

**Title:** Introducing the FSNet-Africa model

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**Abstract**

The challenges inherent in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are interconnected and complex (United Nations, 2018). Overcoming these challenges requires adopting solutions that transcend conventional silo approaches and actively promote inclusivity (El-Jardali et al., 2018). However, these approaches are not the norm, and deliberate efforts are needed to disrupt traditional approaches to development. Research activities also need to adapt so that they are underpinned by capacity development, knowledge management, and partnerships of co-production, communication and coordination (Lamprey et al., 2024).