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| **Abstract:** | This reply LS provides SG13 with information about the FG-AI4H and its planned deliverables. |

The ITU/WHO Focus Group on artificial intelligence for health (**FG-AI4H**) thanks ITU-T SG13 on its LS with invitation to review Artificial Intelligence Standardization Roadmap and provide missing or updated information (your reference: [SG13-LS118](https://www.itu.int/ifa/t/2017/ls/sg13/sp16-sg13-oLS-00118.zip); our reference: [FGAI4H-H-024](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/focusgroups/ai4h/docs/FGAI4H-H-024.docx))

The FG-AI4H was created under SG16 in July 2018 and works in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) to establish a **standardized assessment framework for the evaluation of AI-based methods for health, diagnosis, triage or treatment decisions**. The group currently has 15 topic areas and six working groups (see Annex A). More topic areas are added with new meetings and provide an opportunity for regional interests to benefit from the work of the FG.

The currently planned deliverables are listed in Table 1.

The FG-AI4H looks forward to cooperating with ITU-T SG13 and all other groups relevant to AI4H standardization.

Table 1 – FG-AI4H list of planned deliverables (January 2020)

| No. | Deliverable | Initial draft editor |
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| 7 | AI4H evaluation specification | [Markus Wenzel](mailto:markus.wenzel@hhi.fraunhofer.de) (Fraunhofer HHI, Germany) |
| 7.1 | AI4H evaluation process description | [Sheng Wu](mailto:wus@who.int) (WHO) |
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| 7.3 | AI technical test metric specification | [Luis Oala](mailto:luis.oala@hhi.fraunhofer.de) (Fraunhofer HHI, Germany) |
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Annex A  
Information about the FG-AI4H

The group has been meeting physically approximately every 2 months and its meetings are preceded by a one-day workshop. The aim of these workshops was  to provide a platform for researchers, engineers, practitioners, entrepreneurs and policy makers to discuss standardization opportunities for the assessment of AI for health solutions and to identify use cases and data required for the evaluation and validation with open benchmarks.

Eight meetings & workshops were held so far (Geneva, New York, Lausanne, Shanghai, Geneva, Zanzibar, New Delhi, Brasilia).

Participation in the FG-AI4H is free of charge and open to all who come from a country that is an ITU member. This includes both segments (workshop on day 1 and the technical deliberations on the subsequent days). This is a great opportunity for the AI and health community in Brazil and other Latin-American countries to become aware and hopefully involved in the thematic work of the FG-AI4H.

The FG scope and general process are described in a [commentary in The Lancet](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(19)30762-7) and a [white paper](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ai4h/Documents/FG-AI4H_Whitepaper.pdf). An [onboarding guide](https://itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ai4h/Documents/ITU_WHO_AI4H_Onboarding.pdf) has been prepared for helping new experts join the group. The documentation of all previous meetings can be found on the [collaboration site](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/focusgroups/ai4h/SitePages/Home.aspx).

FG-AI4H structure

FG-AI4H [Topic Groups](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ai4h/Pages/tg.aspx) (18 as of November 2019)

* Cardiovascular disease risk prediction (TG-Cardio)
* Dermatology (TG-Derma)
* Falls among the elderly (TG-Falls)
* Histopathology (TG-Histo)
* Malaria detection (TG-Malaria)
* Neurological disorders (TG-Neuro)
* Ophthalmology (TG-Ophthalmo)
* Outbreak detection (TG-Outbreaks)
* Psychiatry (TG-Psy)
* Snakebite and snake identification (TG-Snake)
* Symptom assessment (TG-Symptom)
* Tuberculosis (TG-TB)
* Volumetric chest computed tomography (TG-DiagnosticCT)
* *Diagnoses of bacterial infection and anti-microbial resistance (AMR) (TG-Bacteria)*
* *Dental diagnostics and digital dentistry (TG-Dental)*
* *AI-based detection of falsified medicine (TG-FakeMed)*
* *Maternal and child health (TG-MCH)*
* *Radiotherapy (TG-Radiotherapy)*

FG-AI4H [Working Groups](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ai4h/Pages/wg.aspx):

* Data and AI solution assessment methods (WG-DAISAM)  
  Chair: Pat Baird (Philips)  
  Vice-chair: Luis Oala (Fraunhofer HHI, DE)
* Data and AI solution handling (WG-DASH)  
  Chair: Marc Lecoultre (MLlab.AI, CH)  
  Vice chair: Ferhat Kerif (CHUV, CH)
* Operations (WG-O)  
  Chair: Markus Wenzel (Fraunhofer HHI, Germany)
* Regulatory considerations on AI for health (WG-RC)  
  Chair: Naomi Lee (The Lancet, UK)  
  Vice-chairs:
  + Paolo Alcini (European Medicines Agency, EU)
  + Chandrashekar Ranga    
    (CDSCO, India)
  + Khair ElZarrad (FDA, USA)
  + Wolfgang Lauer (Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices, Germany)
  + Peng Liang (National Medical Products Administration, China)
* WG on ethical considerations (WG-Ethics)  
  Chair: Andres Reis (WHO)
* Under preparation:
  + WG on Clinical Evaluation (WG-CE)

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