



## Indaba 2025

14-15 May 2025

Argyle Grand Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

**Theme:** Advancing evidence synthesis for health decision-making in Africa:  
Promoting health equity and access

# PROGRAMME

TIME	SESSION
07h30 - 09h00	REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE
09h00 - 10h00	<b>WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY</b> Venue: Victoria Chair: Charles Obonyo <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome address by Jennifer Orwa</li> <li>Remarks from Director General KEMRI</li> <li>Opening remarks by Ministry of Health Official</li> <li>Story-telling: The journey of Cochrane Africa</li> </ul>
10h00 - 10h30	<b>PLENARY 1: Keynote speech: Advancing health decision-making in Africa</b> Venue: Victoria Chair: James Kariuki <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Barbara Miheso</b> Co-Director, Cochrane Kenya, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) <b>Local demand and use of evidence</b></li> </ul>
10h30 - 1100	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING

11h00 - 12h30	<p><b>PLENARY 2: Strategies for bridging the gap between research and health policy implementation</b></p> <p><b>Venue: Victoria</b></p> <p>Chairs: Mark Engel and Jael Obiero</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ekwaro Obuku</b> Africa Centre for Systematic Reviews &amp; Knowledge Translation, Makerere University <b>Linking research to policy: What has worked?</b></li> <li>• <b>Nange Lisette</b> Lead Storyteller with Ebase Africa <b>Getting Cochrane Reviews into stories</b></li> <li>• <b>Tamara Kredo</b> Director, Health Systems Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council <b>Global Evidence Local Adaptation (GELA) project</b></li> <li>• <b>Mohammed Aliye</b> Policy, Strategy, and Research Analyst and Coordinator, PSR LEO, Ministry of Health, Ethiopia <b>Ethiopia's Evidence Ecosystem</b></li> </ul>
12h30 - 14h00	<b>LUNCH AND POSTER SESSIONS 1 - 4</b>
14h00 - 15h30	<p><b>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 1: Developing and adapting clinical practice guidelines</b> Facilitators: Mercy Mulaku, Jamlick Karumbi, Solange Durao <b>Venue: Victoria 2</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 2: Introduction to principles and practice of Knowledge Translation</b> Facilitator: Bey Marrie Schmidt <b>Venue: Victoria 1</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 3: Policy-makers cafe</b> Facilitator: Tamara Kredo, Lilian Mayieka <b>Venue: Kifaru</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 4: GRADE for guidelines</b> Facilitator: Michael McCaul <b>Venue: Nyati</b></p>
15h30 - 16h00	<b>COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING</b>
16h00 - 17h30	<p><b>PLENARY 3: Panel Discussion – Enhancing KT in our region, best practice cases and opportunities to collaborate</b></p> <p>Chairs: Nyanyiwe Mbeye and Dachi Arikpo</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bey-Marrie Schmidt</b> Health Systems Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)</li> <li>• <b>Ettiene Ngeh</b> Chair, African Regional Community for the Guideline International Network (GIN) &amp; Head, Physiotherapy Department, St Louis University Institute, Douala, Cameroon</li> <li>• <b>Lilian Mayieka</b> Co-Director, Cochrane Kenya, Kenyan Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)</li> <li>• <b>Moriam Chibuzor</b> Senior research officer, Cochrane Nigeria, University of Calabar Teaching Hospital</li> </ul>
17h30 - 19h30	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION AT THE ARGYLE GRAND HOTEL</b>



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**Day 2: 15 May 2025**

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08h30 - 09h00	MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING
09h00 - 10h30	<p><b>PLENARY 4: Innovation in Evidence Synthesis for Health Decision-Making</b></p> <p>Chairs: Britta Jeppesen and Ekpereonne Esu</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Karla Soares Weiser</b> Editor in Chief, Cochrane <b>Innovation in evidence synthesis: Can we collaborate to meet decision-makers' needs?</b></li><li><b>Ruth Stewart</b> Director, Alliance for Living Evidence (ALIVE) <b>Alive or dead? A new approach for driving evidence-informed action</b></li><li><b>Patrick Okwen</b> Team lead, eBASE Africa <b>Evidence synthesis for education/gap maps</b></li></ul>
10h30 - 11h00	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING
11h00 - 13h00	<p><b>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 1: Developing a protocol for systems reviews (part 1)</b> Facilitators: Jael Obiero, Dachi Arikpo, Barbara Miheso, Britta Jeppesen <b>Venue: Victoria 1</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 2: Introduction to meta-analysis</b> Facilitator: Vincent Were, Caroline Osoro <b>Venue: Victoria 2</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 3: Prevalence estimate reviews</b> Facilitator: Mark Engel <b>Venue: Kifaru</b></p>
13h00 - 14h00	LUNCH AND POSTER SESSIONS 5 - 8

14h00 - 15h30	<p><b>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 4: Consumer involvement 101</b>  Facilitators: Ndi Euphrasia Ebai-Atuh, Moriam Chibuzor, Joy Oliver  <b>Venue: Nyati</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 1: Developing a protocol for a systematic review (part 2)</b>  Facilitators: Jael Obiero, Dachi Arikpo, Barbara Miheso, Britta Jeppesen  <b>Venue: Victoria 1</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 5: Addressing equity in reviews</b>  Facilitators: Lawrence Mbuagbaw, Moriasi Nyanchoka  <b>Venue: Kifaru</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 6: GRADE for systematic reviews</b>  Facilitators: Solange Durao, Natasha Gloeck  <b>Venue: Victoria 2</b></p>
15h30 - 16h00	<b>COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING</b>
16h00 - 1730	<p><b>CLOSING PLENARY: What can Cochrane Africa and Guidelines International Network do to support EIDM in the region – call to action</b></p> <p>Chairs: Lawrence Mbuagbaw and Barbara Miheso</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Solange Durao</b>  Cochrane Africa Network Co-Director</p> <p><b>Charles Obonyo</b>  Cochrane Kenya representative</p> <p><b>Etienne Ngeh</b>  Guidelines International Network Africa Chair</p> <p><b>Ronald Bless Taremwa</b>  Office of the Prime Minister: Uganda</p> <p><b>Jordan Kyongo</b>  East Africa Research &amp; Innovation Hub Team Leader, FCDO</p> <p><b>Nkirote Mugambi-Nyaboga</b>  Centre for Health Solutions - Kenya</p> <p><b>CLOSING AND THANKS</b></p>