# 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Convening of
# the Global Initiative on Digital Health

## Coming together to build back better

### 14 – 18 July 2025 (Virtual)

## Meeting Summary

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## Introduction

*About the Global Initiative on Digital Health*
**The Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH) is a WHO Managed Network of organizations, institutions and government technical agencies actively engaged in supporting national digital health transformation.** Created as a vehicle to help accelerate the implementation of the Global Strategy on Digital Health (GSDH), GIDH aims to focus country-level efforts and align resources toward country-led digital health transformation through strengthened collaboration and knowledge exchange. Formally kicked off on 20 February 2024, GIDH aims to achieve the following objectives through collaborative efforts:

- Assess and prioritize country needs for sustainable digital health transformation.
- Increase the alignment of country-level digital health resources and unfunded priorities.
- Support the accelerated achievement of the strategic objectives of the Global Strategy on Digital Health 2020-2025.
- Build capacity and converge efforts to encourage local development, maintenance, and adaptation of digital health technologies to continuously changing needs.

As part of GIDH method of work, a global convening was established to bring together Member States and various stakeholders to a global convening to engage in pertinent issues related to the transformation of the health sector through digital.

*The Second Convening of the Global Initiative on Digital Health*
Following its [first global convening from 28 to 29 May 2024](#) (hybrid), GIDH held its second global convening from 14 to 18 July 2025. Given the current challenges with resourcing travel and digital health transformation, this year's convening was fully virtual. **1,643 participants** from 136 countries across all six WHO regions (Africa, America, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Western Pacific, South East Asia) registered with the aim to achieve three main objectives:

**Objectives:**
1. Discuss and identify priority actions of the anticipated extension of the Global Strategy on Digital Health (GSDH) that can support low- and middle-income countries to close urgent gaps for digital systems that underpin healthcare delivery.
2. Discuss key themes to be considered in the anticipated renewal of the GSDH (2028 – 2033).
3. Map a pathway for how collective partnerships and network collaboration can plan, finance and execute a sustainable and country-led digital health (DH) transformation.

**Aligned with the overall theme of "Coming together to build back better",** the convening covered **31 sessions** (4 Opening/Closing; 12 Technical Sessions (45 minutes); 6 Rapid Presentations (15 minutes) and 9 Panel Discussions (45 minutes). These sessions presented and shared insights, ideas and opportunities aligned with three subthemes as follows:

1. **Global Strategy on Digital Health:** How can the GSDH 2028 - 2033 support countries to build, resource, and implement standards based digital transformation of health systems?
2. **Public-Private Partnerships:** How can public-private partnerships strengthen DH transformation in low- and middle-income countries?

3. **Tools and platforms:** What tools and platforms should be leveraged by GIDH to strengthen its usefulness to Member States and partners?

As a global digital health event intended to promote knowledge exchange and country advancement in national digital health transformation, the GIDH convenings are anchored in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and its Action line C7: E-Health.[1]

**This Meeting Summary outlines key take aways from each of the three subthemes:**

- **THEME 1 - Global Strategy on Digital Health:** How can the Global Strategy on Digital Health 2028 - 2033 support countries to build, resource, and implement standards based digital transformation of health systems?
- **THEME 2 - Public-Private Partnerships:** How can public-private partnerships strengthen digital transformation in low- and middle-income countries?
- **THEME 3 - Tools and platforms:** What tools and platforms should be leveraged by GIDH to strengthen its usefulness to Member States and partners?

Please note that the examples included in this summary are not exhaustive of all experiences and insights shared throughout the week. Please refer to the recording which will be published on the GIDH webpage for more information and insights about each session.

**Key statistics:**

- **1,634** participants registered from 136 countries.
- Between **100 – 160 participants every day**.
- Speakers included Ministries of Health, UN Agencies, Civil Society, Academia and more.
- **31 sessions** - 4 Opening/Closing; 12 Technical Sessions (45 minutes); 6 Rapid Presentations (15 minutes) and 9 Panel Discussions (45 minutes)



Participant(s) registered for the 2nd Global Convening of GIDH

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[1] Following the UN General Assembly Resolution 56/183 (21 December 2001), and the first Forums in Geneva and Tunis in 2003 and 2005 respectively, WSIS has been a strategic UN platform for global dialogue on digital governance and cooperation, supporting alignment and knowledge exchange on digital transformation across sectors. The WSIS Forum meets annually, and this year is branded as WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 which took place from 7 to 11 July 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. Together with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), WHO is the Co-Facilitator of Action line C7: E-Health.

**THEME 1 - Global Strategy on Digital Health:** How can the to be developed Global Strategy on Digital Health 2028 - 2033 support countries to build, resource, and implement standards based digital transformation of health systems?

### Key Take Aways

*Whole-of-government*

- 129 countries have a digital health strategy but with regional variations in implementation. Challenges include lack of implementation plans, funding, costing, and clear responsibilities. Lessons learned shared from e.g. **Georgia** on the development of its digital health strategy.
- digital health must be mainstreamed into every health policy (e.g., AMR, NCDs) and aligned with national digital and AI strategies to avoid silos.
- Holistic digital health transformation is guided by regional roadmaps and action plans which are anchored in the GSDH. Strong partnerships support these efforts.
- Some participants suggested to develop Program Management Units (PMUs) to act as "connective tissue" between strategy implementation across sectors.

