

Agenda

WHO – ITU Donors and Partners Digital Health Learning Meeting: Review and Strategic Planning

Venue: Brazzaville, The Republic of the Congo

Date: 25 – 27 April 2023

Day 1 - Tuesday 25 April 2023		
Time	Session Theme	Speakers and Session Description
8:00 – 8:30	Registration of participants	
8:30 – 8:45	Security briefing and logistics	Speaker: WHO AFRO Security Team
8:45 - 09:15	Introduction of participants and the workshop objectives	Objectives, expected outputs and outcomes, agenda and methods, context, and general information Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joseph Chukwudi Okeibunor, Team Lead ai, Research, Development and Innovation, WHO Africa Regional Office• Derrick Muneene, Unit Head, Capacity Building and Collaboration, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO Geneva
09:15 – 09:40	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Moderators: Derrick Muneene and Joseph Chukwudi Okeibunor Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Joseph Cabore, Director for Programme Management, WHO AFRO• Dr. Lindiwe MAKUBALO, Assistant Regional Director , WHO AFRO• ITU Representative (TBC)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alain Labrique, Director Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO Headquarters
09:40 – 10:00	Group photo session	Moderator: group photo
10:00 – 10:20	Tea break	
10:20 – 10:40	Global and Regional Perspectives on Digital Health	<p>WHO's work on Digital Health - Global and Regional Perspectives and Key Priorities in Digital Health Capacity Building</p> <p>Moderator: Melissa Cederqvist Njihia, Digital Partnerships Consultant, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO Headquarters</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alain Labrique, Director Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO Headquarters • Dr. Lindiwe Makubalo, WHO AFRO Assistant Regional Director
10:40 – 10:50	WHO AFRO Directors	Open discussion
10:50-11:30	The Digital Health Capacity Building Program	<p>Moderator: Joseph Chukwudi Okeibunor</p> <p>Speakers (5 min per speaker):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derrick Muneene, Unit Head, Capacity Building and Collaboration, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO Headquarters • Caroline Gaju, Programme Officer, ITU Africa
11:30 – 13:00		<p>Celebration of achievements and sharing of publications, lessons learned, challenges and successes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefing summary of theory of change and training provided from 2019 to 2022 (1 hr presentation + 30 min discussion): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Health Planning National System (DHPNS) - WHO in partnership with USAID/PATH/TechChange • Digital Health Leadership (DHL) - WHO in partnership with ITU Academy • DHALP (WHO in partnership with USAID/PATH/TechChange)

	Digital Health lessons learned and stock-take of achievements	<p>Moderator: Sean Blaschke, Senior Health Specialist, Unit for Digital Health & Information Systems, UNICEF Headquarters</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barakissa Tien-Wahser, Technical Lead Digital Health, Sector Initiative Global Health, Division Economic and Social Development, GIZ • Pascoal Bento, Technical Officer, WHO Headquarters • Caroline Gaju, Programme Officer, ITU Africa - TBC • Sameer Pujari, AI Lead, WHO Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO Headquarters • Merrick Schaefer, Senior Digital Health Advisor, Global Health Bureau Center for Innovation and Impact <p>2. Presentation of WHO/ITU/USAID/PATH/TechChange Digital Health Course Evaluation (20 min presentation + 10 min discussion)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Wall, Deputy Director, Capacity Strengthening and Program Implementation, PATH • Ariel Frankel, TechChange <p>Modality: Presentations followed by Q&A and discussion</p>		
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break			
14:00 – 14:10	Gaps and Prioritization – Introduction to session	<p>Moderators: Steven Uggowitzer and Huguette Diakabana, Digital Health Consultant, WHO African Region</p> <p>Topics to be discussed: Partners & funders share what is 'in demand' / 'requests' for digital health capacity strengthening (informed by for example alumni network and requests to funders). Topics have been divided into three tracks.</p>		
14:10 – 15:30	Gaps and Prioritization	<p>Track 1: Content</p> <p>Moderator: Merrick Schaefer, Senior Digital Health Advisor, Global Health Bureau Center</p>	<p>Track 2: Emerging Topics</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Garrett Mehl, Unit Head, Public Health Digital Technologies, WHO Headquarters</p>	<p>Track 3: Applying/Extending DHPNS & DHL course along the learner audience pyramid</p> <p>Moderator: Steven Uggowitzer</p> <p>Rapporteur: Pascoal Bento and Esther Soko</p>

		for Innovation and Impact, USAID Rapporteur: Charles Boakye Kwanin Topics to be discussed: Feedback and review on the current courses and related reports. Leverage and align course content to country requests (including requests/need for additional modules and leveraging/alignment with country visions/goals /outcomes of interest) and donor work plans. Modality: Group discussion	Rapporteur: Natschja Ratanaprayul Topics to be discussed: Capacity building for SMART Guidelines, interoperability, routine immunization information systems (including EIRs and vaccination certificates), personal health records, and AI. How do we anchor this in the course? Modality: Group discussion	Topics to be discussed: Discussion on how to summarize the DHPNS & DHL course for policymakers and expand it for practitioners. Modality: Group discussion
15:30 – 16:20	Groups report back in plenary	Moderators: Steven Uggowitzer and Huguette Diakabana Moderators/Rapporteurs present key highlights and next steps from above discussions.		
16:20 – 16:30	Closing for the day	Derrick Muneene and Joseph Chukwudi Okeibunor		
17:00	Cocktail Session	At Lancaster Hotel. Location: TBC		
End of Day 1 session				
Day 2 – Wednesday 26 April 2023				
Time	Session Theme	Speakers and Session Description		
8:00 – 8:30	Registration of participants			
8:30 – 9:00	Recap of Day 1	Moderator: Huguette Diakabana		

