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Manifesto Innovation Challenge Learning Webinar

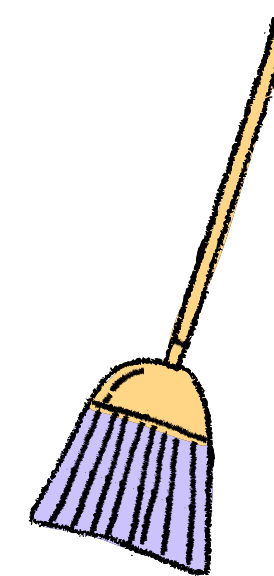
**Date: 29 April 2026
Time: 14:00 - 15:15 SAST**

Chairperson



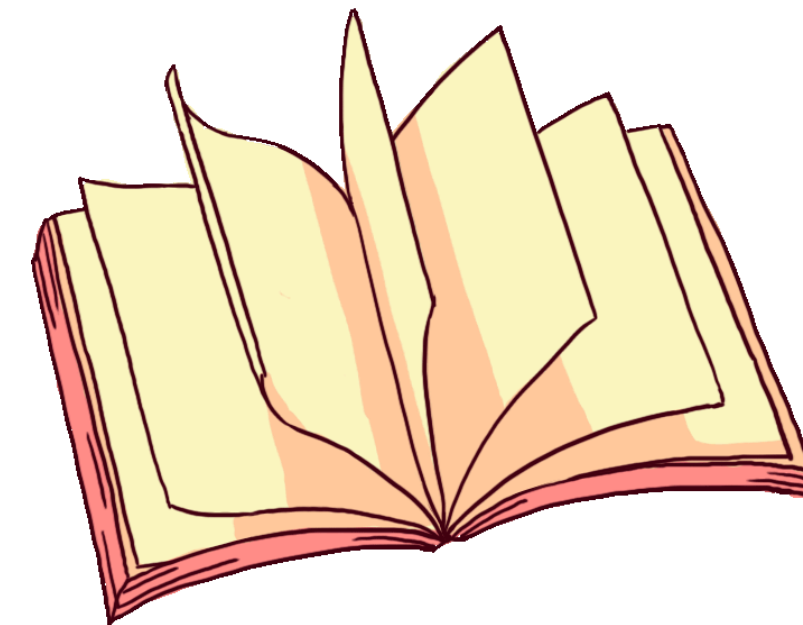
Kirchuffs Atengble – Founding Director, PACKS Africa

Housekeeping



- We invite you to **participate** as much as possible!
- The session will be **recorded**.
- We have **cameras off** to save bandwidth for us on slow connections.
- Keep your **mic off**, unless prompted to switch on by facilitators. This is to reduce disruptive background noise in the webinar.
- In case of technical problems, please write to **Charity Chisoro** in the chat box.
- Engage with us in the **chat box** during the information session. **Charity Chisoro** will manage all your inputs and questions.

About the Manifesto



- **Drafted** by the working group.
- **Output** of EVIDENCE2020 Online.
- **Declaration** by all from Africa's evidence ecosystem about the kind of capacity development we practice.
- **African-led approach** to enhancing capacities for EIDM in Africa.
- **Serves as a resource** and inspiration to the evidence ecosystem on the continent.
- **Challenge mainstream views** on capacity-building for EIDM in Africa.
- Read it at: https://africaevidencenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/AEN_Manifesto_Bilingual_EN_FR_final.pdf

Broad overview of the session

- Today's session will focus on **celebrating innovation and inclusivity** across Africa's evidence ecosystems, beginning with a warm welcome that frames the Challenge and highlights our diverse, bilingual community.
- Then we'll **spark inspiration** as four speakers share powerful stories of how small changes created big impacts in their contexts.
- After that, we'll celebrate diversity through a **Francophone reflection**, showing how innovation resonates across languages and lived realities.
- We'll continue by **co-creating ideas** in the chat, exploring efficiency, innovation, and bold visions for African-led futures in 2030.
- Finally, we'll close with an **inspiring call to action**, reminding everyone of the submission deadline and encouraging collective submissions that showcase Africa's leadership in innovation.

Interactive Chat Reflection

- We invite participants to reflect on two guiding questions:
 1. “How do we define efficiency and innovation in our contexts?”
 2. “What practices could inspire your submission?”
- We will get collective responses on efficiency and innovation.
- We encourage responses in English or French.



Moderator



Dr Patrick Mbah Okwen – Team Lead at Effective Basic Services (eBASE) Africa



Speakers



James Ngerere



Yolande Boudan



Ayafor Leonel



Prof Ruth Stewart



Merveille Ongolo



Closing the session

The **recording** of the session and a **blog post** on this information session will be published to ensure we continue asynchronous engagement on capacity development for evidence use via **LinkedIn**.

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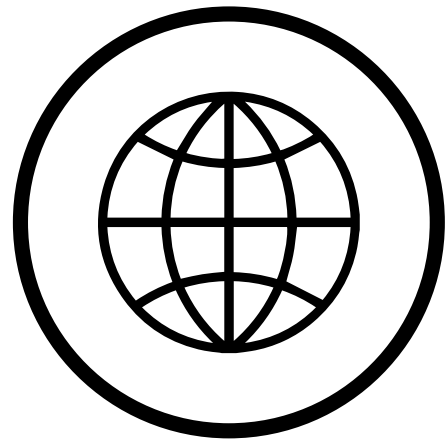
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