

**Provisional Agenda:**  
**Workshop on using Research Evidence for Policy-Making, Rapid response synthesis**  
**ERA TAC In-country training- Georgia 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**

15 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Wednesday)				
Time	Duration	Session Title	Objectives of the Session	Facilitator(s)
09:45 – 10:10	20 min	Registration		
10:10-10:25	15 min	Welcome <b>Session 1:</b> Opening and introduction		<i>Health and Social Issues Committee of the Parliament/ CIF</i>
10:25-10:45	20 min	<b>Session 2:</b> Introduction and overview of the technical training session		<i>(technical person from training/facilitating team)</i>
10.45-11:30	45 min	<b>Session 3:</b> Overview of health systems and public policy	1. To review the basic understanding and elements of health systems	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
11:30-11:45	15 min	Tea/Coffee break		
11.45-12.30	45 min	<b>Session 3:</b> Overview of health systems and public policy	2. To review participants' understanding of public policy as a phenomenon and as a process	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
12:30-13:15	40 min	<b>Session 4:</b> Overview of EIHP	1. To recap on the basic understanding and tenets of evidence-informed decision making in public policy	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
13:15-14:00	45 min	Lunch break		
14:00-15:45	105 min	<b>Session 5:</b> The EIP framework (problem, policy options, implementation strategies)	1. To review participants' knowledge of what the EIP framework is and what it does 2. To review participants' understanding of how to clarify policy problems 3. To review participants' understanding of identifying and describing policy options 4. To review participants' understanding of identifying and presenting implementation strategies	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
15:45-16:00	15 min	Tea/Coffee break		
16:00-16:45	60 min	<b>Session 6:</b> Rapid Response Services – what are they?	1. To introduce to participants' the basics of a rapid response service for health systems policy questions	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
16:45-17:00	15 min	<b>Session 7:</b> RRS questions	1. To review policy questions that participants will be working on over the next few days. 2. To form groups that participants will work in	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
		Wrapping up of Day 1	1. To receive feedback in light of the day and training in general so as to make necessary adjustments	

16 <sup>th</sup> May (Thursday)				
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10:00-10:15	15 min	Outlook on Day 2		
10:15-11:00	105 min	<b>Session 7:</b> Rapid Response Services – tools	1. To introduce to participants’ the tools used to aid the process on a rapid response service for health systems policy questions	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
11:00-11:15	15 min	Tea/Coffee break		
11:15-13:15	120 min	<b>Session 8:</b> Rapid Response Services – Process Receiving and clarifying a policy question	1. To introduce to participants’ the tools used to aid the process on a rapid response service for health systems policy questions 2. To go through the process of receiving and clarifying a question on a RRS	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
13:15-14:00	45 min	Lunch break		
14:00-15:45	105 min	<b>*Session 9:</b> Developing a search strategy	1. To have an overview of on how to formulate an effective search strategy for evidence to be used in a RR brief	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
15:45-16:00	15 min	Tea/Coffee break		
16:00-17:00	60 min	<b>Session 10: Practical session</b>	1. To enable participants practice clarifying and developing search strategies for their policy questions	All facilitators

17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Friday)				
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10:00-10:15	15 min	Review of day 2 Outlook on day 3		
10:15-11:00	105 min	<b>*Session 11 (a):</b> Finding evidence (searching for local and global evidence)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To get an overview or recap on how and where to search effectively for research evidence to use in a RR brief</li> <li>2. A practical session for participants to locate evidence for their clarified policy questions</li> </ol>	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
11:00-11:15	15 min	Tea/Coffee break		
11:15-13:15	120 min	<b>Session 11 (b):</b> Assessing the evidence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To learn or recap methods to assess the quality of research evidence for use in a RR brief</li> <li>2. A practical session in which participants assess local and global evidence located for their policy questions</li> </ol>	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
13:15-14:00	45 min	Lunch		
14:00-14:45	45 min	<b>Session 12:</b> Rapid Response services – Summarizing the evidence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To review different methods of summarizing research evidence in a RR brief</li> </ol>	Dr. Rhona Mijumbi-Deve
15:00-17:00	120 min	<b>Session 12: Practical session</b> <i>(with a working tea/coffee)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To enable participants work on their RR briefs, locating evidence and appraising it</li> </ol>	All facilitators

\*These sessions will only provide an overview as they will be handled more in-depth in a later training.  
The training will be simultaneously translated