*Ensuring equitable access*

- Governments and partners need to work closely together to ensure the full potential of digital health technologies, putting people at the center by building digital health systems structured on robust foundations i.e. foundational and health specific Digital Public Infrastructure (DPIs).
- Young people are often underrepresented in decision-making despite being digital natives.
- Stronger equity lens and a focus on countries with greatest need to address digital divides and contextual challenges (e.g., lack of Wi-Fi during medical training impacts training program design). Tailored support packages and diagnostics are needed, including for fragile settings.

*Upskilling*

- Diverse capacities across countries require tailored approaches. Upskilling is essential for sustainability: formal training (e.g., university diplomas in digital health), integration of digital literacy into health worker and community education, investment in local digital ecosystems. Examples from e.g. HELINA with insights from **East Africa**, **Indonesia**.
- Understanding how providers interact with AI systems is critical, as both over-reliance and under-reliance can lead to safety concerns.

*Investments*

- To enhance investments in digital health, we must consider how the broader health expenditure landscape and how digital health fits within this. Who should finance digital health investments, and what are the respective roles of domestic governments, private sector actors, and external funders?
- Robust data governance is foundational for a trustworthy digital health ecosystem.
- Implementation research is essential for adaptive learning in digital health systems.

- Need for health sector investments that leverage foundational digital commons across all sectors i.e. foundational DPIs that are interoperable, and reusable (e.g. identity, payments, data exchange) for secure, inclusive, and scalable public and private services. Lessons learned were shared from for example: **Chile** and its journey on advancing interoperability in the national healthcare system and **Zanzibar** with The Matibabu Card (Kadia Machibabu in Swahili), a unique identification card central to reforms, creating transparency and promoting data use.

## Opportunities to Engage, Support and Participate

**All:**

- Contribute to and join stakeholder specific consultations for the GSDH 2028-2033 throughout 2026. For more information: digitalhealth@who.int.
- To learn more about Global Health Expenditures, explore the following:
  - **Global Health Expenditure Database:** https://apps.who.int/nha/database
  - **Health Accounts E-course:** www.who.int/teams/health-financing-and-economics/health-financing/expenditure-tracking/health-accounts-learning-corner/system-of-health-accounts-course
  - **WHO Health Accounts:** https://www.who.int/health-topics/health-accounts#tab=tab_1
  - **WHO Health Financing and Economics:** https://www.who.int/teams/health-financing-and-economics/health-financing/expenditure-tracking
- Learn more about the Health Data Collaborative.
- Learn more about regional youth workshops and focus group discussions related equitable access to digital health by the Digital Transformations for Health Lab (DTH Lab), the Digital Health & Rights Project (DHRP) and Transform Health.

## THEME 2 - Public-Private Partnerships: How can public-private partnerships strengthen digital transformation in low- and middle-income countries?

## Key Take Aways

*Capacity building*

- Capacity building on the adherence and application of interoperability standards is key.
- Building connections across health system levels mitigates personnel transitions.

*Competency based learning to be promoted to ensure consistent capacity building pathways for the health and care workforce and digital health developers. Value of collaboration*

- A perception that digital health investors think theirs is the single investment that will bring change or transformation. This makes them invest in silo. Platforms like a national level community of practice and the DHA/Implementome support alignment.
- Data fragmentation could be improved through intelligent automation, which leverages AI.

*Approaches to explore*

- Funding platform cooperatives for public-private partnerships, developing locally informed professional support services and Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) delivery models.
- Align and attract investments from multiple sectors by identifying shared interests and objectives between public and private sectors (e.g., common business problems solved by open standards and tools).

*Local entrepreneurship and capacity*

- Local entrepreneurships contribute to building sustainable digital health systems which can be maintained and sustained locally.
- Lessons shared included:
    - **Sri Lanka** - development of [telemedicine guidelines](#).
    - **Kenya** – development of the 2023 Digital Health Act.
    - **India** - advancing AI in digital health through a network of Centers of Excellence located in premier medical institutions, while also enforcing regulatory oversight.
    - **Nepal** – adoption of HL7 FHIR in health insurance and student systems. The Standard and Interoperability Lab (SIL) established in 2024 is a collaborative space for government, private sector and academia to work towards international standards.
    - **MyHealth.EU**: Currently, 16 EU Member States voluntarily exchange patient summaries and e-prescriptions. Involves rigorous testing and compliance checks.
    - **Ethiopia**: The Modular Open-Source Identity Platform (MOSIP), driven by banks for 'Know Your Customer', is an example of public-private alignment solving both public and private sector problems. Similar shared health assets for various use cases and commercialization, managing access to shared data resources could be explored.

## Opportunities to Engage, Support and Participate

- **All:** Engage with and learn more about the [Global Initiative on AI for Health](#).
- **Government:** LMICs with limited capacity for implementing technical standards (e.g. FHIR) can reach out to communities such as [https://chat.fhir.org/](https://chat.fhir.org/) for support to move forward with standards adoption. Other standards have their own equivalent.
- **Development partners:** Provide flexible and longer term (not just 2-3 years) funding. Invest in systems already run and governed by government.

