems transformations is entitled Blue Marble Evaluation: Premises and Principles. He has also co-edited a book entitled THOUGHT WORK: Thinking, Action, and the Fate of the World. For the 2022 United Nations Food Systems Summit he led the team that synthesized more than 1000 independent dialogues into a theory of food systems transformation. He has developed an extensive set of instructional videos available on YouTube.