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Some of my fellow commissioners are focused on improving on what's already in place, but in many countries in Latin America, we don't yet have the key building blocks in place to use evidence to address societal challenges. Some governments don't have advisory bodies, so we need to start by setting them up. Most governments don't have staff who've been trained in how to use evidence routinely in their work. I don't think Latin America is alone in this regard. In my role as the vice-president for policy with the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA), I hear similar descriptions from colleagues in other regions. Networks like INGSA can play a key role in showing the relevance of an evidence-support system that works for their context.

