

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Jeremy welcomed partners to the call

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS

- a. Jeremy pointed partners to the notes from 9 September (see attachment 2)

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. Jeremy provided an update on COVID-END's funding status, noting that we have been invited to submit a request for a one-year extension of funding (and will find out whether we're successful on or around 29 November)
 - i. Kerry noted that we're silent on a role for COVID-END in terms of long-term health and socio-economic consequences of COVID-19 and that at UNICEF they see a COVID-19 focus shifting from a standalone one, to being integrated as a lens within ongoing programmes, but the long-term focus is still explicitly there
 - ii. Jeremy noted that one task for the next 12 months is to develop a 'succession plan' for COVID-END – how can we develop COVID-END like support across sectors and the world (we anticipate many COVID-END partners will (should) be involved.
- b. John provided an update on the exhibits from the Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges, invited feedback on the exhibits (evidencecommission@mcmaster.ca), and noted the following past and upcoming events
 - Cochrane Convenes (14 October) – recordings available [here](#)
 - Engaging Evidence 2021 (9 November, 5 pm EST) – register [here](#)
 - Bat-Sheba de Rothschild Webinar (9 November, 11 am EST) – register [here](#)
 - Global Evidence to Policy Summit (15-17 November) – register [here](#)
 - Evidence for Policymakers 2021 (1-2 December) – register [here](#)
 - International Society for Evidence-based Health Care (2 December) – registration details will be available [here](#)
 - i. Note that the exhibits shown in the slide deck are drafts, and the full version can be found on the Commission website:
<https://www.mcmasterforum.org/networks/evidence-commission/ways-you-can-help/comment-on-draft-exhibits>
 - ii. Shiv asked whether we have found anything on combining modelling/predictive analytics with synthesis for feeding into recommendations, and John noted that we have a draft recommendation about the importance of addressing this going forward
 - iii. Elie asked whether we address the politicization of decision making, particularly policy making, and John noted that we both describing the political factors influence

decision-making and how many political actors trafficked in mis- and dis-information during the pandemic

ACTION: Secretariat to share the slides, and partners are encouraged to submit feedback on exhibits to evidencecommission@mcmaster.ca as soon as possible

4. COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE STUDY

- a. Jeremy noted that Jean-Louis Denis will be presenting his team's study of communities of practice, utilizing COVID-END as one of the case studies, at a future meeting instead of today
- b. **ACTION: Safa to share the details for the December meeting with Jean-Louis Denis and add this presentation to the agenda for the next meeting**

5. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

- a. Nikita Burke provided updates and results from Evidence Synthesis Ireland's Priority III study (see their top 10 here: <http://www.evidencesynthesisisireland.ie/priority-iii>)
- b. Jeremy noted the upcoming Global WHO Evidence-to-Policy (E2P) Summit, 15 - 17 November 2021
 - i. Click [here](#) for more details and registration

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. No other business