

Collaboration for better guidelines

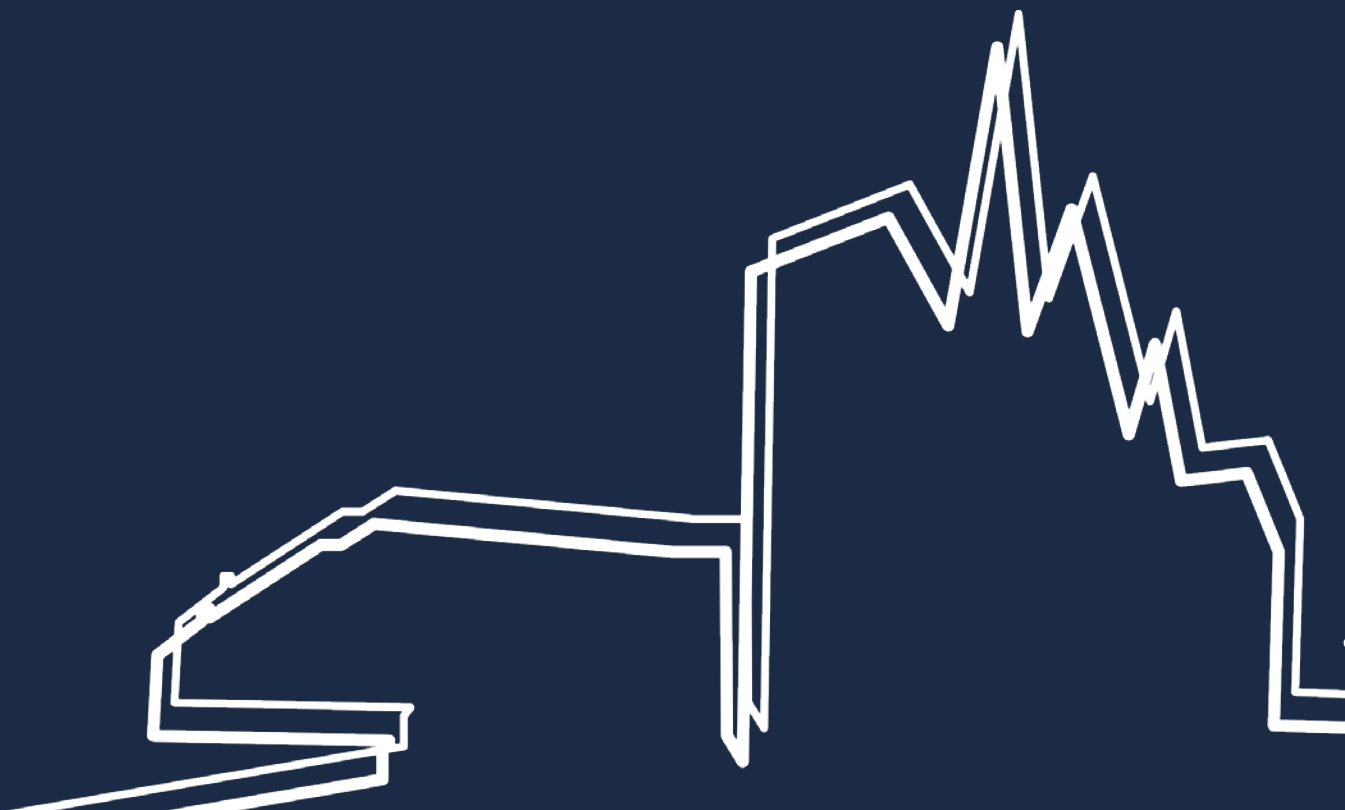
Tamara Kredo

South African Medical Research Council

GIN Guidelines
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Network

Glasgow Conference

19 – 22 September 2023



Key Speaker Announcement

Tamara Kredo

Associate Prof Tamara Kredo is the Director of the Health Systems Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council. She is a medical doctor, specialised in Clinical Pharmacology, and completed a PhD in Public Health. Tamara is dedicated to enhancing credible, transparent guideline decision-making, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. She has fulfilled several leadership roles, including founding Cochrane Africa in 2017. Among many highlights, she co-leads the South African GRADE Network; consults to WHO as a guideline methodologist; was a co-opted trustee of the Guidelines International Network Governing Board; hosted the the Global Evidence Summit in 2017; and is Cochrane Board member.





The South African Medical Research Council
recognizes the catastrophic and persisting consequences of colonialism and
apartheid, including land dispossession and the intentional imposition of
educational and health inequities.

Acknowledging the SAMRC's historical role and silence during apartheid,
we commit our capacities and resources to the continued promotion of justice
and dignity in health research in South Africa.



