

WHO Digital Health panel discussion at the Digital Health Week
Monday, 29th November 2021; 4:00pm - 5:30pm CET

Title: Global Strategy on Digital Health: collective opportunities for catalyzing collaborative action.

Key Objectives

1. To discuss the objectives of the Global Strategy and recognize the catalytic potential for those to coordinate at country- and global-level to advance the contributions of digital health to the achievement of health goals.
2. To consider the role of, ongoing efforts from, and benefits for various constituencies namely, governments, technology, the private sector, the academic sector, implementation partners and communities of practice to the implementation of the Global Strategy.

Provisional Agenda

4:00 – 4:10 (10 mins)

Welcome and Introductions – Ms Huguette Diakabana, Co-chair, WHO Digital Health Technical Advisory Group (DHTAG)

4:10 – 4:15 (5 mins)

Objectives of the Global Strategy on Digital Health and examples of activities for those working at the global, regional and country level - Dr Garrett Mehl, Director a.i. Digital Health and Innovation, WHO

4:15 – 4:20 (5 mins)

Role and benefit to Governments – Dr Omesmus Kamau, Ministry of Health, Kenya

4:20 – 4:25 (5 mins)

Role of Technology and the Private sector - Dr Sean Broomhead, Chief Executive Officer, Health Information Systems Program (HISP), South Africa

4:25 – 4:30 (5 mins)

Role of the Communities of Practice – Mr Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary Department of Health and Family Welfare, and Chair and Secretariat of the Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP)

4:30 – 4:35 (5 mins)

Role of Donors and the Investment sector in advancing the objectives – Ms Adele Waugaman, Senior Digital Health Coordinator, USAID

4:35 – 4:40 (5 mins)

Role of the Academic sector – Dr Alain Labrique, Professor and Director, Global mHealth Initiative, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

4:40 – 5:15 (35 mins)

Discussions and questions – Moderated by Ms Huguette Diakabana, Co-chair, WHO Digital Health Technical Advisory Group (DHTAG)

5:15 – 5:30 (15 mins)

Closing - Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, WHO