



14-15 May 2025  
Nairobi, Kenya

# Indaba 2025



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



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11h30 - 12h30	<b>PLENARY 2: Keynote speech: Advancing health decision-making in Africa</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Barbara Bakhita</b> Co-Director, Cochrane Kenya, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) <b>Cochrane Kenya experience</b></li></ul>			
12h30 - 14h00	<b>LUNCH AND POSTER SESSION</b>			
14h00 - 15h30	<b>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</b>			
	<b>Workshop 1</b> <a href="#">Developing and adapting clinical practice guidelines</a>	<b>Workshop 2</b> <a href="#">Introduction to principles and practice of KT</a>	<b>Workshop 3</b> <a href="#">Policy makers cafe</a>	<b>Workshop 4</b> <a href="#">GRADE for guidelines</a>
15h30 - 16h00	<b>COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER SESSION</b>			
16h00 - 17h30	<b>PLENARY 3: Panel Discussion – Enhancing KT in our region, best practice cases and opportunities to collaborate</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Dr Bey-Marrie Schmidt</b> Health Systems Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)</li><li><b>Laurenz Mahlanza-Langer</b> Executive Director, Pan-African Collective for Evidence (PACE)</li><li><b>Dr 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></ul>			
17h30 - 19h30	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b>			



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**Day 2: 15 May 2025**

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

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