Disclosures and acknowledgments

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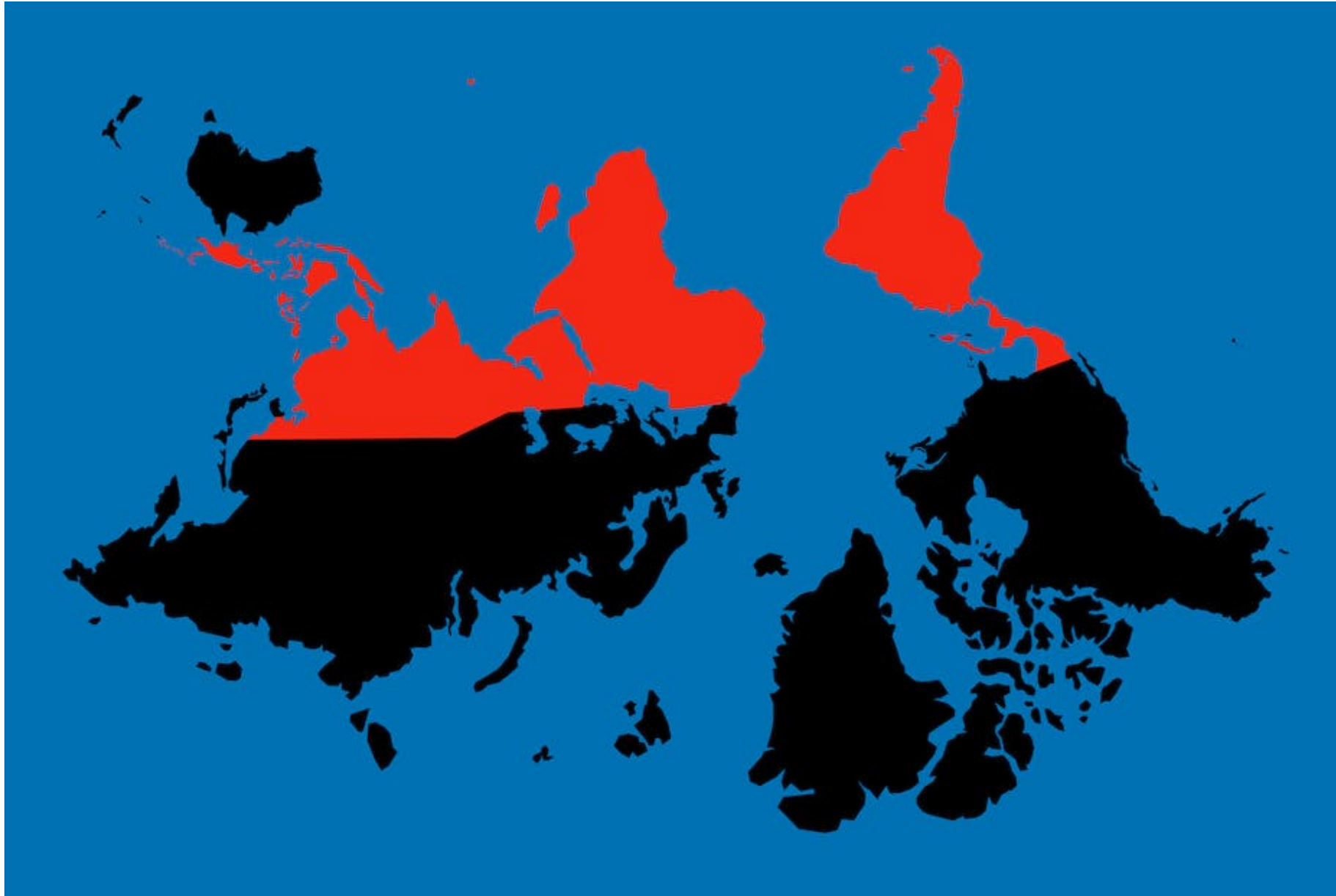
- No funding from industry sources
- Director, Health Systems, South African MRC
- Co-director South African (SA) GRADE Network
- Member National Essential Medicines List and Guidelines Committee, South Africa
- Member National COVID-19 Ministerial Committee for Vaccines and Essential Medicines
- Africa CDC HTA Strategic Advisory Group
- WHO commissioned methods and review work
- Affiliations at University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch University

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<https://theconversation.com/the-global-south-is-on-the-rise-but-what-exactly-is-the-global-south-207959>



Collaboration

..... is the process of two or more people, entities or organizations working together to complete a task or achieve a goal

- Collaborative mind set
- Trusted relationships
- Shared vision and purpose
- Collaborative behaviours and infrastructure
- Shared learning

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- Applying Trust
- Respect
- Willingness
- Empowerment
- Effective communication

Five Principles of Collaboration by J. Ibeh Agbanyim, 2015

- Commitment
- Conditions
- Culture
- Communication
- Capacity and Impact

Partnerships for Purpose. B Pilla JBI, World EBHC Day



Castell – human tower

Collaborative Evidence Networks



“Consists of a variety of entities (groups and individuals) that are largely autonomous, geographically distributed, and heterogeneous in terms of their operating environment, culture, and social capital, which collaborate to achieve common goals.

