



**Sustaining Working Group**  
 Agenda for MS Teams call on 16 December 2020

<b>1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>5 min</b>
a. Review notes and action items from previous meeting (see attachment 2)	
<b>2. COVID-END BASELINE PROJECT</b>	<b>30 min</b>
a. Discuss updates and next steps (see attachment 3)	
<b>3. FUTURE PROJECTS</b>	<b>20 min</b>
a. Discuss organization of evidence synthesis commission post pandemic (see 3.a. below)	
<b>4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<b>5 min</b>

**3.a. Convening a global dialogue on the future evidence synthesis ecosystem**

We will work with partners to convene a global dialogue on the future evidence synthesis ecosystem to begin in Q2 of 2021. We envision a high-level steering committee including representatives from global and jurisdictional level decision makers, citizens, research funders and evidence synthesis, recommendation and support mechanisms which will be supported by a series of working groups producing white papers on key topics including:

- Mechanisms to avoid inappropriate duplication of effort (including synthesis registration)
- Mechanisms to improve methodological quality of evidence syntheses (including rapid reviews and living systematic reviews)
- Building global capacity for conducting and using of evidence syntheses (with a strong emphasis on equity)
- Better linking between demand and supply side
- Co-ordination mechanisms for key global priority areas
- Funding and infrastructure

Proposed output: (WHO) Blueprint for global evidence synthesis

Proposed timeline

Jan – Mar 21 – detailed planning, identification of Steering Group Co-chairs and members, identification of initial working groups (3)

Mar 21-Mar 22 –

Apr 22 Final report released