



14-15 May 2025
Nairobi, Kenya

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

PROGRAMME

Day 1: 14 May 2025

TIME	SESSION	CHAIR
07h30 - 09h00	REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE	
09h00 - 09h30	WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome address by Cochrane Kenya• Remarks from Director General KEMRI• Opening remarks by Ministry of Health Official	
09h30 - 11h00	PLENARY 1: Strategies for bridging the gap between research and health policy implementation Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Ekwaro Obuku Africa Centre for Systematic Reviews and Knowledge Translation, Makerere University Linking research to policy: What works?• Nange Lissette Part-time lecturer, Department of Arts and Archeology, University of Yaounde 1 Getting Cochrane Reviews into stories• Prof Tamara Kredo Director, Health Systems Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council Global Evidence Local Adaptation (GELA) project• Dr Ntuli Angyelile Kapologwe Head, Disease Surveillance and Management, Tanzania Ministry of Health Building the Tanzania national evidence ecosystem	
11h00 - 11h30	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING	



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11h30 - 12h30	PLENARY 2: Keynote speech: Advancing health decision-making in Africa Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Abdourahmane Diallo World Health Organization (WHO) Representative, Kenya Country Office WHO's role in supporting countries to advance approaches for evidence informed decision-making Barbara Bakhita Co-Director, Cochrane Kenya, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) Cochrane Kenya experience 		
12h30 - 14h00	LUNCH AND POSTER SESSION		
14h00 - 15h30	PARALLEL WORKSHOPS		
	Workshop 1 Developing and adapting clinical practice guidelines	Workshop 2 Introduction to principles and practice of KT	Workshop 3 Policy makers cafe
			Workshop 4 GRADE for guidelines
15h30 - 16h00	COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER SESSION		
16h00 - 17h30	PLENARY 3: Panel Discussion – Enhancing KT in our region, best practice cases and opportunities to collaborate Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Bey-Marrie Schmidt Health Systems Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) Laurenz Mahlanza-Langer Executive Director, Pan-African Collective for Evidence (PACE) Dr Ettiene Ngeh Chair, African Regional Community for the Guideline International Network (GIN) & Head, Physiotherapy Department, St Louis University Institute, Douala, Cameroon Lilian Mayieka Co-Director, Cochrane Kenya, Kenyan Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) 		
17h30 - 19h30	WELCOME RECEPTION		



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Day 2: 15 May 2025

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08h30 - 09h00	MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING	
09h00 - 10h30	PLENARY 4: Innovation in Evidence Synthesis for Health Decision-Making Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Karla Soares Weiser Editor in Chief, Cochrane Innovation in evidence synthesis: Can we collaborate to meet decision-makers' needs? Prof. Ruth Stewart Director, Alliance for Living Evidence (ALIVE) Alive or dead? A new model for driving evidence-informed action Dr Patrick Okwen Team lead, eBASE Africa Evidence synthesis for education/gap maps Dr Kerry Albright Principal advisor/Deputy Director, Evaluation Office, UNICEF 	
10h30 - 11h00	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING	
11h00 - 13h00	PARALLEL WORKSHOPS	
	Workshop 1 Developing a protocol for a systematic review - part 1	Workshop 2 Introduction to meta-analysis
		Workshop 3 Prevalence estimates reviews
13h00 - 14h00	COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER SESSION	



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14h00 - 15h30	PARALLEL WORKSHOPS			
	Workshop 4 Consumer engagement	Workshop 5 Developing a protocol for a systematic review - part 2	Workshop 6 Addressing equity in reviews	Workshop 7 GRADE for systematic reviews
15h30 - 16h00	COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER SESSION			
16h00 - 17h30	CLOSING PLENARY: What can Cochrane Africa and Guidelines International Network do to support EIDM in the region – call to action			
	CLOSING AND THANKS			