PROGRAMME

30 November to 4 December 2026

AFRICA EVIDENCE NETWORK

Africa Evidence Week 2026

Evidence that Moves Africa

Turning African Decisions into African Impact

Free and online **#AfEW2026**

HOW TO READ THE PROGRAMME

Five days, five pillars, all online and free

Times are in South African Standard Time (SAST), with GMT underneath in grey

Videos, publications, blog posts, stories and launches go live at the time shown

Webinars, live talks and live chats run for the time shown

Openscholar Learning Labs run every day in parallel with the main programme

Registration links are shared on the AEN website and social media channels

FORMATS

WEBINAR | LIVE TALK | LIVE CHAT | VIDEO | PUBLICATION

BLOG POST | STORY OF CHANGE | LAUNCH | DIGITAL ART | LEARNING LAB (PARALLEL)

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DAY 1

Monday 30 November

Africa at a Turning Point: Evidence for an Era of Change

TIME	FORMAT	SESSION	CONTRIBUTOR
09:00 – 09:30 07:00 – 07:30 GMT	OPENING	**Opening Session** A short film opens the week and introduces its five pillars	Africa Evidence Network
09:30 – 10:00 07:30 – 08:00 GMT	LIVE TALK	**Le Déclic, épisode 1 : Données probantes et décisions politiques** A francophone leader on her path and practical lessons for young francophones **In French**	Olfa Soukri Cherif
10:00 08:00 GMT	VIDEO	**Comprehensive Evidence Synthesis Training, Cohort 1** Highlights from eBASE Africa's bilingual systematic review training **English and French**	Ngong Julius Fenji, eBASE Africa
10:30 08:30 GMT	PUBLICATION	**Preconditions for learning in the Lake Chad Basin** Barriers to foundational learning across four conflict-affected countries	Claude Dzelamonyuy Fotso, eBASE Africa
11:00 09:00 GMT	BLOG POST	**After the training: how capacity strengthening becomes evidence use** What happens once a training ends, and how new skills turn into evidence use	Boton Dossa Martin, ACED
12:00 10:00 GMT	ANNOUNCEMENT	**AEN Manifesto Innovation Challenge: awardees announced** The ten awardees revealed, with a collective graphic and a story on the AEN website	Africa Evidence Network
13:00 11:00 GMT	STORY OF CHANGE	**Lessons from the African Youth Panel midterm review sense-making workshop** A story of change from Kigali	Tindi Sitati and Pamela Kaburu, ICED
13:00 – 14:30 11:00 – 12:30 GMT	WEBINAR	**Responsive Evidence in Action: Experiences from Across Africa** REAP partners on keeping African evidence systems responsive in a time of change, pre-recorded, 90 minutes **English and French**	Nkululeko Tshabalala (PACE), with REAP partners from across Africa

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14:00 – 15:00 12:00 – 13:00 GMT	LEARNING LAB (PARALLEL)	**Openscholar Learning Lab: publish your research with a DOI** Daily drop-in for researchers, alongside the main programme	Openscholar
15:00 13:00 GMT	BLOG POST	**Nigeria Knows What Works for Mental Health. It Just Hasn't Paid for It** Why proven mental health solutions in Nigeria still go unfunded	Segun Rotimi Bakare, Candlelight Foundation