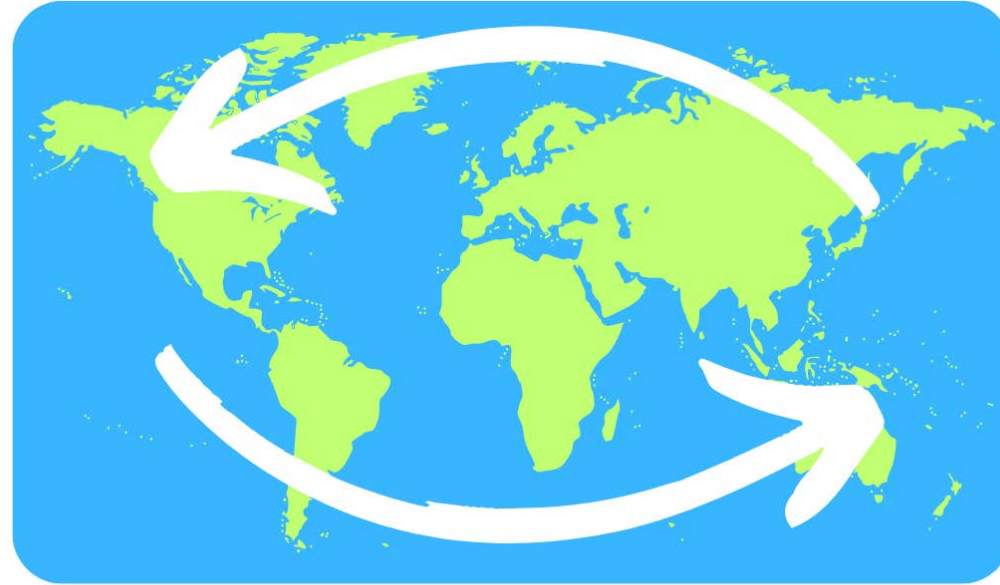
They are characterized by a unifying purpose, a high level of commitment, and a willingness to share information, resources, and accountabilities.”




Global collaboration – supporting evidence production and use

GIN Guidelines International Network

 COVID19 Recommendations



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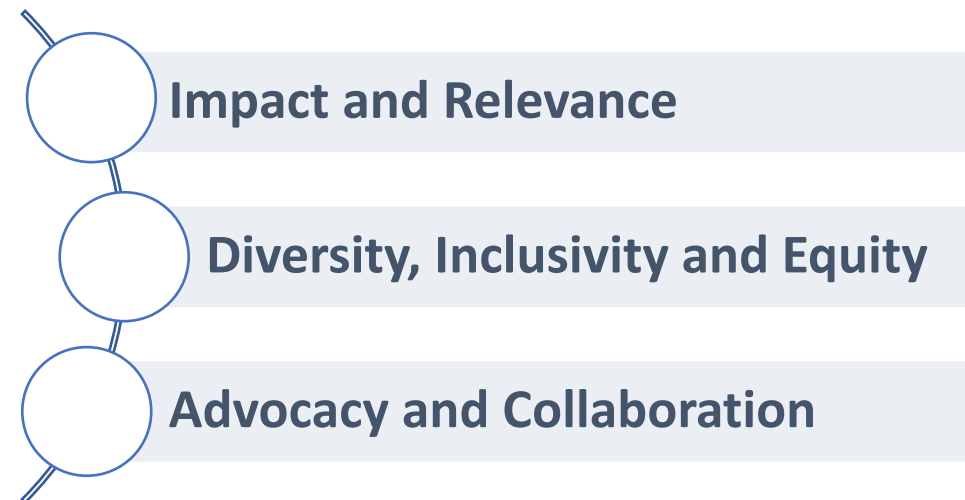
GRADE

Global network - Cochrane Collaboration is at the core

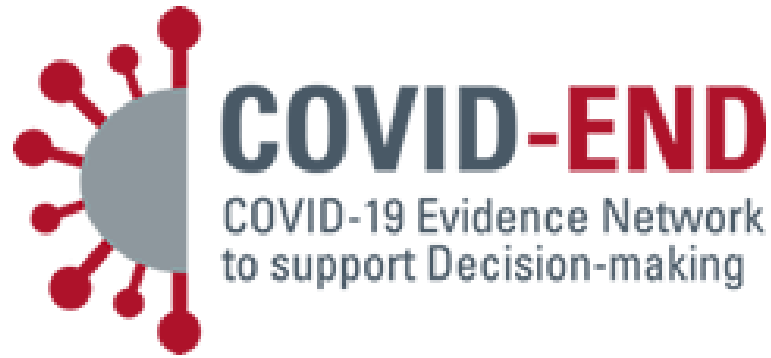


Mission: an independent, diverse, global organization that collaborates to produce trusted synthesized evidence, make it accessible to all, and advocate for its use.