## THEME 3 - Tools and platforms: What tools and platforms should be leveraged by GIDH to strengthen its usefulness to Member States and partners?

## Key Take Aways

- GIDH operationalizes the GSDH by fostering improved alignment, providing governments and partners tools, building blocks and platforms needed for sustainable health system digitalization. The GIDH Transformation Toolbox is a set of tools which supports these efforts.
- Countries and partners expressed interest to exchange best practices and learn from each other's work with existing tools in the GIDH Transformation Toolbox e.g. [DHA/Implementome](#), Global Digital Health Monitor (GDHM), and the Country File Repository.
- Ensuring tools are applied in a participatory, multi-stakeholder way with governments in the driver's seat enables country ownership of the outcomes.

*Training*

- Deep dives on country challenges through training programs has proven successful:
  - **Burkina Faso:** developing and shaping the Enterprise Architecture Blueprint.
  - **Rwanda:** deeper understanding of digital health needs led to greater support for digital budgeting and strategy alignment.
  - **Zambia:** deep dive into Enterprise Architecture (EA) helped to understand gaps and align on the need for interoperability over integration.

*Sharing lessons learned*

- Need for safe, non-judgmental, effective and culturally responsive platforms and spaces to discuss failed promises and implementation.

## Opportunities to Engage, Support and Participate

**All:**

- Add your digital health project(s) to the DHA/Implementome.
- Engage with regional digital health networks e.g. the Asia eHealth Information Network, Health Informatics in Africa (e.g. HELINA 2025 Scientific Conference 25-29 August 2025, Africa Health Tech Summit 13-15 October 2025).
- As GIDH First-Mover countries, Bangladesh and Zambia are receiving support to help their Ministries of Health advance the national digital health transformation agenda. To collaborate, please reach out to the GIDH Secretariat (gidh@who.int).

**Government:**

- Ensure the current national digital health strategy is available in the Country File repository. To update, please email digitalhealth@who.int.
- Continuously review the DHA/Implementome for opportunities to strengthen governance and support to the broader national digital health vision.
- Fill out the survey for the GDHM annually to assess national digital health maturity.
- Consider joining the Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP), a government-led, WHO-supported collaboration of 42 countries committed to advancing digital health through policy and programmatic cooperation.

## Conclusion and Next Steps

With over 1,600 registered participants from 136 countries, the online 2nd Global GIDH Convening provided a platform for sharing and learning, accessible to all. The 3rd Global Convening of GIDH will take place in mid-2026. Exact dates to be confirmed. Reviews of applications for GIDH membership are ongoing. The GIDH Secretariat will reach out to Members with more information and updates on Member specific activities.

## Continuing the journey towards standards based digital health transformation

As we consider the next steps, we aim to build on the collaborative efforts and knowledge exchange achieved during the 2nd Global GIDH Convening. As such, strengthening capacity and mobilizing

resources to implement country-led, standards-based digital health roadmaps become key priorities. Therefore, we have outlined the following recommendations and invite you to explore ways that you can contribute to this collective vision:

1. **Articulating national needs to support resource mobilization (GIDH Pillar 1 and 2)**
- **Participate in the development and validation of the GIDH Country Needs Tracker and Resource Portal**. To learn more and express your interest, please respond to this survey: **[Click this link to access the survey]**
- **To submit a request for technical assistance** related to digital health transformation until the Country Needs Tracker/Resource Portal is live, please send a written communication to your focal point in the WHO Country Office.

2. **Building local capacity through access to tools and evidence**
- **The materials and presentations from the 2$^{nd}$ Global GIDH Convening** will be made available on the GIDH webpage.
- **Digital Health: Planning for National Systems self-paced course on WHO Academy online learning platform:**
  a. Click this link for **English**
  b. Click this link for **French**
  c. Click this link for **Portuguese**
- **Global Digital Health Monitor:** An interactive digital resource that tracks, monitors, and evaluates the use of digital technology for health across countries. Explore digital health capabilities of countries here **https://data.who.int/dashboards/gdhm**
- **DHA / Implementome:** We invite all stakeholders to add digital health projects that employ a standards-based approach to this open access platform; showcase your work and highlight the facts and insights behind your projects. **https://gdhub.unige.ch/implementome/projects**
- **Communities of Practice:** Join country or regional level communities of practice (COPs) if they exist or sign up and participate in global level COPs. A list of some key resources can be found below:
  a. **FHIR:** See **http://hl7.org/fhir/welcome** or click **this link**
  b. **Authoring and Implementing machine-readable SMART Guidelines**, Meets weekly on Mondays 3:00 – 4:00PM CET. If interested in joining these calls, please reach out to SMART@who.int
  c. **Open Health Stack**
  - **More information about how to get involved: https://developers.google.com/open-health-stack/community**
  - **Request an OHS workshop or bootcamp: https://developers.google.com/open-health-stack/community/ohs-workshops**

3. **Strengthen convening and South-South knowledge exchange**
- **Participate in the 3$^{rd}$ GIDH Global Convening in 2026**. Visit the GIDH webpage for updates and more information.
- **For ideas and suggestions on how GIDH can support new or existing efforts to convene and share knowledge exchange,** please write to gidh@who.int.