DAY 2

Tuesday 1 December

Africa Decides: Evidence Shaping Decisions

TIME	FORMAT	SESSION	CONTRIBUTOR
09:00 07:00 GMT	VIDEO	**Unlocking Data, Unlocking Learning** County education officers in Kenya on how they use data	Mizizi Elimu Afrika
09:30 – 10:00 07:30 – 08:00 GMT	LIVE TALK	**Le Déclic, épisode 2 : Pourquoi une seule étude ne suffit pas toujours** Why one study is not always enough **In French**	Dr Guy Sadeu Wafeu, Cochrane Cameroun
10:00 08:00 GMT	VIDEO	**De l'apprentissage à la pratique : premiers résultats de WAKKA Inclusive Njangi** First results from a disability-inclusive savings programme in Cameroon **In French**	Nanga Beti Ghislaine Ophélie, eBASE Africa with CBM
10:30 08:30 GMT	BLOG POST	**Evidence incentivisation: rewarding persons with disabilities for using evidence** How WAKKA Inclusive Njangi ties start-up assets to demonstrable evidence use	Njumanuh Constance Ayongho, eBASE Africa
10:30 08:30 GMT	PUBLICATION	**Evidence-informed policy-making in Africa: the role of institutions**	Atieno Lavender Ochieng, ARIN and AFIDEP
11:30 – 12:30 09:30 – 10:30 GMT	WEBINAR	**Data for strengthened teaching and learning for better classroom outcomes** How classroom data and teacher voice strengthen education systems, pre-recorded	Unlocking Data Initiative, with Joanna Marriott (Ubuntu Education, moderator), Hassan Nouh Miigane (Islamic Relief), Dr Tendayi Dzinoreva (University of Johannesburg) and Ngom Merceline (AWA, Cameroon)
12:00 10:00 GMT	SPOTLIGHT	**Manifesto awardee spotlights, group 1 of 3** Meet the first group of Manifesto Innovation Challenge awardees	Africa Evidence Network

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12:30 10:30 GMT	LAUNCH	**Launch of the Unlocking Data Evidence Library** A library of resources by authors from across Africa on using data in decision-making	Unlocking Data Initiative
14:00 – 15:00 12:00 – 13:00 GMT	WEBINAR	**The Art and Science of Using Evidence to Inform Policymaking: Exploring a Global Living Evidence Map** A global living evidence map of interventions for evidence-informed policymaking, live	Tanya Mdlalose (PACE), with Firmaye Bogale Wolde (EPHI, Ethiopia), Dr Ismael Kawooya (ACRES, Uganda), Carin van Zyl (DPME, South Africa) and Kevin Ouma Ojiambo (PACE)
14:00 – 15:00 12:00 – 13:00 GMT	LEARNING LAB (PARALLEL)	**Openscholar Learning Lab: publish your research with a DOI** Daily drop-in for researchers, alongside the main programme	Openscholar
14:00 – 15:30 12:00 – 13:30 GMT	WEBINAR	**Performance Reviews for Evidence Use: lessons from the MOD Programme** How performance reviews complement evaluation to produce evidence for decisions, drawing on a review of the MOD after-school youth programme, live on MS Teams	Western Cape Provincial Data Office and Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, with Faldie Esau (moderator), Dr Zeenat Ishmail, Dr Yoesrie Toefy, Mike Leslie, Afia Pistoli, Danielle Manuel, Hilton Stroud and Mpumelelo Lallie
15:00 – 16:30 13:00 – 14:30 GMT	WEBINAR	**Living Evidence Webinar** Live	ALIVE
15:30 13:30 GMT	BLOG POST	**Beyond Shelter: Reframing Social Housing as a Pathway to Women's Economic Empowerment in Africa** Social housing as a pathway to women's economic empowerment, not just shelter	Tindi Sitati, Dr Clarice Panyin Nyan and Dr Jonathan Oladeji, ICED
16:30 14:30 GMT	PUBLICATION	**Don't Let the Evidence Die: From Rapid to Living Reviews** A framework for turning rapid reviews into living evidence systems	Kinlabel Okwen Tetamiyaka Tezok, eBASE Africa

