

Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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Concept

Description of proposed side event, including objective, expected results, proposed programme and speakers* /
Description de la réunion parallèle proposée, y compris les objectifs, les résultats attendus, l'ordre du jour et les orateurs* :

Background

On October 27, WHO AFRO and the ITU signed a Cooperation Agreement aimed at utilization expansion in digital health applications use for accelerating Universal Health Coverage and SDG3 in the African region. This was designed in line with principles of people centered care and the enhanced role of UHC in the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG3; as part of development efforts towards 2030. The WHO AFRO's Health Systems and Services cluster (HSS) held a retreats in 2016 and 2017 to discuss how to move the regions SDG and UHC agenda forwards. They developed the "Framework of Actions for strengthening health systems for UHC and the SDGs" which was unanimously adopted by Ministers of Health in August 2017 at the 67th regional committee in Victoria Falls. This serves as the working tool for the region's member states journey towards achieving UHC. The purpose of the agreement with ITU, is to enhance the application of digital and electronic health methods and innovations to accelerate the UHC and SDG agenda in the Africa

The African Region is experiencing a rapid development of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), with 73.5% mobile penetration and 20.7% internet user's penetration, against 96% and 43% at World level (ITU source 2015). This rapidly developing situation provides an opportunity for eHealth innovations to assist Africa to rapidly reach the SDGs and UHC. The high proliferation of mobile phones and internet coverage, including in rural areas, brings a digital opportunities to increase access to health services, expand contributions to health care financing, increase health security by enhancing alert systems and provide better ways of collecting data for monitoring and assessments of UHC efforts. Results are already being seen in Africa for mitigation of NCDs using mHealth, and in reaching marginalized populations using technologies as drones to supply critical commodities.

Marked progress has been made in introducing Digital Health applications to the region, but challenges remain to move scale up from numerous pilots to country-wide sustained Digital services with the capacity (human resources etc) for these investments to improve health outcomes for the population of Africa .

The session will discuss in detail the progress made on digital health investments in Africa and how the agreement between WHO-AFRO and ITU proposes to support the massive scale-up required. The partnership will consolidate existing efforts and resources to make available ICT foundations and platforms required to scale up Digital Health services and also focus on building a skilled digital health workforce to effectively use ICTs for health in Africa. The partnership shall mobilize multi-stakeholder partnerships towards sustainable adoption of Digital Health, with reaching marginalized and rural populations, one of its key goals.

Objectives

The following are the session objectives

1. To discuss the status and opportunities of digital health in Africa in support of UHC and SDG3
2. To showcase existing implementations that support UHC and people centred health services
3. To disseminate the main lines of the WHO AFRO and ITU digital health initiative on UHC and SDG3 services
4. To mobilize and engage new global partners for testing innovative "leapfrog" technologies for Africa

Expected Results

The session is expected to generate at least 3 concrete regional and country based actions aimed at accelerating UHC and SDG3 using digital health; and to mobilize at least 3 new partners into the agreement.

Proposed Programme and Speakers

Co-Chairs

Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa and Mr Brahim Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU will co-chair the event.

Moderator :

Mr Andrew Rugege, Regional Director for Africa, ITU will co-moderate the session.

Participants:

- Ministers of health and state actors
- Telecoms operators representatives across Africa
- Donors representatives
- NGOs
- Development Banks representatives

17:00 – 17:10 Introductory remarks - Dr Matshidiso Moeti and Mr Brahim Sanou

17:10 – 17:15 The case for digital health in Africa to accelerate UHC – Dr. Delanyo Dovlo

17:15 – 17:20 The case for inventing in ICTs in Africa, to support UHC – Mr. Andrew Rugege

17:15 – 17:55 Panel Discussion

- Minister of Health – Nigeria
- Minister of Health – Lesotho - TBA
- Minister of Health – Gabon – TBA
- Minister of Health – Madagascar - TBA
- DFID Representative – TBA
- World Bank – Representative - TBA

17:55 – 18:10 Q/A session

18:10 – 18:20 Closing remarks Dr Matshidiso Moeti Mr Brahim Sanous

Event details / details de la réunion

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 60

Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion: Accelerating Universal Health Coverage using Digital Health in Africa

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