

**COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT
(CSTD)**

**Twenty-fourth session
Geneva, 17 to 21 May 2021**

**Submissions from entities in the United Nations system, international
organizations and other stakeholders on their efforts in 2020 to
implement the outcomes of the WSIS**

Submission by

World Health Organization

This submission was prepared as an input to the report of the UN Secretary-General on "Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels" (to the 24th session of the CSTD), in response to the request by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2006/46, to the UN Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS as part of his annual reporting to the Commission.

DISCLAIMER: The views presented here are the contributors' and do not necessarily reflect the views and position of the United Nations or the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

WHO contribution to the annual report on "Progress made in 2020 in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels"

Part 1:

WHO is committed to connecting countries and stakeholders to collectively act upon global opportunities to improve health and work towards Health for all. WHO is committed to the creation of *Digital Health Network of Networks*, a committed global and inclusive collaborative on digital health to encourage sharing of best practices and lessons learned. The network will...

1. advocate people-centred health systems that are enabled by digital health, one of the strategic objectives from WHO's global strategy on digital health, adopted by Member states at the 73rd World Health Assembly.
2. identify common opportunities and challenges relevant to all countries and stakeholders, regardless of the quality and level of development of their digital systems
3. enable contribution to the global digital ecosystem for health with a focus on what success looks like for each stakeholder
4. unite a globally coordinated, inclusive multi-stakeholder community
5. accelerate the adoption, scale-up, and capacity building of digital Health solutions and serve as a platform to share best practices and lessons learned

In order to ensure that this network is a global representation of multi-stakeholders from all sectors, the WHO organised a series of roundtables since early 2020 with a variety of stakeholders discussing topics of common interest on digital health including digital transformation, early warning disease surveillance systems and the digital health network and networks and our vision on how we see it all coming together.

The round tables so far have taken place with the Member States, Foundations and development partners, CSOs & NGOs and the Academia sector. The round table with WHO Collaborating Centre's (WHO CCs) and the Private Sector are scheduled in early 2021.