DAY 3

Wednesday 2 December

Africa's Intelligence Revolution: Evidence Evolving Through Technology

TIME	FORMAT	SESSION	CONTRIBUTOR
09:00 07:00 GMT	VIDEO	**From a Policy Question to Published Evidence** An introduction to Openscholar's discovery and publishing tools	Mohammed Charrad, Openscholar
09:30 07:30 GMT	PUBLICATION	**Evidence and Gap Map on agent networks and merchant payments** A map of 272 studies on digital financial inclusion	Sheila Agyemang Oppong, ICED
10:00 – 11:00 08:00 – 09:00 GMT	LAUNCH	**Launch: Moving From Evidence Generation to Accessibility** Openscholar launches its open-source research platform for discovering, analysing and publishing research	Openscholar, live takeover of the AEN LinkedIn page
10:30 08:30 GMT	LAUNCH	**Launch of the ICED Evidence Hub** A platform where anyone can ask a question in plain language and get one clear, cited answer	Patricia Mkoji, ICED
11:30 09:30 GMT	BLOG POST	**Translating evidence into sales: AI as the last mile of evidence use** How accessible AI tools turn business plan evidence into adverts that sell	Njumanuh Constance Ayongho, eBASE Africa
11:30 09:30 GMT	BLOG POST	**Guardrails over rubber stamps: Is artificial intelligence (AI) making African evaluations better or simply making them look better?** Whether AI strengthens the integrity of evaluation evidence in Africa	Maraga, independent evaluator
11:30 09:30 GMT	VIDEO	**MBOA in the Loop: Making AI and Evidence Work for African Contexts** An AI-supported transferability model from the DESTINY project	Kinlabel Okwen Tetamiyaka Tezok, eBASE Africa
12:00 10:00 GMT	SPOTLIGHT	**Manifesto awardee spotlights, group 2 of 3** Meet the second group of awardees	Africa Evidence Network
12:30 – 13:00 10:30 – 11:00 GMT	LIVE TALK	**Le Déclic, épisode 3 : Comprendre l'écosystème des données probantes** Understanding the evidence ecosystem in francophone Africa **In French**	Guest to be announced

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13:30 11:30 GMT	BLOG POST	**Bringing Eye Care Services Closer to Truck Drivers at Border Points** Taking eye care to truck drivers where they stop, at border points	Dorothy Yator, Sightsavers
13:30 11:30 GMT	BLOG POST	**Connecting the Dots: Using AI to Map Africa's Health Decision-Making Ecosystems** Using AI to see where health decision-making systems connect and where coordination is lacking	Kinlabel Okwen Tetamiyaka Tezok, with Okwen Berenice Tifuh, Wobyeb Graphlain and Annor Erica Kyei, eBASE Africa
13:30 11:30 GMT	VIDEO	**AI and Knowledge Brokering** AI tools and use cases for knowledge brokers	Peter Kasadha, Center for Rapid Evidence Synthesis
14:00 – 15:30 12:00 – 13:30 GMT	WEBINAR	**Launch of the AEN AI Community of Practice** Live	Africa Evidence Network
14:00 – 15:00 12:00 – 13:00 GMT	LEARNING LAB (PARALLEL)	**Openscholar Learning Lab: publish your research with a DOI** Daily drop-in for researchers, alongside the main programme	Openscholar
15:30 – 16:30 13:30 – 14:30 GMT	WEBINAR	**When Stories Become Evidence: Grounding Tori Dey in Bamoun wisdom** African storytelling as evidence, live	Nange Lisette Malung (eBASE Africa), Dr Abdoulaye Laziz Nchare (St John's University, New York) and Amatullah Ndam Njoya Mengot (La Maison du Café)
16:30 14:30 GMT	BLOG POST	**The Hidden 50,000: Kenya's KCSE candidates who leave with nothing** The candidates who finish secondary school in Kenya with no certificate to show for it	Charles Gachoki

