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**AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – VIDEOS**

As part of the Africa Evidence Week, the AEN launched a series of videos called “why did I fall in love with EIDM?” They interviewed five emerging EIDM leaders and this is what they said about their love for evidence.

- Ms Jennifer Opare-Kumi, Young1ove, Botswana
- Ms Sana Ben Salem, Tunisian Evaluation Network, Tunisia
- Ms Diana Warira, a communications specialist, Kenya
- Mr Luvuyo Zigana, Department of Water and Sanitation, South Africa
- Ms Ndi Euphrasia Ebai-Atuh, Effective Basic Services, Cameroon

**AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – TWITTER**

Three hundred and ninety-nine online participants from 15 different countries participated representing 91 organisations.

**AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – CONVERSATION STARTERS**

The AEN secretariat promoted resources such as reports, policy briefs, and Twitter conversations, amongst other conversations starters, from other organisations during the Africa Evidence Week:

- Ermel Johnson, West African Health Organisation: “Evidence-based policymaking has two goals: to use what we already know from program evaluation to make policy decisions and to build more knowledge to better inform future decisions” – see more...
- A free toolkit for how to develop clinical guidelines for your context is one of the resources that were shared during the Africa Evidence Week – see more...

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AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – BLOGS

During the Africa Evidence Week, the most popular way in which organisations participated was through blogs on evidence-informed decision-making (EIDM): we promoted twenty-two blogs in just five days!

Community Evidence Home Schools Ndi-Euphrasia Ebai-Atuh and Louise Amungwa of Initiative for Social and Economic Development Read more...

Interview with Zimbabwe policy-maker: rapid synthesis Ronald Munatsi of ZeipNET shares reflections from this interview Read more...

In Africa, we are bringing the sunshine into our homes! Okwen Mbah, Olivette Chia, and Emmanuel Kamga of eBASE Africa Read more...

AFRICA EVIDENCE WEEK – WEBINARS AND EVENTS

There was an amazing variety of webinars – some pre-recorded, others live – that covered various EIDM topics, and many in-country events that celebrated Africa’s EIDM. Organisations were responsible for hosting their webinars or events, with the AEN supporting them.

WEBINARS
- Evidence databases, maps, and repositories: fit-for-purpose to respond rapidly to policy-makers’ evidence needs? The Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in South Africa, South African SDG Hub, Centre for Rapid Evidence Synthesis, and the Africa Centre for Evidence – see more...
- Production and use of evidence in the design and management of public policies in West Africa, West Africa Capacity-building and Impact Evaluation (WACIE) – see more...
- Evidence, policy needs and political realities - Learning from experiences in Africa, Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEAR-AA) – see more...

EVENTS
- Training workshop on navigating and evaluating quality evidence, PACKS Africa and Inter Departmental Research and Information Group of the Parliament of Ghana: This was a closed training workshop.
- Success stories: two years after VakaYiko in Ghana, PACKS Africa: Presentations from beneficiaries after two years of training on evidence-informed policy-making in Ghana.