## Thank you

The GIDH Secretariat thanks all speakers, moderators and participants for an active, open and supportive engagement throughout the week. A sincere thank you to the development partners that enable GIDH and its activities – the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, Fondation Botnar, the Gates Foundation, the Global Fund, and the Rockefeller Foundation.

## ANNEX

**Annex 1. Pictures** (please note this is not exhaustive of all sessions)
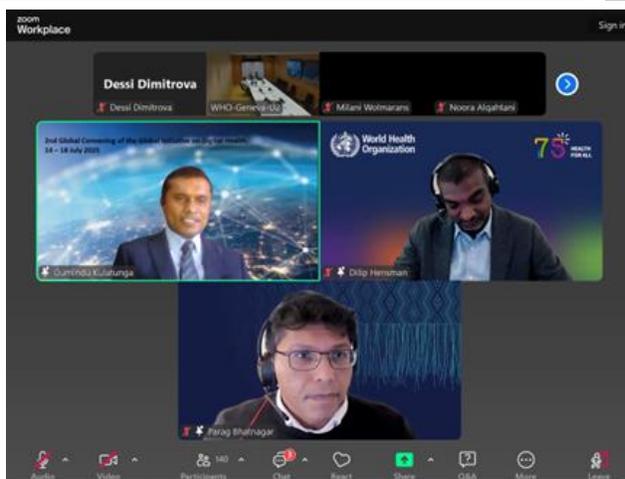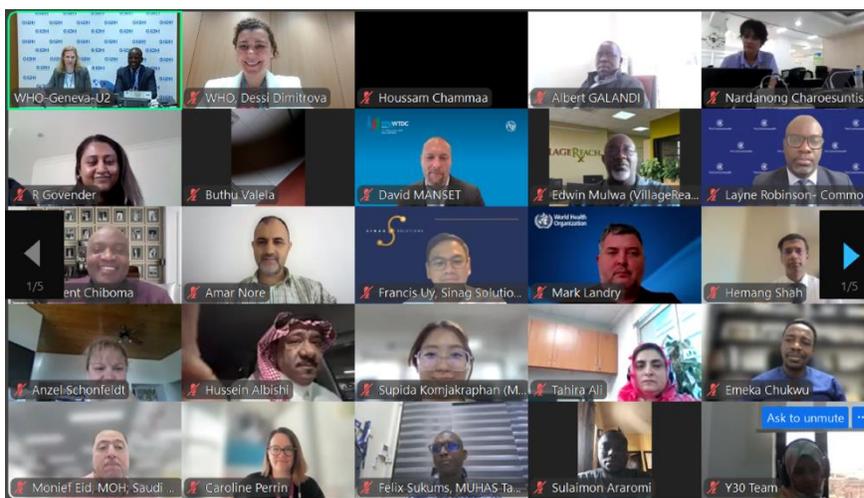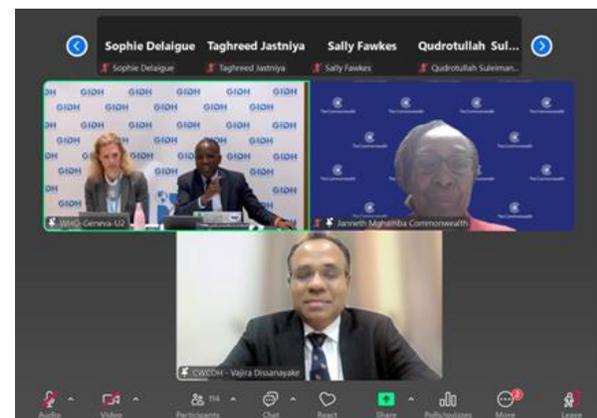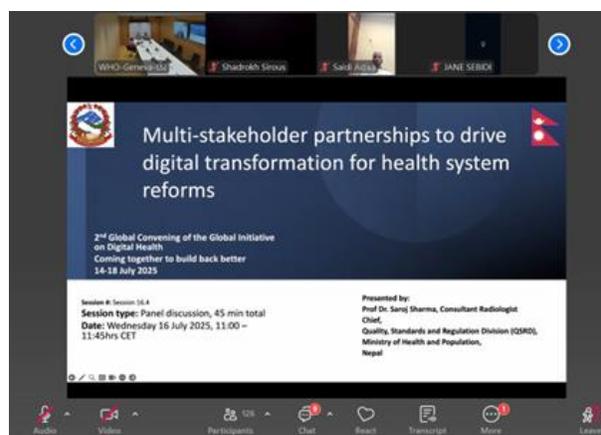
## Annex 2. Program

| Key |
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| Opening and closing |
| Technical Session |
| 45 min session - Panel or group work |
| 15 min rapid presentations |