Their official name has always been **The Cochrane Collaboration**.



Pandemic driven -



- The **COVID-19 Evidence Network to support Decision-making (COVID-END)** helps those supporting decision-making about COVID-19 to find and use the best available evidence

“Need to strengthen global and equitable collaboration within evidence synthesis and guidance, with impact beyond COVID-19.

Build equitable collaboration and partnerships with a focus on reducing research waste and duplication of efforts.

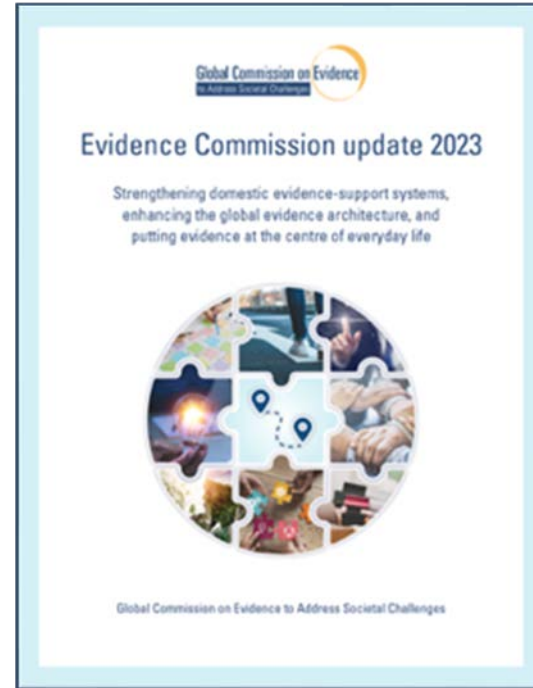
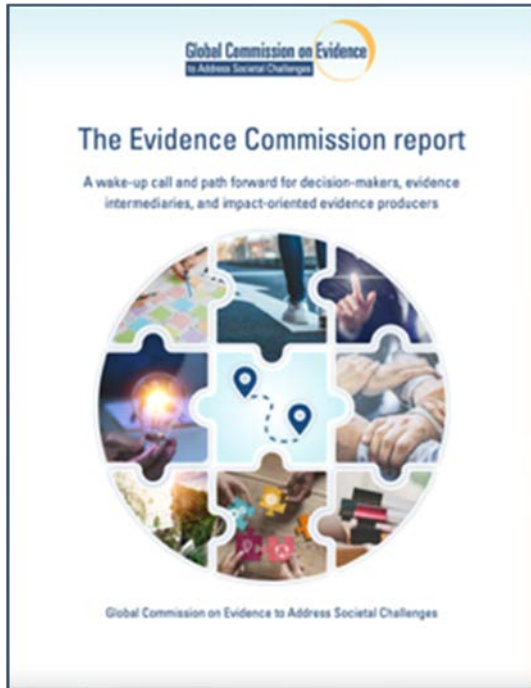
Decision-makers should use existing high-quality systematic reviews and guidelines to efficiently develop, adopt or adapt guidance for their settings.”

McCaul M, et al. Resources supporting trustworthy, rapid and equitable evidence synthesis and guideline development: results from the COVID-19 evidence network to support decision-making (COVID-END). *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2022;151:88-95.

<https://www.mcmasterforum.org/networks/covid-end/archive-for-covid-end-global>

Global Commission on Evidence

to Address Societal Challenges



- Enhance and leverage the global evidence architecture.
- Formalize and strengthen domestic evidence-support systems.
- Put evidence at the centre of everyday life.



Going farther, faster together:
Implementing the recommendations of
the Evidence Commission report

African regional collaborations





Cochrane
Africa

Cochrane Africa is a network that aims to increase the use of evidence to inform healthcare decision-making in sub-Saharan Africa.

