

World Health Organization (WHO) Global Evidence-to-Policy (E2P) Summit 2023

Evidence as a catalyst for policy and societal change: building trust and bridging the E2P gap

29–31 August 2023

Provisional agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, 29 August 2023

Time: 13:00–15:30 (CEST)

Moderator of the day: *Siziwe Ngcwabe, Director and Co-chair Africa Evidence Network, South Africa*

13:00–13:05 Opening

Moderator of the day

13:05–13:20 Official welcome note: Feeding research and evidence into policy – how to make it happen

Jeremy Farrar, WHO Chief Scientist, Switzerland

13:20–13:40 Keynote remarks

Framing the evidence-to-policy interface

Patrick Vallance, Chair, Natural History Museum and former Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (United Kingdom) (2018–2023)

Role of E2P and the WHO Science Council

Salim Abdool Karim, Director of the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), South Africa, and member of the WHO Science Council

13:40–14:10 Catalysing evidence-informed decision-making: the EVIPNet Call for Action driving global, regional and national progress – Interactive plenary session

Tanja Kuchenmüller, Unit Head, Evidence to Policy and Impact, Research for Health Department, Science Division, WHO, Switzerland

14:10–14:20 Mapping what works in supporting the use of evidence and developing a global knowledge translation research agenda

Laurenz Langer, Executive Director of the South Africa Centre for Evidence (SACE), South Africa

14:20–15:20 Funding evidence-informed policy initiatives: priorities for now and the near future

Moderator: Jeremy Farrar, WHO Chief Scientist, Switzerland

Panel: 1. Angela Bednarek, Project Director, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Lead of the Transforming Evidence Funders Network, United States of America (USA)

2. Beth Thompson, Chief Strategy Officer, Wellcome Trust, United Kingdom

3. Hanna Surmatz, Head of Policy, Philanthropy Europe Association (Philea), Belgium

4. Henrike Hartmann, Deputy Secretary General, Volkswagen Foundation, Germany

5. Montasser Kamal, *Director Global Health, International Development Research Centre, Canada*

6. Christopher Chibwana, *Program Officer, Gender Equity and Governance, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, USA*

15:20–15:30 Closing keynote remarks: Navigating the nexus of evidence and policy

Ximena Aguilera Sanhueza, *Minister of Health, Chile*

Day 2: Wednesday, 30 August 2023

Time: 13:00–15:30 (CEST)

Moderator of the day: Fadi El-Jardali, *Director of the Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Centre, WHO Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice, Lebanon*

13:00–13:10 Welcome and presentation of the agenda for Day 2

13:10–14:20 Working together: building collaborations and partnerships across the evidence ecosystem

Moderator: Marge Reinap, *Technical Officer on Evidence for Policy, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Regional Office for Europe*

- Panel:**
1. Mouna Jameleddine, *Head of the HTA department, Instance Nationale de l'Evaluation et de l'Accréditation en Santé (INEAS), Tunisia / Co-Chair of GINAHTA collaborative working group (International Network of Agencies for HTA [INAHTA] and Guidelines International Network [G-I-N]), Tunisia*
 2. Soledad Quiroz, *Open Science Project, Universidad Central de Chile, Chile*
 3. Ruth Stewart, *Founding Chair, Africa Evidence Network, South Africa*
 4. Holger J. Schünemann, *Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases, Research Methods and Recommendations; Director, Cochrane Canada and McMaster GRADE Centre; and Professor, Humanitas University, Italy*
 5. John Lavis, *Director of the McMaster Health Forum and WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-informed Policy, Canada*

Interactive plenary: Cross-evidence ecosystem collaboration that advances E2P

14:20–14:30 Break

14:30–15:25 Citizen-backed evidence – Engaging citizens in providing evidence synthesis and support (including for evidence-informed policy-making)

[organized in collaboration with Cochrane and the Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges]

Moderators:

- Maureen Smith, *Co-chair, Citizen Leadership Group, Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges, Canada*
 - Richard Morley, *Consumer Engagement Officer, Cochrane, United Kingdom*
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- Panel:**
1. Clara Abou Samra, *Instructor of Public Health and Senior Evidence Lead Specialist, Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Centre, American University of Beirut, WHO Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice, Lebanon*
 2. Laura Boeira, *Executive Director, Instituto Veredas, Brazil*
 3. Brenda Ogembo, *Principal Clerk Assistant and the Deputy Head of the Senate Liaison Office at the Parliament of Kenya, Kenya*
 4. Vicharn Panich, *Chairman of International Organizing Committee, Prince Mahidol Award Conference, Thailand*
 5. Mike Wilson, *Scientific Director of the McMaster Health Forum, Canada; Chair of the Editorial Group "WHO Citizen Engagement in Evidence-informed Policy-Making Guide"*
 6. Alessandro Bellantoni, *Head of the Open Government, Civic Space, and Public Communication Unit; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, France*

Interactive plenary: Online citizen participation: engagement strategies for deliberative processes to foster trust in science

15:25–15:30 Closure

Moderator of the day

Day 3: Thursday, 31 August 2023

Time: 13:00–15:30 (CEST)

Moderator of the day: Mark Leys, *Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium*

13:00–13:05 Welcome and presentation of the agenda for Day 3

Moderator of the day

13:05–14:00 Turning evidence use into a routine: pathways for the institutionalization of evidence-informed policy-making

Moderators:

- Mehrnaz Kheirandish, *Regional Advisor, Evidence and Data to Policy, Division of Science, Information and Dissemination, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean*
- Arash Rashidian, *Director, Science, Information and Dissemination, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, Egypt*

- Panel:**
1. Natália Koga, *Researcher, Institute of Applied Economic Research of the Brazilian Government, Brazil*
 2. Sultana Al Sabahi, *Knowledge Translation and Health Economics Specialist, Directorate General of Planning and Studies, Ministry of Health, Oman*
 3. Josephine Watera, *Assistant Director, Department of Research Services, Parliament of Uganda, Uganda*
 4. Justin Parkhurst, *Associate Professor of Global Health Policy, London School of Economics, United Kingdom*
 5. Peter Gluckman, *President, International Science Council, France*

Interactive plenary: How can WHO foster the institutionalization of E2P in your context?

14:00–14:50	Unlocking the potential of artificial intelligence and foresight for evidence-informed policy-making Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carla Saenz, <i>Regional Advisor, Bioethics, Pan American Health Organization, USA</i> - Ludovic Reveiz, <i>Regional Advisor, Science and knowledge for Action unit, Evidence and Intelligence for Action in Health Department, Pan American Health Organization, USA</i> <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marith Volp, <i>Director of Public Health and Health Services, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Kingdom of the Netherlands</i> 2. Mehdi Snene, <i>Chief AI Officer, The International Digital Health and AI Research Collaborative (I-DAIR), Switzerland</i> 3. Julian Elliott, <i>Professor, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University and CEO Future Evidence Foundation, Australia</i> 4. Eduardo Coelho, <i>Associate Professor, Ribeirao Preto Medical School, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil</i> <p>Interactive plenary: From AI and foresight to E2P – how can available tools improve this space?</p>
14:50–15:20	What next to catalyse support? Tanja Kuchenmüller, <i>Unit Head, Evidence to Policy and Impact, Research for Health Department, Science Division, WHO, Switzerland</i> <i>Support statements and remarks from invited stakeholders</i>
15:20–15:30	Closing keynote remarks Rana Hajjeh, <i>Director, Programme Management, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, Egypt</i>
