Introduction

COVID-19 has brought to focus the importance of using technology for healthcare delivery at all levels, be it primary, secondary, or tertiary care. It is time that healthcare systems across the globe adopt and incorporate Internet and Internet-based technologies across the continuum of care. We must strive and work together to galvanize all stakeholders so that the three-tiered healthcare system becomes four-tiered to include digital health as the base tier.

The Dynamic Coalition on Digital Health is not just timely but critical to showcase and enhance the role of the Internet and the Internet of things in digital health. This will aim to boost the adoption of digital health to make healthcare become affordable, effective, and outcome-driven, with patient centricity as its overarching theme.

Goals

- o Galvanize stakeholders from across the globe in digital health through this dynamic coalition on a single platform.
- o Engage global stakeholders and grassroots organizations to address the critical issues for the success of digital health across developed, developing, and underdeveloped economies.
- o Showcase the implementers at the annual IGF and disseminate the information needed to boost the adoption of digital health.
- o Work together with clinicians and allied health professionals besides the healthcare managers across the private and public sectors to boost the adoption of digital health.

Action plan

- o Come out with a yearly report on the 'State of Digital Health' highlighting achievements, best practices, and the need gap to boost the adoption of digital health at scale.
- o Organize online and offline workshops across regions on how local communities can leverage the Internet for digital health.
- o Organize a global meeting annually on a rotation basis.

- Showcase real-life stories and brainstorm ideas and innovations at regional IGF and annual IGF meetings.
- Come out with white papers and knowledge papers across the regions and sectors in digital health, and work with other DCs to achieve our objectives.

Stakeholders

- European Connected Health Alliance – EU (civil society). Represented by Brain O'Connor, Chairman.
- Health Parliament – Digital Health Associates – India (private sector). Represented by Dr. Rajendra Pratap Gupta, Founder & Chairman.
- Digital Health Academy – India (academia). Represented by Ms. Mevish P.Vaishnav, Group Chief Operating Officer.
- National Digital Health Mission (National Health Authority), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India (Government). Represented by Dr. Praveen Gedam, Additional CEO.
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- Dubai Health Authority (government). Represented by Osama Elhassan, Specialist – eHealth & Smart Health Department.

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Action points – Activities in 2022

1.Annual Global Digital Health Survey

Digital Health is fuelling a revolution in the healthcare industry. COVID-19 has highlighted the importance and need for digital health interventions. Healthcare is becoming more accessible, affordable, and outcome-driven as a result of advances in digital health.
A global online survey was conducted on the SurveyMonkey platform. The survey ran from September 5, 2022, to January 18, 2023. A total of 302 responses were received from 58 countries worldwide. The survey was promoted on various social media platforms as well as through the DC-Digital Health stakeholders' network with an aim to analyze and comprehend people's basic knowledge of Digital Health, as well as to raise awareness about it and gauge their willingness to use these interventions to seek medical assistance.

2. Global Digital Health Summit, Expo, and Innovation Awards 2022

India's first-ever Global digital health Summit, Expo & Innovation Awards was hosted by Digital Health Associates in association with Internet Governance Forum-Dynamic Coalition

on Digital Health at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the 28th and 29th of October 2022. The massive summit saw attendance of more than 700 healthcare delegates across continuum of care.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, M.B.B.S., M.D.- Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Government of India as the Chief Guest graced the summit. With a unique and esteemed line-up of world-renowned healthcare leaders and digital health practitioners as speakers, the most important and pressing issues were discussed. over the course of two days, from addressing the 'Return on Investment in Digital Health' to 'Digital Health Adoption', 'Digital Health Start ups', and 'Emerging Digital Health Technologies', six hard-hitting & insightful panel discussions took place. Certificate Masterclasses were held with the world's foremost leaders in digital health. Rt. Hon Patricia Scotland KC, Secretary General of the Commonwealth, also delivered remarks.

The Global Digital Health Awards received an overwhelming response. Our esteemed jury shortlisted 35 innovative applications after several rounds of screening. Out of the shortlisted nominees, at the summit, 15 ground-breaking and innovative healthcare start-ups and organizations were facilitated with the "Global Digital Health Innovation Awards 2022."

The global summit gave 21 exhibitors a rare opportunity to showcase their work to global leaders and healthcare experts.

The summit was a huge success and provided various stakeholders with a unique platform to network, share, and create ideas that will boost the adoption of the digital health mission in India.

3. IGF 2022 Ethiopia conference- Digital Health Academy booth

IGF-DC on Digital Health put an exhibition stall at the 17th Internet Governance Forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The work was presented to global leaders by Dr. Rajendra Pratap Gupta.

4. The Dynamic Coalition on Digital Health also was present in-person at the annual forum in Ethiopia, and the chairman and co-ordinator were present and hosted two session – Sustainable Automation & Responsible Internet Usage.

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