**Program**

**Day 1 – Monday 14 July**

| Time (CET) | Session # | Title | Speaker(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9:00 - 9.45 hrs | **Session 14.1** | Welcome and Opening remarks | **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,** Director-General, WHO, Geneva<br><br>**Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director,** Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Geneva (remarks delivered by **Mr. David Manset, Senior Project Coordinator,** Future Networks and Spectrum Management Division, ITU)<br><br>**Dr Alain Labrique** Director, Data, Digital Health, Analytics and AI (DDA), Health Systems Division<br><br>**Dr. Hemang Shah,** Children's Investment Fund Foundation, India<br><br>**Ms. Anaita Singh,** Program Officer, Digital & AI (Health), Gates Foundation, India<br><br>**Segment Facilitated by Dr. Derrick Muneene**, Unit Head, Capacity Building and Partnerships, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ |
| 9:45-10:30 hrs | **Session 14.2** | Thematic areas - Anchoring digital health in global frameworks and priorities | **World Summit on the Information Society**<br><br>**Gitanjali Sah,** Strategy and Policy coordinator International Telecommunication Union<br><br>**WHO – Commonwealth MoU on Digital Health Governance** |

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| | | | **Dr. Layne Robinson**, Head of Social Policy Development, Commonwealth Secretariat |
| | | | **WHO's contribution to the Global Digital Compact** |
| | | | **Dr. Derrick Muneene**, Unit Head, Capacity Building and Partnerships, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ |
| 10:30 – 11:30 hrs | **Session 14.3** | Thematic areas - Regional priorities in digital health | **Reflections from Selected Regions:** |
| | | | **Dr. Arash Rashidian**, Director of Science Information and Dissemination, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean |
| | | | **Marcelo D'Agostino**, Unit Chief, Information Systems and Digital Health, Department of Evidence and Intelligence for Action in Health, Pan American Health Organization / WHO Regional Office for Americas (pre-recorded) |
| | | | **Oluwaseun Olufemi Pedro**, Focal Point Digital Health, WHO African Regional Office |
| | | | **Dilip Hensman**, Coordinator- Health Information and Intelligence, Data, Strategy and Innovation (DSI) Team, WHO- Regional Office for the Western Pacific |
| | | | **Updates from Regional Digital Health Networks:** |
| | | | **Jenna Wildeman**, Policy Officer International Digital Health, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports, Department of Health Information Policy/CIO, International Team, The Netherlands / Global Digital Health Partnership Secretariat |
| | | | **Steven Wanyee**, President, Health Informatics in Africa (HELINA) |
| | | | **Jai Ganesh Udayasankaran**, Executive Director, Asia eHealth Information Network (AeHIN) |
| | | | **Segment Facilitated by Melissa Cederqvist Njihia**, Technical Officer, Strategy and Partnership, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ |

| 11:30- 12:30 hrs | Session 14.4 | **Technical Session:** Operationalization of the Global Initiative on Digital Health | **Dr. Derrick Muneene,** WHO HQ<br>**Melissa Cederqvist Njihia,** WHO HQ<br>**Oluwaseun Olufemi Pedro**, WHO African Regional Office<br>**Dr. Zahidul Islam**, Deputy Program Manager (DPM), Management Information System (MIS), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Bangladesh<br>**Sukhendu Shekhor Roy**, Senior System Analyst, Management Information System, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare |
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| 12:30-13:00 hrs | Lunch break | | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 hrs | **Session 14.5** | **Technical Session:** Financing and Tracking of Digital Health Investments | **Dr. Derrick Muneene,** WHO HQ<br>**Melissa Cederqvist Njihia,** WHO HQ<br>**Dongxue (Wendy) Li,** Technical Officer, Global Health Expenditure Tracking, Health Financing, Health Systems, WHO HQ<br>**Kirsten Mathieson,** Deputy Director and Policy Lead, Transform Health |
| 14:00 – 15:00 hrs | **Session 14.6** | **1. Georgia's Digital Health Strategy: From Vision to Implementation with WHO Support**<br>**2. Digital health literacy and capacity for health workforce - a spotlight on digital health curriculum development in Ecuador and Indonesia** | 1. **Mariam Beridze**, Data and Digital Health Project Officer, WHO Country Office Georgia<br>2. **Nahashon Aluoka**, National Coalitions Lead, Transform Health, Kenya – moderator<br><br>Panel members:<br><br>• Gabriella Astudillo - Project Manager, CEDIA Ecuador<br>• Prof. Ede Surya Darmawan, Professor in Public Health<br>• Prof. Damarwan - Public health professional, former Project Director - Transform Health Indonesia<br><br>Moderated by Keyrellous Adib, Technical Officer, WHO |
| 15:00 – 16:00 hrs | **Session 14.7** | **Technical Session: Building robust foundations - Digital Public Infrastructure and Standards** | Reference Architecture for DPIs for Health Technical Working Group<br>HL7<br>Dr. Garrett Mehl, Unit Head, Digital Health Systems, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ |
| 16:00 – 16:15 hrs | Session 14.8 | **CLOSING DAY 1** | |

