



**COVID-END partners coordination call**  
Notes from 1 April 2021

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

- a. Jeremy welcomed partners to the call

**2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Jeremy pointed partners to the notes from our call on 4 March (see attachment 2)

**3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES**

- a. Cristian provided a high-level summary of the COVID-END inventory
- b. Jeremy provided an updated on the global commission list of potential commissioners (see attachment 3), introduced Olivia Hamilton (who will be coordinating the work going forwards), and summarized our current priorities
  - i. Mapping of stakeholders (all suggestions and then short list of candidate commissioners, candidate trusted advisors) organized by region, country and role, and propose selection criteria
  - ii. Create profiles of potential commissioners
  - iii. Prepare an analysis of what would be strong and impactful commission characteristics and conduct a comparative analysis of prominent commissions (with their strengths and weaknesses)
  - iv. Prepare a case for funding

Partners suggested adding Bob Rae and Nelson Sewankambo to the list

**ACTION: Partners to submit additional names to Olivia via [covidend@mcmaster.ca](mailto:covidend@mcmaster.ca)**

**4. PARTNER PROFILE**

- a. Highlighting partners' projects and efforts towards the COVID-19 response
  - i. Tamara Lofti and Zahra Saad provided a presentation about the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI)

**5. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS**

- a. Claire Allen shared Evidence Aid's 30th update for COVID-19 project
  - i. Prepared more than 500 short, plain language summaries covering almost 800 systematic reviews relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact
  - ii. Summaries are available in English, with translations into other languages including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish
  - iii. Summaries are freely accessible [here](#) along with links to the full reviews

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Jeremy reminded partners that COVID-END is having a quiet week during the week of 5-9 April