

1.2 Commissioners

The 25 commissioners were carefully selected to bring diverse points of view to creating a report that speaks to the many different types of people who make or can influence decisions about whether and how evidence is used to address societal challenges. This diversity is reflected in many ways:



* Ranging across most types of societal challenges (and Sustainable Development Goals), all types of decision-makers (government policymakers, organizational leaders, professionals and citizens), and all major forms of evidence

** China, India, United States, Indonesia, Pakistan, Brazil, Nigeria, Mexico, Japan and Ethiopia, as well as Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Germany, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom

*** English, Chinese, Hindi, Spanish, French and Arabic, as well as Portuguese, Indonesian and Urdu, among others



Amanda Katili Niode

Talented policy advisor and non-governmental organization director advancing dialogue about environmental action, including climate action



Andrew Leigh

Seasoned politician bringing economics and legal training to public-policy writing and debate



Antaryami Dash

Non-governmental organization leader bringing nutrition expertise to the development and humanitarian sector



Asma Al Mannaei

Experienced public servant leading quality improvement and stewarding research and innovation across a health system



Daniel Iberê Alves da Silva

Young Indigenous leader educating students and others about Indigenous ways of knowing



David Halpern

Trusted policy advisor bringing formal experimentation and behavioural insights into governments, first in the United Kingdom and now in many countries



Donna-Mae Knights

Career public servant, specialized in poverty reduction and development, driving policy change towards building sustainable communities



Fitsum Assefa Adela

Committed policymaker striving to bring a whole-of-government perspective to cabinet-level planning and development



Gillian Leng

Experienced executive leading a technology-assessment and guideline agency that supports health and social care decision-making by governments, service providers and patients



Gonzalo Hernández Licona

Distinguished economist bringing rigorous evaluation methods to the fields of poverty measurement and economic development



Hadiqa Bashir

Young leader advocating for girls' rights and gender equality in male-dominated environments



Jan Minx

Impact-oriented scholar bringing innovative evidence-synthesis approaches to domestic policy advice and global scientific assessments about climate change and sustainability



Julia Belluz

Respected journalist bringing rigour to reporting about what the best available science does and doesn't tell us about the major challenges of our time



Kenichi Tsukahara

Engineering leader supporting disaster risk management in government, a development bank, and international agency



Larry Hedges

Applied statistician driving the use of evidence synthesis in educational policy and practice



Modupe Adefeso-Olateju

Non-governmental organization leader pioneering the use of citizen-led assessments and public-private partnerships to improve educational outcomes for children



Petrarca Karetji

Entrepreneurial policy advisor innovating in the use of data analytics to support evidence-informed policymaking about sustainable development



Steve Kern

Foundation leader using data analytics and other forms of evidence to fight poverty, disease and inequity around the world



Howard White

Research leader supporting the use of robust evaluation and evidence synthesis in decision-making in international development and across sectors



Jinglin He

Non-governmental organization leader engaging policymakers and stakeholders, as well as UN agencies, in advancing social-development initiatives



Julian Elliott

Clinician researcher leveraging technology for efficiently preparing and maintaining 'living' evidence syntheses and guidelines to inform decision-making



Kerry Albright

Eternally curious international public servant bringing passion about evidence-informed decision-making, systems thinking, and help in understanding the value of evidence to international development



Maureen Smith

Citizen leader championing the meaningful engagement of patients and citizens in conducting research and using it in their decision-making



Neil Vora

Interdisciplinary professional bringing planetary-health thinking to the interface between conservation efforts (such as preventing deforestation) and pandemic prevention



Soledad Quiroz Valenzuela

Government science advisor contributing her national experiences to regional and global efforts to improve the quality of government scientific advice