

1.4 How the commission builds on and complements past work

Why now? COVID-19 has created a once-in-a-generation focus on evidence among government policymakers, business and non-governmental organization leaders, many types of professionals, and citizens. Their decisions have shaped the pandemic response and will shape responses to future societal challenges. The pandemic has fast-tracked collaboration among decision-makers and evidence producers, but decision-making that draws from a range of forms of evidence is not yet routine. Our independent panel of commissioners has produced this report with recommendations for ways to better meet the evidence needs of decision-makers in routine times and in future global crises. In doing so, they have built on and complemented past work, such as the examples below.

