

Evolving evidence, fake news, and emerging contexts:

Researchers at the nexus of EIDM for COVID-19

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Objectives:

- Enable researchers to support the use of health systems research awareness among policymakers, program implementers, by policymakers and other stakeholders.
- Raise providers, citizens and the press/media about the need to value, demand and use evidence.
- Create opportunities for all Health Systems Global (HSG) members to dialogue and share best practices in evidence translation

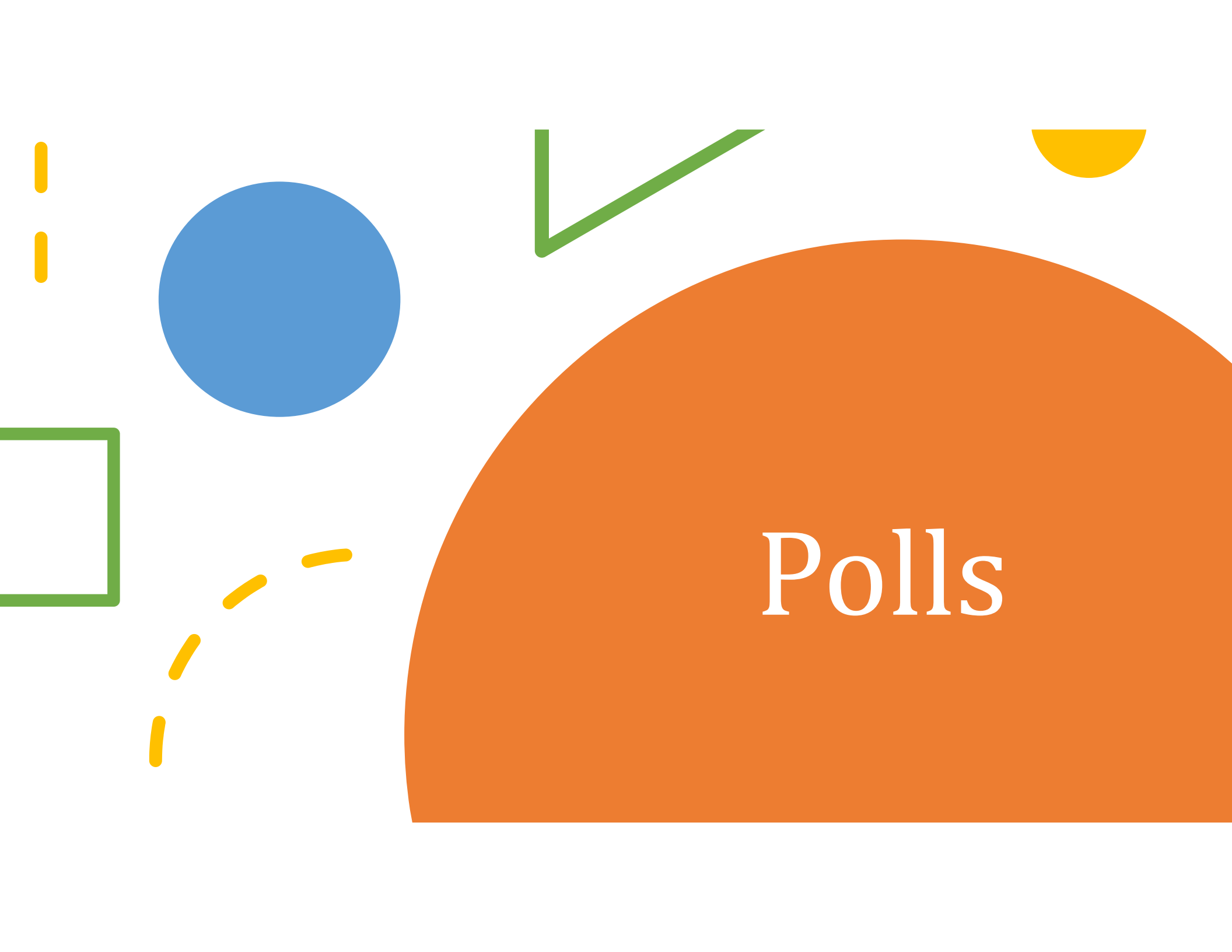
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Speakers



Dr. Rhona Mijumbi - Uganda

- Director of the Center for Rapid Evidence Synthesis (ACRES);
- Member of COVID-19 taskforce for the Uganda Medical Association, Uganda



Dr. Benjamin S.C. Uzochukwu - Nigeria

- Public health physician
- Professor: Public Health, Health Policy, and Systems, University of Nigeria;
- Member: Ministerial Expert Advisory Committee on COVID-19 Health Sector Response



Prof. Mamadou Samba - Ivory Coast

- Director General of Health: Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene;
- Associate Lecturer: Public Health and Health Economics - Houphouet-Boigny University Abidjan;
- General Coordinator COVID-19 pandemic response





Topic 1

- **How has your country approached tackling COVID-19?**
- **What role are you as well as other African colleagues playing to localize public health evidence for COVID-19 decision making?**



Topic 2

Similar to all our personal lives, there has been a large shift in focus in many of the priorities in our professional lives as well due to COVID-19.

What has been your experience as a researcher in navigating the competing demands to be able to respond to the pandemic?



Topic 3

The various decisions taken by governments across the continent have not been without controversy and challenges.

In your opinion, which countries in Africa are striking the right balance?

Which countries in Africa have got it wrong?

What are the contours of those decisions?"



Questions/ Discussion



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Thank you!



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