**Day 2 – Tuesday 15 July**

| Time (CET) | Session # | Title | Speakers |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8:55-9:00 hrs | **Session 15.1** | **Opening of Day 2** | |
| 9:00 – 10:00 hrs | **Session 15.2 -** | **Technical Session: Safe and responsible use of artificial intelligence**<br><br>**Presentations:**<br>1. Introduction to the Global initiative on AI for Health<br>2. Deploying AI Decision Support Tools in LMICs<br>3. AI-powered 5-Minute Social Emergency Care Circle in China<br>4. Regulatory considerations for AI for Health<br>5. Healthcare Students' Perspectives and Experiences with AI for Health | Organized by AI for Health Team, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ<br><br>1. **Ursula Yu Zhao** and **Sameer Pujari**, AI for Health, WHO<br>2. **Ally Salim** and **Megan Allen**, Co-founders, Elsa health<br>3. **Yinzi Jin**, Deputy Director, Department of Global Health, School of Public Health, Peking University, China<br>4. **Shada AlSalamah** and **Kanika Kalra**, AI for Health, WHO<br>5. **Yifan Zhou**, President, International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation |
| 10:00 – 11:00 hrs | **Session 15.3** | **1. Scaling Intelligent Automation to Strengthen Digital Infrastructure for Equitable and Sustainable Health System Transformation -** Organizer: New Zealand<br><br>**2. Streamlining of National Telemedicine Practices via the development of Telemedicine guidelines -** Organizer: Health Information Unit, Sri Lanka Ministry of Health<br><br>**3. Strengthening the digital and data governance ecosystem - the case of Kenya -** Organizer: Transform Health Kenya Coalition | 1. **Parag Bhatnagar,** Intelligent Automation Product Owner, Health New Zealand (New Zealand)<br><br>2. **Dr. G.G.A.K Kulatunga; Dr. Palitha Karunapema; Prof. Vajira Dissanayake**<br><br>3. **Transform Health Kenya National Coalition representative; Chief Executive Officer, Digital Health Agency, Kenya** |

| Time | Session | Title | Speakers |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11:00 – 12:00 hrs | **Session 15.4** | **PANEL DISCUSSION: From Promise to Practice: Integrating Responsible AI into Country-Led Digital Health Systems -** Organized by Intelehealth | 1. **Shekar Sivasubramanian**, Wadhwani AI, India<br>2. **Neha Verma, I**ntelehealth, India<br>3. **Rachel Sibande**, Gates Foundation, South Africa<br>4. **Shri Madhukar Kumar Bhagat,** Indian Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, India |
| 12:00 – 13:00 hrs | Lunch break | | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 hrs | Session 15.5 | **PANEL DISCUSSION: Addressing Gender, Equity, Rights and Inclusion in National Digital Health Strategies to Leave No One Behind -** Organizer: Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies, University of Warwick | 1. **James Kiilu,** Digital Health and Rights Project, Kenya Community Advisory Team (KCAT)<br>2. **Alia El-Yassir,** Director, Gender, Equity, Diversity and Rights for Health, WHO<br>3. **Dr. Derrick Muneene,** Unit Head, Capacity Building and Partnerships, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO HQ<br>4. **Professor Sara (Meg) Davis,** Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies (CIM), University of Warwick |
| 14:00 – 15:00 hrs | | No session | |
| 15:00 – 16:00 hrs | Session 15.7 | **Technical Session:** Joining Forces for Digital Health Competency: The development and application of Global Digital Health Competencies and Learning Frameworks | 1. **Dr. Jennifer Shivers**, Strategic Technical Advisor, Regenstrief Institute (Moderator)<br>2. **Dr. Derrick Muneene,** Unit Head, Capacity Building and Partnerships, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO HQ<br>3. **Dr. Zlatan Sabic,** Senior Public Information Systems Specialist, The World Bank<br>4. **Dr. Tessa Lennemann,** Project Lead Digital Innovation in Pandemic Control (DIPC), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)<br>5. **Dr. Innocent Chiboma,** Principal ICT Officer Digital Health, Ministry of Health Zambia<br>6. **Dr Osama ElHassan,** Chairman, The International Digital Health Workforce Development Collaborative (ZIMAM)<br>7. **Dr Dessislava Dimitrova**, Technical Officer, Capacity Building and Partnerships, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO HQ |
| 16:00 – 16:15 hrs | Session 15.8 | **CLOSING DAY 2** | |

**Day 3 – Wednesday 16 July**

| Time (CET) | Session # | Title | Speakers |
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| 9:55-10:00 hrs | **Session 16.1** | **Opening of Day 3** | |

