I work in a very fast-paced environment where decisions must be made based on the best available evidence, ideally presented in formats appropriate to busy executives. So the parts of the Evidence Commission report that are most important for me are the ones that could help our authorities develop the types of ultra-rapid evidence-support system that we need in Abu Dhabi. Some examples include section 2.4 (examples of approaches to prioritizing challenges to address, especially the final column about COVID-END’s approaches), section 4.7 (living evidence products, especially living evidence syntheses that we can keep returning to), section 5.3 (strategies used by evidence intermediaries, especially rapid-evidence services), and section 6.2 (equitably distributed capacities, especially how our own internal processes can better intersect with the norms and guidance, technical assistance and global public goods). If we can create ‘wins’ that meet our current needs better, then I’m hopeful we can introduce the need to be working on multiple time horizons. No doubt we can better anticipate challenges in advance and help to build a local evidence base while we also look at what has been learned in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, in our region and globally.