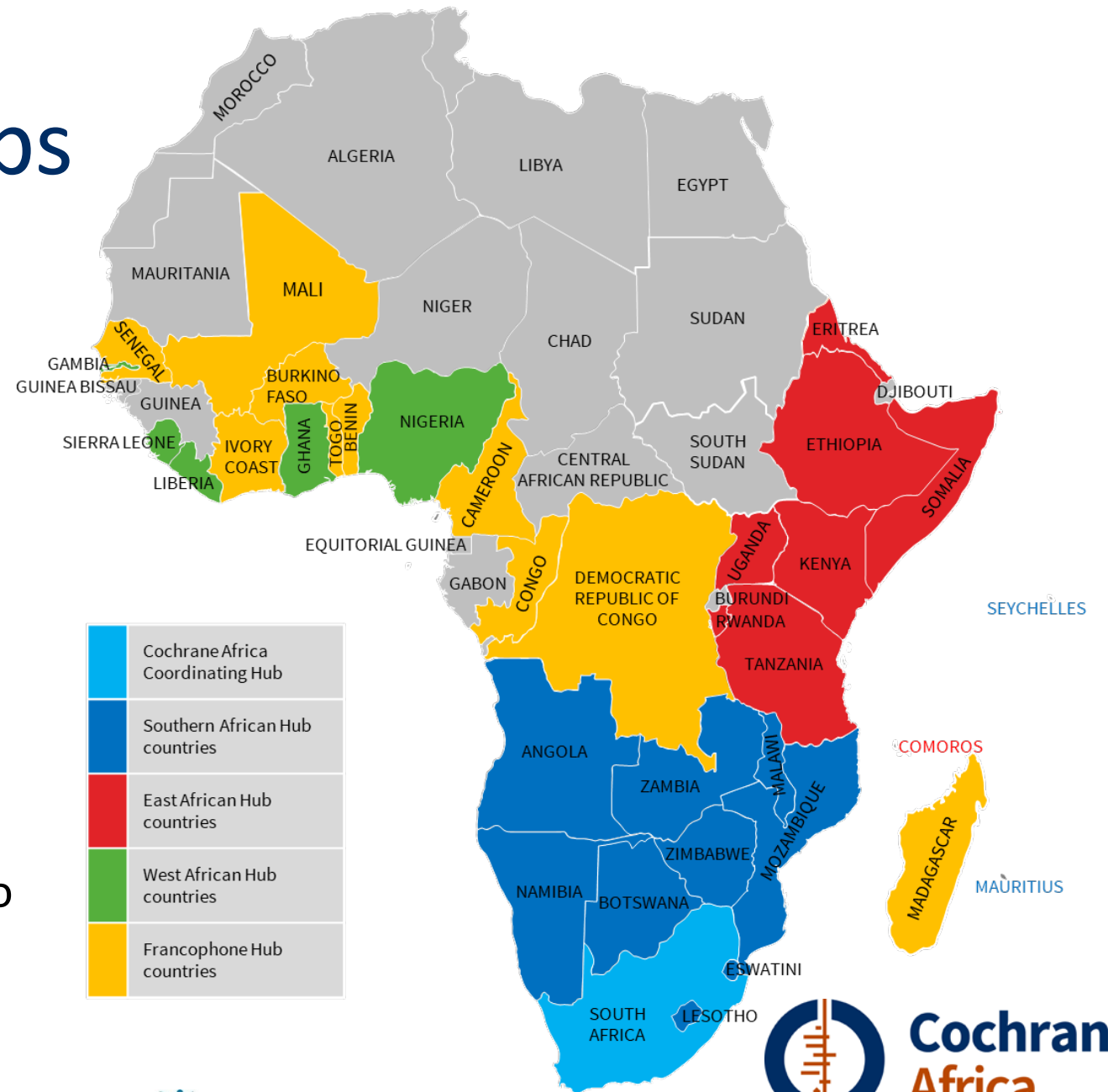
<http://africa.cochrane.org/>



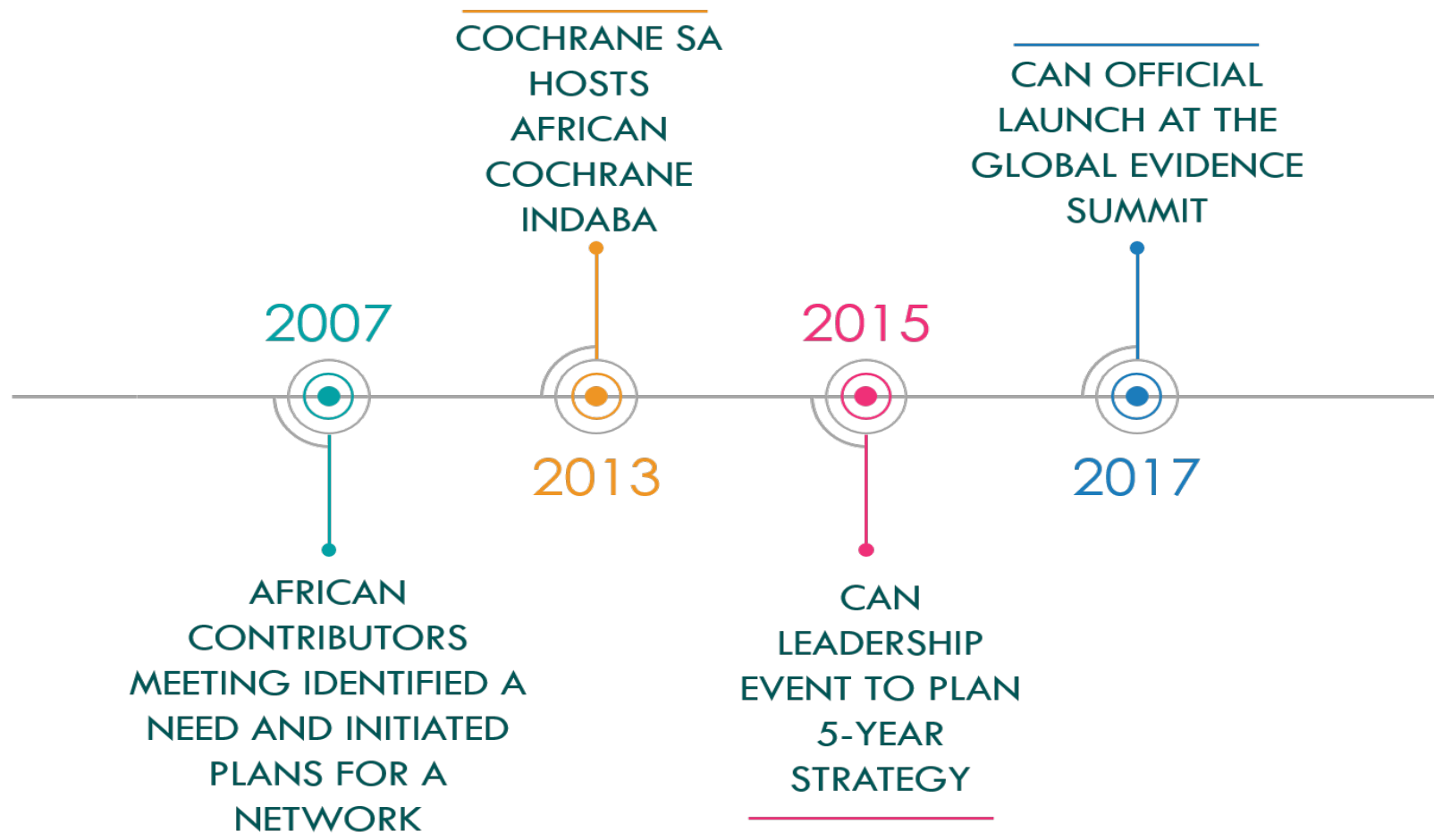
Cochrane Africa Hubs

Guiding principles

1. Each country is unique
2. Prioritise to ensure relevance
3. Collaboration
4. Avoid unnecessary duplication
5. One step at a time
6. Build sustainability
7. Equity-focused in everything we do
8. Encourage diversity



Cochrane Africa Network timeline





Global Evidence Summit
Using evidence. Improving lives.
13-16 Sept 17 | Cape Town, South Africa



Global Evidence Synthesis Summit
September 2017
Cape Town, South Africa





Enhancing evidence-informed guideline recommendations for newborn and young child health in Malawi, Nigeria and South Africa