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| 10:00 – 11:00 hrs | **Session 16.3** | **PANEL DISCUSSION: Public-private partnerships supporting open-source tooling ecosystem to strengthen the digital health transformation in LMICs -** Organizer: Sri Lanka College of Health Informatics and Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka | 1. **Dr. Chaminda Weerabaddana** President, Sri Lanka College of Health Informatics Specialist in Health Informatics, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka<br>2. **Jorn Bettin,** S23M/ANZIL, Senior Partner/Model-based Analyst/Business Model Designer<br>3. **Adrian Floor** Managing Director Symbionix, South Africa<br>4. **Keith Duddy**, S23M/ANZIL, Senior Advisor/Health Informatics Standards Specialist.<br>5. **Chris Seebregts,** PhD, John Lemuel Dalisay |
| 11:00 – 12:00 hrs | **Session 16.4** | **PANEL DISCUSSION: Multi-stakeholder partnerships to drive digital transformation for health system reforms -** Organizer: GIZ/OpenIMIS | 1. **Dr. Roshan Koju**. Director ICT, Social Security Fund Nepal<br>2. **Dr. Saroj Sharma**. Chief of the Quality Standards and Regulation Division in the Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal<br>3. **Ms. Garima Chand**. Digital health specialist, SunyaEk Nepal<br>4. **Mr Jai Ganesh Udayasankaran**, Executive Director of Asia eHealth Information Network (AeHIN)<br>5. **Saurav Bhattarai**, Team Lead - openIMIS, GIZ (Moderator) |
| 12:00 -13:00 hrs | Lunch break | | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 hrs | **Session 16.5** | **Technical Session:** Sandbox interoperability, regulatory | **Organized by Digital Health Systems Unit, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ**<br><br>1. **Dr. Carl Leitner**, Technical Officer, Digital Health Systems Unit, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO HQ<br>2. **Ole Gjerrestad**, Policy officer, European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, Unit C1 - Digital Health<br>3. **Jennifer Nelson**, Senior Specialist – Health Digital Solutions, Social Protection and Health Division, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)<br>4. **Carlos Nunez**, Regional Technical Coordinator, Red de América Latina y el Caribe de Salud Digital / Latin American and Caribbean digital health network (RACSEL) |

| 14:00 – 15:00 hrs | Session 16.6 | PANEL DISCUSSION: Accelerating Health Equity: Leveraging Private Digital Health for Public Personalised Care with the MomConnect Programme - Organized by Reach Digital Health | Moderator: Debbie Rogers, CEO of Reach Digital Health<br><br>Panellists:<br>1. **Sister Jane Sebidi,** Deputy Director of MomConnect at the South African National Department of Health<br>2. **Zodwa Mbamo**, Director, Programs - Health, ELMA<br>3. **Jacaranda Health** |
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| 15:00 – 16:00 hrs | Session 16.8 | PANEL DISCUSSION: Localization of Capacity Building on Digital Health: Need, Experience, Examples and Lessons - UNICEF South East Asia Regional Office | Moderator: Vikas Dwivedi, Digital Health Analyst, UNICEF Regional Office of South Asia<br><br>**Panelists:**<br>**1. Matt Huls**e, Lead Digital Health, The World Bank<br>**2.Zlatan Šabić**, Digital Health and Social Protection Information Systems Specialist, The World Bank<br>**3.Ajay Trakroo**, Health Systems, Innovations, and Digital Health, UNICEF, India<br>**4.Dr Sutapa,** Director, Indian Institute of Health Management Research, New Delhi, India<br>**5. Meredith Dyson**, Health System Specialist, UNICEF Regional Office of South Asia |
| 16:00 – 16:15 hrs | Session 16.7 | CLOSING DAY 3 | |

### Day 4 – Thursday 17 July

| Time (CET) | Session # | Title | Speakers |
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| 8:55-9:00 hrs | Session 17.1 | Opening of Day 4 | |
| 9:00 – 10:00 hrs | Session 17.2 | BREAKOUT GROUP DISCUSSION: Data use for action: Improving Health Data Governance in the Digital Age - Organizer: UNICEF Southeast Asia Regional Office | 1. **Vikas Dwivedi**, Digital Health Analyst (Consultant), UNICEF Regional Office of South Asia<br>2. **Dr Pandula Siribaddana**, Consultant, Data Coordination and Governance (CNG) Unit, WHO<br>3. **Dr Craig Burgess**, Unit Head Data Coordination, Governance and Partnerships, WHO<br>4. **Dr. Chamika H Senanayake**, Health Data Governance Consultant, Health Data Collaborative |

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| 10:00 – 11:00 hrs | **Session 17.3** | **Technical Session:** The GIDH Transformation Toolbox - Digital Health Maturity Digital Health Atlas/Digital Health Monitor/ Implementome | **Dr. Derrick Muneene,** Unit Head, Capacity Building and Partnerships, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO HQ (moderator)<br>**Dr. Mirana Michelle Randriambelonoro**, Geneva Digital Hub<br>**Dr Janneth Mghamba**, Health Adviser, Social Policy Development, Commonwealth Secretariat<br>**Prof Vajira Dissanayak**e, Chair, Commonwealth Centre for Digital Health (CWCDH)<br>**Innocent Chiboma**, Principal ICT Officer Digital Health, Ministry of Health Zambia<br>**Dr Dessislava Dimitrova**, Technical Officer, WHO |
| 11:00 – 12:00 hrs | **Session 17.4** | **TECHNICAL SESSION:**<br><br>**1. 15 min presentation - "Youth-Led Digital Health Labs: Training the Next Generation of Interoperability Innovators"** - Chandigarh University Uttar Pradesh, INDIA<br><br>**2. 45 min Technical session- How do we build the next generation of digital leaders?** | 1. **Prof.(Dr.) Rajesh Kumar Sinha**, Chandigarh University Uttar Pradesh, INDIA<br><br><br>2. Organized by Digital Health Systems Unit, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ |
| 12:00 -13:00 hrs | Lunch break | | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 hrs | **Session 17.6** | **PANEL DISCUSSION: Scaling Country Lessons: How Digital Health Convergence Workshops can inform Global Strategy -** Organized by AeHIN | 1. **Jai Ganesh Udayasankaran**, Executive, Director, AeHIN<br>2. **Dr. Boonchai Kijsanayotin**, Mahidol University, Thailand<br>3. **Dr. Alvin Marcelo**, University of the Philippines, Manila<br>4. **Dr. Fazilah Allaudin**, Penang State Health Department, Malaysia<br>5. **Anis Fuad,** University of Gadjah Mada, |

