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Abstract (limited to 150 words)	<p>Evidence-informed decision-making remains an effective way for policy-makers to carry out their remits of governance within society. One part of ensuring that policy-makers engage with evidence in the process of making decisions is by making it accessible to them. But, for one, in resource-constrained settings such as South Africa, it is difficult for anyone outside of academia to access scientific evidence. Rapid evidence synthesis services are espoused as a way to mitigate the challenges of accessing evidence for policy-making. There are many models of such services, with the most successful being responsive to context. In this presentation we share our story of comparing different models of rapid evidence synthesis services, and the process of deciding what model to follow in our engagement with the South African government Department of Environmental Affairs to set up a responsive evidence synthesis service for environmental policy.</p>
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