This project is part of the EDCTP2 programme supported by the European Union



EDCTP



Newborn child health and guideline adaptation

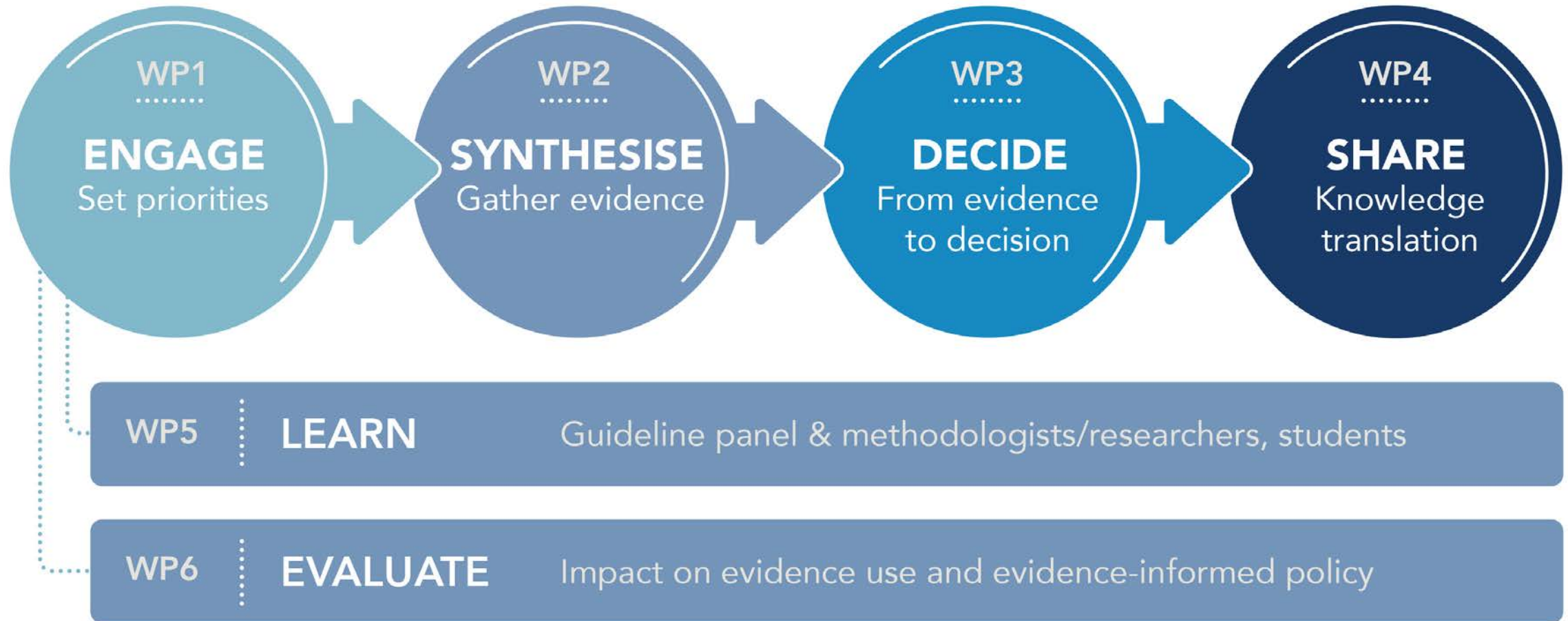
Three-year project until March 2025

Maximise the impact of evidence use for newborn and young child health

- increasing researchers and decision makers' capacity to use global and local research and guidelines to develop locally relevant guidelines for newborn and child health.
- adding value to the guideline programme by the WHO.
- How do we best adopt, adapt or develop guidelines to minimise resource waste and avoid duplication?



