

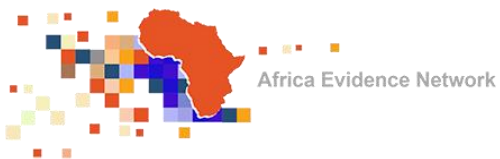


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## Engagement and Evidence: Missing Link

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# ENGAGEMENT PLATFORMS

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# Engagement Investments

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## Capacity and Resources


- Bilateral institutions – UNDP, UNICEF, ACBF – Brown Bag Series
  - AEN – Evidence Roadshows
  - ZeipNET - Knowledge/ Evidence Cafes
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# Engagement Objective

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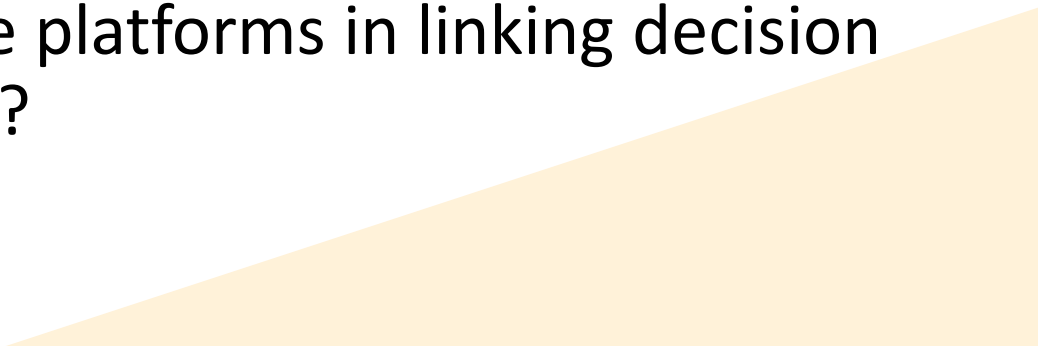
“ To enable a wider range of voices ( media, civil society, academia and think tanks) to contribute to decision making, development and the national policy making processes”





# Key Questions


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- Do these engagement platforms improve decision makers processes for engaging with research evidence ?
  - How inclusive and participatory are these platforms in providing a voice for the voiceless and promoting the use of evidence in decision making?
  - How sustainable are these platforms in linking decision makers with the evidence?
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# Key Questions

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- What mechanisms or tools to use in monitoring and evaluating the use of evidence in these engagement platforms?
  - What does “success look like”?
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# Methodology

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- Literature search
- Interviews with key informants.



# Findings

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- Informal networks are critical in the EIDM
- Creating an Enabling Wider Environment
- Spaces of Engagements – “bringing the right people in the room”
- Convening Power





# Findings

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- Weak Sustainability Strategies
- Limited inclusive – Voice for the Voiceless
- Weak in M&E systems





# Conclusion

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The need for:

- Conducive enabling environment
  - Building Leadership in Convening and Influencing
  - Informal and Formal Networks are key in promoting the use of evidence in public bodies;
  - Robust sustained engagement strategies are critical;
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