		Rapporteur: Lindy Gilbert
9:00 – 10:30	Strengthening applied learning approaches	<p>Presentation and discussion of approaches and methods for putting learning into practice e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National strategy workshops • Convergence workshop • Convergence tools (e.g. GDHMonitor, Atlas, DIIG, SMART/FHIR, Google OHS, Informatics masters, OpenHIE) • Curriculum development <p>Moderator: Steven Uggowitzzer and Huguette Diakabana</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derrick Muneene, Unit Head, Capacity Building and Collaboration, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO Headquarters • Garrett Mehl, Unit Head, Public Health Digital Technologies, Department of Digital Health and Innovation, WHO Headquarters • Steven Wanyee, President-Elect, Health Informatics in Africa (HELINA) • Jai Ganesh Udayasankaran, Executive Director, Asia eHealth Information Network (AeHIN) • Sean Blaschke, Senior Health Specialist, Unit for Digital Health & Information Systems, UNICEF Headquarters
10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break	
11:00 – 11:10	Introduction of the session, Topic 1	Moderators: Steven Uggowitzzer and Huguette Diakabana
11:10 – 12:50	<p>Governance of the Digital Health Learning programs</p> <p>Topic 1: Governance structure</p>	<p>Discussion and brainstorming on how to strengthen governance of the above Digital Health courses.</p> <p>Moderator: Pascoal Bento and Sean Blaschke</p> <p>Plenary: Presentation of the ecosystem of all actors and how they operationalize the Digital Health Learning program (roles and responsibilities).</p> <p>Break out into groups that will each discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roles and responsibilities of stakeholders (e.g. countries, funders, partners)

		- Terms of reference, meeting frequency etc.’ Modality: Presentation followed by Q&A and discussion in breakout groups
12:50 – 13:00	Introduction of the session, Topic 2	Moderators: Steven Uggowitzzer and Huguette Diakabana
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:10	Governance of the Digital Health Learning programs Topic 2: Monitoring and government engagement	Continued from above -- Discussion and brainstorming on how to strengthen governance of the above Digital Health courses. Moderator: Derrick Muneene and Philippe Veltsos, Technical Director Digital Health, PATH (TBC) Break out into groups that will each discuss: 1. Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define indicators on country use and implementation of course content, topics, digital health tools provided along the courses. - Integrate digital health implementation indicators at the national level. - Define ways of tracking accredited Trainer of Trainers, participation in courses etc. 2. Government engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to engage Government (MoH/MoF/MoE) in joint project ideation for updating and adjusting digital health training modules. - Encourage countries, partners, and other stakeholders to commit to regional, and national strategies on digital health. - Integrate digital health implementation indicators at the national level. Modality: Presentation followed by Q&A and discussion in breakout groups
15:10 – 15:30	Closing for the day / Information about the field visit	Derrick Muneene and Joseph Chukwudi Okeibunor
15:30 – 17:00	Field visit	Details: TBC
End of Day 2 sessions		

Day 3 – Thursday 27 April 2023

Time	Session Theme	Speakers and Session Description
8:00 – 8:30	Registration of participants	
8:30 – 9:00	Recap of Day 2	<p>Moderator: Steven Uggowitzzer</p> <p>Rapporteur: Charles Boakye Kwanin</p>
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Governance of the Digital Health Learning programs</p> <p>Topic 3: Accreditation and certification</p>	<p>Continued from above -- Discussion and brainstorming on how to strengthen governance of the above Digital Health courses.</p> <p>Topic 3: Accreditation and certification</p> <p>Moderator: Adam Ahmat and Merrick Schaefer (TBC)</p> <p>Topics to be discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create, scale, and sustain an environment and processes that facilitate and induce digital cycle of capacity building program. 2. Accreditation and certification 3. Alumni network <p>Modality: Group discussion/work</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Development of 2023 Roadmap	<p>Moderator: Steven Uggowitzzer and Huguette Diakabana</p> <p>Interactive discussion and planning of the 2023 roadmap, inclusive of prioritization and identification of funding and gaps, addressing questions.</p> <p>Modality: Group discussion/work</p> <p>Group chairs: Derrick Muneene, Merrick Schaefer and Rwanda WHO Country Office</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Groups report back in plenary	<p>Group chairs: Derrick Muneene, Merrick Schaefer and Rwanda WHO Country Office</p> <p>Groups present key highlights and next steps from above discussions.</p>

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	Sustaining the course	<p>Moderator: Steven Uggowitz</p> <p>Group chairs: Steven Wanyee, Pascoal Bento, Garrett Mehl (TBC)</p> <p>Based on written learning and capacity-building programmes/reports which will be analyzed prior to the workshop, discuss how to sustain the course, including but not limited to topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to integrate the course into WHO and ITU Academies (e.g. Digital Health Channel in Open WHO, central repository) • How to incorporate into regional networks (e.g. HELINA) • How to engage universities and WHO Collaborating Centers for the continued design, development, updating of training module content. • Modality: Group discussion/work
15:30 – 16:00	Tea Break	
16:00 – 16:30	Groups report back in plenary	<p>Group chairs: Steven Wanyee, Pascoal Bento, Garrett Mehl (TBC)</p> <p>Groups present key highlights and next steps from above discussions.</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Remarks	<p>Moderator: Derrick Muneene and Joseph Chukwudi Okeibunor</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alain LABRIQUE, Director of Digital Health, and Innovation • Dr. Lindiwe MAKUBALO, WHO AFRO Assistant Regional Director
End of workshop		