

Contribution of the Dynamic Coalition on Data Driven Health Technologies DC DDHT) to the Internet Governance Forum Main Dynamic Coalition’s Mission in 2021.

The DC DDHT has as its main core values a multi-stakeholder collaboration approach and this is evidenced by the range of nationals participating from a variety of sectors within our DC. The DC has as its core value the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goal Number 3, of Health and Wellness for All, as the basis for Economic and Social Inclusion with Human Rights viewpoint in to policy development. With this in mind, as the DC is based within Internet Governance, the DC supports the initiatives of the IGF for Universal Access and Meaningful Connectivity so as to provide healthcare through telemedicine for all and for activities supporting wellness on the internet.

As a specialist sector DC that uses the power of the internet to support delivery and servicing of ehealth, mhealth and associated services (supply chain, insurance, payments etc.), we work collaborately with other IGF entities working towards creating cooperation and ecosystems. This also means that the DC has an interest in emerging regulation for market structure, content and data management. Healthcare and Wellness for All issues, pervades many of the interest areas of Internet Governance and as such the DC has to engage in cross-cutting initiatives to meet its own mandate under UN SDG #3.

Universal Access, Meaningful Connectivity, Social Inclusion and Digital Rights

Through the 2021 DC online book chapters for “Health Matters, Technologies Driving Change in Healthcare, a Community of Thought”, all areas of connectivity, social inclusion, economic matters and so forth with the impacts from emerging technologies, new social norms and economic activities for resilience have been discussed in depth, with impacts for the future. This is a significant body of knowledge shared by our DC members with the UN IGF community.

Environmental, Sustainability & Climate Change

The DC DDHT carried out workshops in 2021 for IGF DCs so as to spark conversations around Environment, Social Governance (ESG), through a series on ESG, Brand Management, The Value Propositions, Ethics, Risk Management issues that are applicable to the internet and in particular to ehealth and mhealth.

Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation

As a multi-stakeholder group across sectors, pursuing the betterment of internet and mobile technology for healthcare, we are already, as a group, working as an ecosystem within digital co-operation. The DC made a contribution to the ITU Working Group on the Internet in support of their search for solutions for a better internet for healthcare, given the lessons learnt from the Covid 19 pandemic. Our DC book, already mentioned, covers these topics within its chapters as well.

Trust, Security and Stability

The DC hosted a preparatory event at IGF in 2021 on the applicability of the UN Sendai Framework for ehealth and mhealth and associated technologies on the internet, including issues such as for data governance for public health. This discussion on risk management is the basis of creating trusted, secure and stable internet serviced services and products for healthcare.

In summary our workshops, collaborative participation and book chapters written by our members and associates of the DC, support the activities of the UN IGF and the Main DC mandates in a significant manner.

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