

**G-I-N Africa**  
**15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

As one of the G-I-N's regional communities, G-I-N Africa enhances and promotes relationships between G-I-N and the African guideline community, interacts with other G-I-N regional communities and working groups and promotes membership of G-I-N. <http://www.g-i-n.net/regional-communities/g-i-n-africa/about-g-i-n-africa>

The session was organised to share results of community activities, and allow interested parties and current members from various parts of the world to find out more about our community. It was the perfect opportunity to highlight the benefits of joining G-I-N and being involved in G-I-N and highlight challenges faced by the community. It was also an ideal opportunity to develop a strategy to identify the needs of the regional community and find ways to bring them on board as part of our membership drive.

The meeting was attended by all G-I-N Africa steering committee members and 29 conference attendees. Highlights of the work of the Community was presented by Patrick Okwen including the work on reviewing hypertension guidelines for Africa.

A brief summary of the meeting:

- Developing leaders in evidence guidance in Africa, building on the work from the SAGE Guidelines Toolkit and other resources including the G-I-N McMaster Guideline Development Checklist or focusing on an evidence informed essential drug list.
- Capacity development through mentorship of those experienced in their work or organising specific training for its members.
- Following up on an AGREE II evaluation of hypertension guidelines in Africa, the community is planning on contextualizing these guidelines.
- Using networks within G-I-N and outside G-I-N as a point of connection
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The forum was provided with an opportunity to nominate representatives from different regions

- West Africa – Dr. Emmanuel Effa
- South Africa /Zimbabwe – Mr. Munyaradzi Madhombiro
- East Africa – Mr. Awuor Ponge
- Central – Dr. Alison Wiyeh
- North Africa – to be confirmed

This committee will follow the G-I-N process for election to leadership positions. G-I-N members from Africa are free to nominate themselves or others within the community.

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