

THE ALLIANCE PARTICIPATION AT THE GLOBAL EVIDENCE SUMMIT: **CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, 13-16 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Join the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, an international partnership hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the Global Evidence Summit.

Date:

13 September 2017

Time: **14:00-15:30**

Venue: **Auditorium 1**

Topic: Evidence-informed policy making within and beyond health: lessons learnt from initiatives using different forms of engagement

Developing policy and implementing it is complex. To inform the decision making process, the actors need reliable research evidence which is fit for purpose. Engagement between researchers and policy-makers, and timing/timeliness increase both the usefulness of research and the prospects for research use. There is increasing interest in co-production of research evidence, and engaging end-users is key to this process. This session will feature lessons learnt from initiatives using a range of different forms of engagement between the relevant actors.

<https://www.globalevidencesummit.org/evidence-informed-policy-making-within-and-beyond-health-lessons-learnt-initiatives-using-different>

Date:

14 September 2017

Time: **14:00-15:30**

Venue: **Ballroom East**

Topic: Evidence synthesis for health policy and systems: approaches, challenges and stakeholder engagement

This session will address the challenges of using evidence synthesis to support health systems interventions and policies. Participants will discuss the relevance of conducting evidence synthesis in the field of health policy and systems research, using various synthesis approaches, perspectives and methods. This session will include opportunities for the audience to exchange ideas on how to conduct and present reviews to facilitate further uptake in health policy and systems.

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Date:

14 September 2017

Time: **16:00-17:30**

Venue: **Roof Terrace Room**

Topic: Rapid reviews to strengthen health policy and systems

This session will cover rapid review methods, engaging knowledge users in rapid reviews and share approaches for strengthening capacity to conduct and use rapid reviews.

Rapid reviews are increasingly being used to provide evidence to decision-makers within a shorter turnaround time. However, there is no clear guidance on "when" and "how" to conduct rapid reviews within the context of health policy-making and health systems strengthening.

This session will address these challenges and on the occasion, the Alliance will launch a new publication titled, *Rapid Reviews to Strengthen Health Policy and Systems: A Practical Guide*.

The discussion will include policy-makers' perspective on using rapid reviews to support health system decision-making.

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MEET THE ALLIANCE GRANTEES AT THE SUMMIT

South Africa: South African Medical Research Council

Qualitative Evidence Synthesis Workshop

Date: 10 Sept 09:00 – 12 Sept 16:00
Venue: TBD

Participants will be introduced to the principles of conducting and interpreting qualitative evidence synthesis. Registration is full, but the event will be livestreamed here: <https://youtu.be/zYH9DRADpYg>

Poster presentation

Date: 13 Sept 12:30-14:00
Venue: Exhibition Halls 1 & 2 (1064)

Topic: Routine Health Information System Interventions to improve health systems management: An EPOC-Cochrane effectiveness systematic review (Daniels K et al.)

Poster presentation

Date: 16 Sept 12:30-14:00
Venue: Exhibition Halls 1 & 2 (4127)

Topic: Healthcare workers' perceptions and experiences on using mHealth technologies to deliver primary healthcare services: a qualitative evidence synthesis (Odendaal W et al.)

Lebanon: Centre for Systematic Reviews of Health Policy and Systems Research SPARK and Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Centre

Workshop (in collaboration with GESI)

Date: 13 Sept 11:00-12:30
Venue: Meeting Room 2.66

Making Systematic Reviews Impactful through Knowledge Translation Strategies and Tools (El-Jardali F et al.)

Oral Presentation

Date: 13 Sept 14:00-15:30
Venue: Meeting Room 1.44

Systematic Approach to Guide the Lancet Commission on Syria: The Case of Healthcare Workers in Conflict Setting (Bou Karroum L et al.)

Oral Presentation

Date: 13 Sept 14:00-15:30
Venue: Meeting Room 1.44

Evidence-informed policy using knowledge translation tools: the case of preterm deliveries among Syrian refugees in Lebanon (Abou Samra C et al.)

Workshop (in collaboration with GESI)

Date: 14 Sept 11:00-12:30
Venue: Meeting Room 2.43

Capacity building in conducting systematic reviews (Oliver S et al.)

Oral Presentation

Date: 16 Sept 14:00-15:30
Venue: Meeting Room 1.41

Lessons learned from adopting an integrated approach to promote evidence-informed health policymaking: A case experience from a middle-income country (Fadlallah R et al.)

Ethiopia: Ethiopia Evidence Based Health Care Centre, Jimma University

Poster presentation

Date: 13 Sept 12:30-14:00
Venue: Exhibition Halls 1 & 2 (1013)

Involvement of government policymakers in prioritizing national policy needs for systematic review: an Ethiopian experience (Admassu B et al.)

Poster presentation

Date: 16 Sept 12:30-14:00
Venue: Exhibition Halls 1 & 2 (4119)

Building evidence utilization capacity of health policymakers at the Federal Ministry of Health in Ethiopia: Mentor-Mentee experience (Sudhakar M et al.)

Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI)

GESI is a consortium that aims to develop the capacity to produce and use research synthesis in LMICs.
GESI Open meeting: 16 Sept 12:30-13:45, Location: Meeting Room 2.41-2.42

About the Alliance

Since its inception in 1999, the Alliance's mission has been to strengthen the health systems in low-and middle-income countries by promoting the generation and use of health policy and systems

research (HPSR). It also supports projects that aim to strengthen the capacity of researchers and decision-makers to use HPSR to improve the performance of health systems.

About Health System Research Synthesis

As a thought leader in the emerging field of health system research synthesis, the Alliance is supporting review centres in low- and middle-income countries, working to promote the uptake of review

findings in health policy and systems decision, and developing guidance material to serve as global public goods in the field.

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