

## Community of Practice on Citizen Engagement (CE) in Evidence-Informed Decision-Making (EIDM) in the Health Sector



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**1<sup>st</sup> virtual meeting of the Community of Practice CE-EIDM**  
**November 6, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm (CET)**

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### Background

The World Health Organization (WHO), the Africa Evidence Network (AEN) and Cochrane are committed to strengthening practices of citizen engagement (CE) in evidence-informed decision-making (EIDM) to advance its mission for delivering measurable impact and supporting countries on the road to the Sustainable Development Goals.

While CE is vital for health policy decision-making, the field of EIDM has primarily focused on translating research evidence into policy, with less emphasis on public participation. To address this gap, we are creating a *community of practice (CoP) on citizen engagement in evidence-informed decision-making in the health sector (CE-EIDM)*. Through this CoP, participants are expected to strengthen their capacity to promote CE in their own contexts, fostering stronger social participation in policy processes.

### Meeting objectives

The first six meetings of the CoP CE-EIDM will consist of capacity building activities and debates to set up the CoP. The first meeting aims to

- provide an overview of the CoP and its objectives;
- develop the vision of the CoP; and
- discuss next steps in the development of the CoP, including the workplan, working groups and engagement platforms.

## Draft Agenda

1:30 hours (90 mins)

<b>2:00-2:15</b>	Start of the meeting	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcoming remarks</li> <li>- Presenting the initiative and its objectives</li> <li>- Presenting the agenda of the first meeting</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker: Siziwe Ngcwabe, Lead &amp; Co-Chair: Africa Evidence Network (AEN), Pan-African Collective for Evidence (PACE)</i></p>
<b>2:15-2:45</b>	Capacity building activity	<b>Presentation and Q&amp;A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evidence-informed policy-making as an inclusive endeavour: state of the art and trending debates</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker: Sandy Oliver, Co-Director, Evidence for Policy &amp; Practice Information Centre, University College London (UCL) Social Research Institute</i></p>
<b>2:45-3:15</b>	Developing the CoP	<b>Group &amp; plenary discussions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussing the vision of the CoP in small groups, followed by a report back to the plenary</li> <li>- Setting up working groups for the CoP charter, workplan, engagement platforms (e.g. REAP) and M&amp;E framework</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Siziwe Ngcwabe</i></p>
<b>3:15-3:30</b>	Closing of the meeting	<b>Wrap up and next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presenting and discussing ideas for the second meeting</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker: Siziwe Ngcwabe</i></p>