

MULTISTAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE ON NATIONAL DIGITAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Supporting Health Systems of the Future through Robust Foundations and Digital Public Infrastructure



Date:
28 - 29
May 2024



Venue:
ITU Towers, Geneva,
Switzerland



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BACKGROUND

This session will be the First Global Convening of the Global Initiative on Digital Health under the framework of the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS). At this session, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), as action line facilitators of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Action line C7: E-Health will introduce the Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH) as context of the session.

Global Support for National Digital Health Transformation

The convergence of digital health with global health objectives such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has become increasingly evident over the past two decades, culminating in a comprehensive resolution on digital health in 2020. Subsequently, **the Global Strategy on Digital Health 2020-2025 (GSDH)** was endorsed by 194 WHO Member States during the Seventy-third World Health Assembly (WHA). The GSDH provides guidance and coordination on global digital health transformation and aims to strengthen synergies between initiatives and stakeholders through four strategic objectives focused on global collaboration, implementation of national digital health strategies, governance for digital health and people-centered health systems.

The GSDH, reached its mid-term in 2023 and while progress has been made with over 120 WHO Member States having a digital health strategy, there are many countries that do not yet have a digital health strategy, or for where the strategy has not been costed. Strengthened collaboration and amplification of resources is needed to support countries to develop costed digital health strategies among many other actions outlined in GSDH by 2025.

To support with this, the [Global Initiative on Digital Health](#) (GIDH), aims to focus country-level efforts, at national and subnational levels and ensure alignment of resources and convergence in technical frameworks and conceptual models in the global digital health community toward standards based digital health transformation through strengthened collaboration and knowledge exchange. As a WHO Managed Network ("Network of Networks") formally kicked off on 20 February 2024, GIDH promotes equitable access to digital health by addressing challenges such as duplication of efforts and limited investments into digital public infrastructure, governance, and capacity for in all aspects of the digital transformation of the health sector fully aligned with the e-government initiatives.

OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Under the WSIS Action line C7: E-Health, GIDH will convene global, regional and national stakeholders to deliberate on key digital health priorities and thematic topics and to share their experiences and lessons learned with standards based and country-led development of digital health architecture during the WSIS+20 High level event.

Objectives:

- To inform the framework for a WHO-ITU Digital Public Infrastructure-based Reference Architecture for National Digital Health Transformation.
- To discuss and identify key priority areas for multistakeholder dialogue on the global and national level for digital health transformation.
- Present updates on the GIDH Transformation Toolbox.
- High-level discussion on Digital Public Infrastructure and its role in the health sector.

Expected Outcomes:

- Provide a platform for discussing and sharing key experiences in standards based and country led development of national digital health architecture and digitized content.
- Raise awareness on the expectations from key stakeholders with regards to the reporting on the GSDH and its envisioned future state.

The World Summit on Information Society+20 High Level Event

Following the UN General Assembly [Resolution 56/183](#) (21 December 2001), the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) took place in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003 and in Tunis, from 16 to 18 November 2005. Since then, WSIS Forum events have been held annually in Geneva. This year marks 20 years of progress since the first Summit in 2003 and to celebrate this milestone, the WSIS Forum this year has been named “[the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event](#)”. The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event will serve as a platform for multistakeholder discussions with the objective to take stock of the achievements and key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action developed in 2003. The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event will take place in Geneva, Switzerland from 27 to 31 May 2024, co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD and co-hosted by ITU and the Swiss Confederation, with the support of remote participation.

PARTICIPANTS

Global digital health stakeholders including WHO Member States, funders, developers, enablers and implementers of digital health architecture. Participants must be accredited and register as a participant in the WSIS+20 High-Level Event.

MODERATION

All presentations and discussions will be held in the main plenary hall with virtual and in-person participation. The meeting is open to everyone, with prior registration to the WSIS+20 event required. There are no side rooms available for breakout sessions etc.

PROGRAM

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 28 MAY

Time	Session
8:30 – 9:15	Opening remarks by invited Heads and Deputy Leads of UN Agencies and Development Partners
9:15 – 9:30	Keynote
9:30 – 10:30	WORKSTREAM 1: Global updates related to Action C7 – eHealth e.g. Global Strategy on Digital Health, Global Initiative on Digital Health
10:30 – 11:00	Tea break
11:00 – 13:00	WORKSTREAM 2: Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) – the cornerstone of digital health transformation
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	WORKSTREAM 3: High-level presentation on the joint WHO-ITU initiative “A DPI-based Reference Architecture for National Digital Health Transformation”
14:30 – 15:30	WORKSTREAM 4: Financing Digital Health Transformation
15:30 – 16:00	Tea break
16:00 – 17:00	Digital Transformation for the Health System of the Future Organized by the WHO Science Council Secretariat.
17:00 – 17:10	Closing Day 1
18:00 – 19:30	Side event on digital health hosted by India, Australia, United States, Japan

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DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

Time	Session
8:30 – 8:40	Welcome and Recap Day 1
8:40 – 9:00	Keynote on the role of Inclusion, Gender and Connectivity in equitable Digital Health Transformation
9:00 – 10:30	WORKSTREAM 5: Data and Digital Governance for Health (through Standards, Solutions and Structures)
10:30 – 11:00	Tea break
11:00 – 11:30	WORKSTREAM 6a: Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP) with the Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH)
11:30 – 13:00	WORKSTREAM 6b: GDHP & GIDH: Member State Updates and Case Studies
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:30	WORKSTREAM 7: Regional Updates and Case Studies
14:30 – 15:15	Africa CDC-WHO Digital Health Maturity and Data Collection (TBC)
15:15 – 16:15	Transformative Partnerships for Resilient Digital Health: Defining Ways Forward (organized by Digital Connected Care Coalition, DCCC) – TBC
	Working Tea
16:15 – 16:45	Measuring progress on the Global Strategy on Digital Health
16:45 – 17:00	Closing and Next steps