



<p>1. INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>a. Ivan welcomed new working group members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Lucy Henry, Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi), Canada ii. Michael McCaul, South African health-evidence synthesis initiatives, South Africa <p>Also participating in call: Elie Akl Ivan Florez Jerry Osheroff Ludovic Reveiz Michael Wilson Susan Norris Per Vandvik Tamara Kredo Zac Munn</p> <p><i>Regrets:</i> Ignacio Neumann Mireille Goetghebeur, Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS), Canada</p>	5 min
<p>2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS</p> <p>a. Revised terms of reference were shared prior to meeting for review</p>	20 min
<p>3. IDENTIFYING WAYS FORWARD FROM TERMS OF REFERENCE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identifying <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Developing an inventory of high-quality guidelines as well as standards, methods, processes and digital platforms for living guidelines b. Collaborating <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identifying key HTA and CPG organizations ii. Contributing to COVID-19 evidence guide and taxonomy c. Undertaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed revisions to terms of reference by each over-arching objective <p>Identifying:</p>	20 min

- Collaboration and complement with GIN, who is developing central listing of guidelines and recommendations related to COVID-19 as a means to inform guideline developers and constituents, identify opportunities to collaborate and share across network. Not creating repository.
- GIN database of guidelines has open access link and citation information, but additional access requires membership
- GIN hosting webinar on May 20th (Evidence in Times of Crisis) to support coordination around COVID-relevant guidelines and recommendations

ACTION: Per to send information about webinar and background materials as start to map existing initiatives and repositories.

- Building from existing list of evidence sources to develop more accessible map of tools and resources (e.g. linked infographic)
- Identifying how work of this group connects to initiatives that implement guidelines and recommendations (e.g. ACTS CDS interventions)
- Lucy described HTAi's COVID-related work
 - Collating and curating existing information from HTA member organizations, supporting tailored searches for policymakers in quickly evolving context. Includes an emerging repository on cost-effectiveness for COVID-19 related treatments
 - HTAi works across multiple stakeholders (clinician, manager, policy, patients, regulators); works in close collaboration with INAHTA
 - Webinar on May 22 (on role of HTA in COVID) with future webinars on digitization and another on patient partner experience in HTA related to COVID-19

ACTION: Ivan and Lucy to connect outside the call to continue discussion around involvement of HTA community

Collaborating

- Sharing evidence tables as well as data to inform decision-making process, including grade evidence summaries
- Explore collaboration with Synthesizing working group
- Mapping and diagnosis of what others are doing, including opportunities to identify host for repository, to refine scope and make explicit added value of collaboration

Undertaking

- There were no additional comments

General Discussion

- Need to identify needs of guidelines developers and decision-makers across range of settings. Not all decision-makers actively seek out high-quality, updated

<p>evidence. Identifying added value of working groups requires that we identify needs among decision-makers in sub-Saharan Africa (and other regions). GIN Africa as resource to better understand needs and connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with Engaging working group to identify ways to connect with existing regional networks, particularly in under-represented or low-resource settings • Evidence synthesis and guideline development need to work together to facilitate guideline development and implementation across range of contexts. For example, large organizations update standards within days (but not always high quality) and smaller ones that may not have capacity to develop own guidelines. • Important to link guidance and guideline development process to downstream decision-support; feeding lessons back into process <p>ACTION: Per and Ivan to revise and share final version of TORs with working group members and Secretariat</p>	
<p>3. MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING GROUP</p> <p>a. Working group members to share suggestions of other members (keeping in mind linguistic and geographical representation). For consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Engaging HTA community ii. Societies involved in guideline development iii. Regional/linguistic representation <p>ACTION: Ivan and Per to invite Yaolong Chen, Joseph Matthew to working group; explore HTAsialink as potential collaborator</p> <p>ACTION: Michael McCaul to follow-up with working group member suggestions from first responders community in sub-Saharan Africa through the African Association for Emergency Medicine</p>	<p>10 min</p>
<p>4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>ACTION: All working group member to review and provide feedback on evidence sources relevant to guidance on COVID-END website</p>	<p>5 min</p>