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Experiences around the ‘Art’ and ‘Science’ of evidence use:

Stories from Africa

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Speakers



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Topic 1


- **To hear three stories of innovative evidence use in Africa**
- **Could you please share a story about how your organization succeeded/struggled to influence use of evidence in decision-making?**



Topic 2

To distinguish elements of these strategies that speaks to the 'art' as well as the 'science' of doing EIDM in these stories

From the interesting stories you have shared,


- (a) what part of the strategy would you consider as the 'art' of evidence use?**
 - (b) what part would you consider as the 'science' of evidence use.**
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Topic 3

To uncover innovations and tools used to support evidence use in decision-making.

What innovative initiatives or tools have you and your colleagues used to support evidence USE in decision-making?



Questions/ Discussion



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