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| 14:00 – 15:00 hrs | **Session 17.7** | **Technical Session:** The GIDH Transformation Toolbox: Capacity Building and Country Digital<br>Health Strategies | **Dr. Derrick Muneene**, Unit Head, Capacity Building and Partnerships Unit, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ<br>**Professor Sara (Meg) Davis**, Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies (CIM), University of Warwick<br>**Steven Wanyee**, President HELINA<br>**Vivian Korir**, Program Manager, Capacity Strengthening, PATH Digital Square<br>**Isca Amanda,** Technical Officer, Capacity Building and Partnerships Unit, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ<br>**Dessislava Dimitrova,** Technical Officer, Capacity Building and Partnerships Unit, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ |
| 15:00-15:15 hrs | **Session 17.8** | **CLOSING DAY 4** | |

**Day 5 – Friday 18 July**

| Time (CET) | Session # | Title | Speakers |
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| 8:55 – 9:00 hrs | **Session 18.1** | **Opening of Day 5** | |
| 9:00 – 10:00 hrs | **Session 18.2** | **Technical Session:** Towards the Next Global Strategy on Digital Health | 1. **Dr. Derrick Muneene,** Unit Head, Capacity Building and Partnerships, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO HQ<br>2. **Dr. Ibrahima Khaliloulah** Dia, Head of Digital Health Department, Ministry of Health Sénégal<br>3. **Dr. Yunkap Kwankam,** Executive Director, International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth (ISfTeH)<br>4. **Ms. Lucía Pérez Gómez,** Vice President for External Affairs, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)<br>5. **Ms. Mathilde Forslund**, Executive Director, Transform Health<br>6. **Mr. Hani Eskandar,** Head, Digital Services Division at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)<br>7. **Mr. Jai Ganesh Udayasankaran**, Executive Director, AeHIN<br>8. **Dr. Dessislava Dimitrova**, Technical Officer, Capacity Building and Partnerships, |

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| 10:00 – 11:00 hrs | **Session 18.3** - | **PANEL DISCUSSION: Digital first health systems: Key recommendations from youth at the regional and country levels -** Organizer: DTH Lab | Moderator:<br>**Enow Awah Georges Stevens**, Youth Engagement Officer, DTH-Lab<br><br>Panelists:<br>1. **Lucía Pérez Gómez**, Vice President, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)<br>2. **Tobias Silberzahn**, Senior Fellow, BSt Gesundheit gGmbH, Bertelsmann Stiftung:<br>3. **Katherine Feng,** Application Development Analyst at Accenture, GHWN Youth Hub Conference Coordination and Convening Spaces Lead, Accenture & GHWN Youth Hub<br>4. **Nojus Saad,** DTH-Lab RYC Alumni & President of Youth For Women Foundation<br>5. **Yifan Zhou,** President IPSF & DTH-Lab RYC Alumn, International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) |
| 11:00 – 12:00 hrs | **Session 18.4** | **Technical Session:** Implementation Research in Digital Health | 1. **Melissa Cederqvist Njihia**, Technical Officer, Strategy and Partnership, Capacity Building and Partnerships Unit, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ<br>2. **Dr. Shahabuddin Asm**, Health Specialist (Implementation Research), UNICEF HQ<br>3. **Oluwaseun Olufemi Pedro**, Digital Health Focal Point, WHO African Regional Office<br>4. **Innocent Chiboma**, Principal ICT Officer - Digital Health, Ministry of Health, Zambia<br>5. **Emmanuel Okwuosa**, T4D Lead, UNICEF Zambia |
| 12:00 – 13:00 hrs | Lunch break | | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 hrs | **Session 18.6** | **Technical Session:** How to finance a shift to DPIs | Organized by Capacity Building and Partnerships Unit, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, Health Systems, WHO HQ<br><br>**1. Dr. Derrick Muneene**, Unit Head, Capacity Building and Partnerships Unit, Digital Health and Innovation, WHO HQ<br>**2. Dr. Garrett Mehl,** Unit Head, Digital Health Systems, Digital Health and Innovation, WHO HQ<br>**3. Dr. Faiza Abbas**, PharmAccess Program Director Zanzibar |

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| 14:00 – 14:15 hrs | **Session 18.7** | **Closing of the 2nd Global GIDH Convening** | UHC 2030 <br><br> WHO |