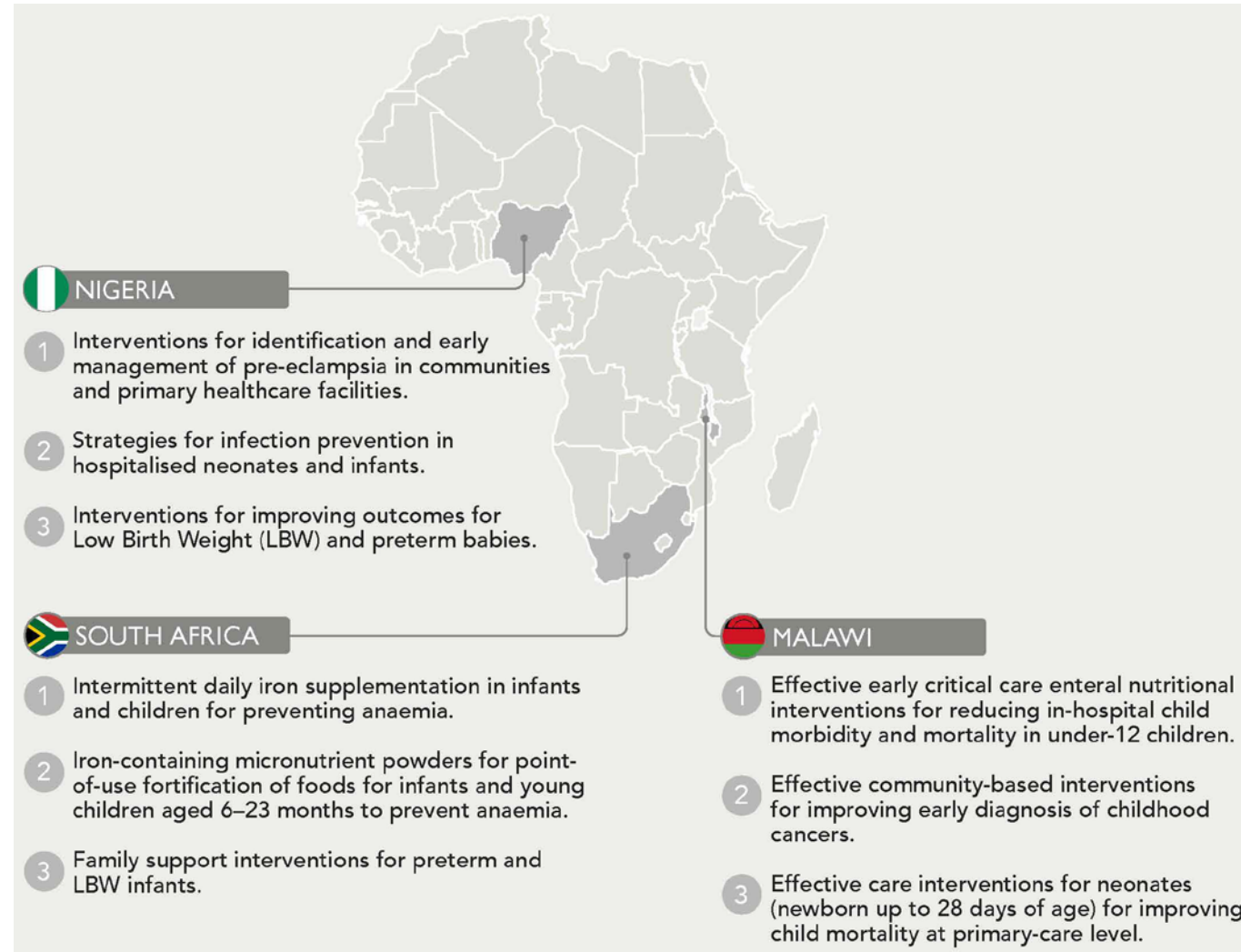
GELA project work



Diverse priorities to match needs



Lilongwe, Malawi meeting
January 2023



Collaboration - successes and challenges

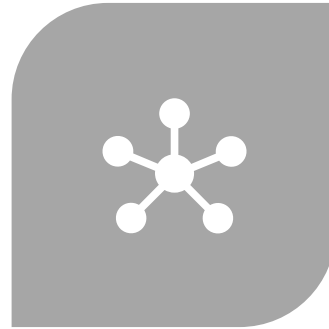
- Partnering and co-creating with national policymakers and researcher and civil society
 - Fitting into and finding policy windows and aligning timings
 - Best practice methods for priority setting
 - Introducing GRADE methods for reviews and guidelines

- Research team collaboration
 - ‘Learning by doing’, new skills (e.g. adaptation for qualitative evidence, health economic evidence for guidelines, building skills of methodologists)
 - Commitment and connecting

Collaboration with the GELA team



WITHIN COUNTRIES



BETWEEN COUNTRIES

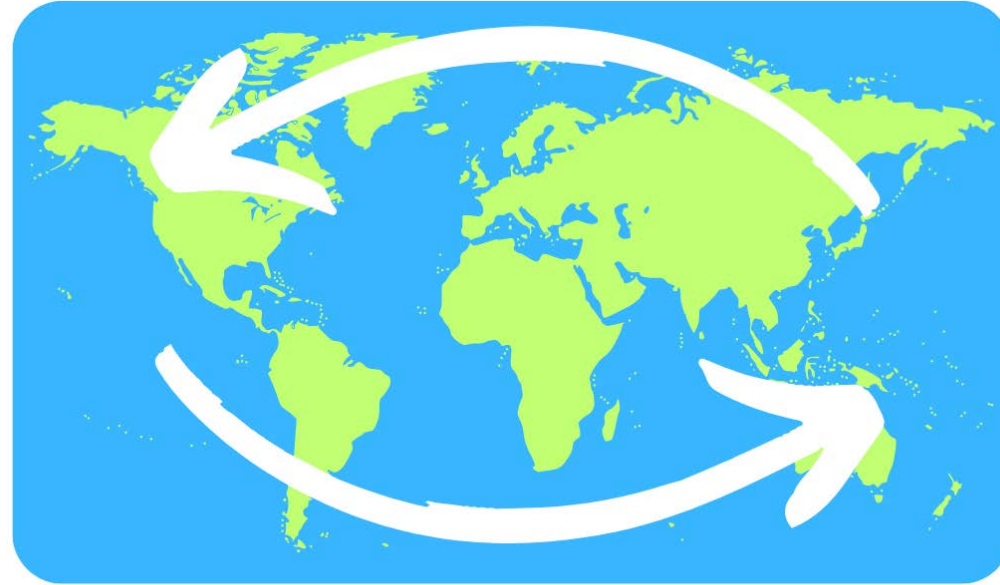


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GRADE

Thank you

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*Maintaining quality
while pursuing efficiency*