DAY 4

Thursday 3 December

The Power Shift: Evidence Reclaiming African Leadership

TIME	FORMAT	SESSION	CONTRIBUTOR
09:00 07:00 GMT	PUBLICATION	**Socioeconomic Stratification and Access to Community Mental Health Care in Nigeria** A critical review of structural barriers to mental health care	Segun Rotimi Bakare, Candlelight Foundation
09:30 – 10:00 07:30 – 08:00 GMT	LIVE TALK	**Le Déclic, épisode 4 : Faut-il être chercheur pour travailler dans le domaine des données probantes ?** The many careers in the evidence field, beyond academic research In French	Rigobert Pambe, Sango Education, eBASE Africa
10:00 08:00 GMT	PUBLICATION	**A community-based intervention to challenge attitudes towards intimate partner violence** A randomised community trial in rural South-West Nigeria	Olusegun Awolaran, University of Ibadan
10:30 08:30 GMT	STORY OF CHANGE	**How Systematic Review Training Changed My View of Research**	Fabian Achangwi, eBASE Africa
11:00 – 12:30 09:00 – 10:30 GMT	WEBINAR	**Launch of the Responsible Mining Community of Practice** Live	Africa Evidence Network, AFREWATCH International and PDI Tanzania
11:30 09:30 GMT	DIGITAL ART	**Emerging Voices, Shifting Power: Leadership from the Global South** A digital illustration created live during the PACE Early and Mid-Career Voices panel	Ana Beatriz Pizarro (Cochrane, PACE)
12:00 10:00 GMT	SPOTLIGHT	**Manifesto awardee spotlights, group 3 of 3** Meet the third group of awardees	Africa Evidence Network
14:00 – 15:00 12:00 – 13:00 GMT	WEBINAR	**Turning Rights into Everyday Realities for Persons with Disabilities** Evidence from WAKKA Inclusive Njangi, on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, live	Ngong Julius Fenji (eBASE Africa), with Lynn Cockburn (McMaster University, moderator), Nain Mirabel Yuh (eBASE Africa) and Emmanuel Berinyuy (Good Life)

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14:00 – 15:00 12:00 – 13:00 GMT	LEARNING LAB (PARALLEL)	**Openscholar Learning Lab: publish your research with a DOI** Daily drop-in for researchers, alongside the main programme	Openscholar
15:30 – 17:00 13:30 – 15:00 GMT	WEBINAR	**African Partnerships Shaping Responsive Evidence Systems: lessons from the REAP partnership** How African institutions shape evidence priorities, live, 90 minutes	PACE and REAP partners

DAY 5

Friday 4 December

The Future is African: Evidence Driving Future Impact

TIME	FORMAT	SESSION	CONTRIBUTOR
09:00 07:00 GMT	STORY OF CHANGE	**WINGS: Turning Evidence into Action**	Kijika Betrian Wongebe, eBASE Africa
09:30 – 10:00 07:30 – 08:00 GMT	LIVE TALK	**Le Déclic, épisode 5 : Découvrir l'AEN et s'impliquer** Getting to know the Africa Evidence Network and getting involved **In French**	Lenah Kitenge, Director, Africa Evidence Network
10:00 08:00 GMT	PUBLICATION	**Renewable Natural Resources and Socioeconomic Development in Africa** An evidence review on financing renewable resources	King-David Dzirasah, AfricArxiv
10:30 08:30 GMT	PUBLICATION	**From Reporting to Organisational Intelligence (M&E Bench Digest Vol. 7)** Ten insights on strategic monitoring, evaluation and learning	Nosicelo Gloria Lephephelo, M&E Bench
11:00 09:00 GMT	PUBLICATION	**Promoting Early Adolescent Development through Whole-School Reform (Morocco Pioneer School Program)** Policy brief, whole-school reform in 300 middle schools cut dropout by 31%	Reihane Zitouni, Morocco Innovation and Evaluation Lab (UM6P, J-PAL, CID)
14:00 – 15:00 12:00 – 13:00 GMT	LEARNING LAB (PARALLEL)	**Openscholar Learning Lab: publish your research with a DOI** Daily drop-in for researchers, alongside the main programme	Openscholar
15:00 – 16:00 13:00 – 14:00 GMT	WEBINAR	**Healthy ageing and the WHO Age-Friendly Environments Evidence Mega-Map** Navigating a mega-map of 1,545 reviews and gap maps, live	Ruvimbo Nhandara (PACE), with Dr Amanda Fernandes and Joshua Byenkya (WHO)
16:00 14:00 GMT	ANNOUNCEMENT	**Manifesto Innovation Challenge: celebration and closing reflection** Thanks to applicants, jurors and partners, with the learning collection of all 17 submissions	Africa Evidence Network
16:30 – 17:00 14:30 – 15:00 GMT	CLOSING	**Closing Session** A look back at the week and what comes next	Africa Evidence Network