

Scoping Working Group Notes from call on 8 March 2021

1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS	5 min
 a. Review notes and action items from previous meeting (see attachment 2) • Working group reviewed previous meeting notes and action items, no changes to be made 	
2. GLOBAL EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS	50 min
 a. Global commission on evidence syntheses after the pandemic, including lessons learned and what do they tell us about the evidence synthesis community post-COVID The first few months of COVID was a market enterprise, and it was not effective (i.e. a lot of poor quality evidence syntheses), so leaning towards a controlled approach Cochrane has expressed support of the Global Commission Cochrane planning an event in October titled 'Cochrane convenes' – forum for the Global Commission to be highlighted, at which point there will be a few position papers coming out of the Global Commission Evidence Synthesis International may be a potential key part partner b. List of potential commissioners (see attachment 3) The work of the commission is not focused only on future pandemics, rather it uses what we're learned during the current pandemic and applying it to promoting the use of evidence in decision-making in any sector and aspect to societal change (not only the health sector) The plan is to: have a diverse audience with multiple actors, including government (with respect to evidence-demand for policy-making); researcher funders (for supporting infrastructure and ongoing work process); and evidence-synthesis groups (to coordinate evidence supply, collaborate and avoid duplication) work in a collaborative and coordinated way with diverse groups of stakeholders to develop a broader engagement that takes forward input from different audiences, and work across geographic regions with diverse groups who would be able to take on different components and help in their communities The COVID-END global secretariat has asked all COVID-END partners to provide suggestions about individuals who would be suitable for the 	

commissioner role, as well as people who would be able to connect us to the potential commissioners

- **ACTION:** Working group members to review the list of potential commissioners and send nominations via email to Jeremy and/or Safa
 - Looking for Commission members that can largely fill the demand side of the Commission, and to be pulled from a research list (research leaders to come from the evidence synthesis community across sectors)
 - UK has a centre for research participation, ACTION: David Gough to send details to Jeremy
 - o Professional journalists that are sharing reliable information
 - o Suggestions for Africa:
 - Head of Immunization at the AFRO WHO office
 - Africa Centre for Disease Control
 - African Academy of Science

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5 min

• No other business was raised