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Topic: **Global Evidence, Local Adaptation (GELA) Project - advancing methods for strengthening national evidence systems and guideline adaptation in Malawi, Nigeria, and South Africa**

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GELA (<https://africa.cochrane.org/projects/GELA>) is a three-year, multi partner, project that commenced in 2022. The project is led by the Health Systems Research Unit at the SAMRC, and being implemented in Malawi, Nigeria, and South Africa. The project aims to enhance evidence-informed guideline recommendations for newborn and young child health in these countries. At this webinar we will present and discuss the processes and tools used for guideline adaptation to produce four guidelines across the countries. We will also reflect on the lessons learned regarding guideline development in resource constraint settings, and offer insights in how we managed the many stakeholders involved in developing guidelines.

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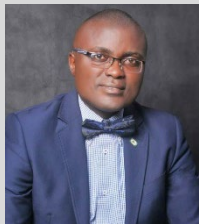
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SPEAKERS



Tamara Kredo is the GELA Principal investigator. She is also the director of the Health Systems Research and co-Director of Cochrane Africa, a regional Network that aims to enhance evidence-informed decision-making in sub-Saharan Africa through increased capacity of researchers to conduct evidence syntheses, policymakers and citizens to use evidence and partnerships for strengthening the credibility of guidelines and HTA processes.



Emmanuel Effa is the GELA country lead in Nigeria. He is an associate professor of Medicine at the University of Calabar and honorary Chief Consultant Nephrologist to the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital (UCTH) in Nigeria. He coordinates evidence synthesis and guideline development training at Cochrane Nigeria within the Calabar Institute of Tropical Disease Research & Prevention, UCTH.



Nyanyiwe Mbeye is the GELA country lead in Malawi. She is a senior lecturer (Epidemiology and Public Health), and founder of the Evidence Informed Decision-making Centre (EviDenCe) at the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences in Malawi.



Solange Durao is from the South African team and was jointly responsible with Emmanuel Effa for identifying the guideline priorities in each country. She is a Senior scientist in the Health Systems Research Unit at the South African Medical Research Council, the co-Director of Cochrane Nutrition and Cochrane Africa. She's currently pursuing her PhD in Public Health at Stellenbosch University.