Facilitator's Short Biography

Catherine Elkins is an experienced and credentialed evaluator with 25+ years' experience in evaluation research and M&E, applying rigorous methodology via mixed methods in 40+ countries around the world. Her PhD training focused political economy methods in a low-resource setting (dissertation on social and cultural implications of land tenure reform for villagers in rural Senegal). She has designed and delivered M&E/evaluation training & professional development curricula throughout these years, including global conferences (AEA, CES, and EES) since 2010. Her field experience and research expertise includes leading projects and teams delivering real-world, high-quality, mixed-method results in health, local governance, economic development, with embedded themes of gender, resilience, micro and macro livelihoods, and justice/security.

In addition to conference workshops and panels, Dr. Elkins previously led numerous internal and external training and capacity development initiatives at MEASURE Evaluation, Jhpiego, and RTI, strengthening programmatic and leadership skills and practices to commission, manage, and use quality evidence to make better decisions. She taught graduate seminars on M&E and RCT methods as Faculty at Duke University's Center for International Development, strengthening theory and practice among graduate students, mid-career professional fellows, and executives. She regularly conducts field training, leading or supporting partners to prepare enumerators and interviewers to conduct field data collection properly to ensure valid and reliable qualitative and quantitative evidence and results.