



WHO Africa and ITU are joining forces to initiate a major effort to support member states in making full and sustainable use of ICTs in health service delivery for the quest to improve population and individual health and ensure healthy lives and wellbeing for all in the Africa region.



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In a world where health systems are facing increasing pressure to **IMPROVE QUALITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY IN A VERY COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER**, incorporating ICTs and the benefits they bring is an absolute priority. As well as saving lives and money, **DIGITAL HEALTH INITIATIVES CAN HELP ENSURE FAIRNESS IN SERVICE DELIVERY AND THEREBY STIMULATE PROGRESS IN PUBLIC HEALTH** and can make the system work for the whole population. Digital Health initiatives have demonstrated already significant potential of ICT to empower healthcare workers and the beneficiary population by providing them with the right information at the right time and place.



The initiative will consolidate existing efforts and resources towards making available ICT foundations and platforms that are a requirement for providing and scaling up Digital Health services.

The partnership will also focus on building a capable workforce to effectively use ICT as well as addressing the need of multi-stakeholders partnership models that can bring about sustainable adoption of Digital Health. It will bring together several partners including financial institutions, telecommunications operators and ICT companies with the aim to **STRENGTHEN PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO INCREASE THE RESILIENCE OF HEALTH SYSTEMS** and improve their services and accessibility through the use of ICT.



The initiative will establish the foundations in countries to deliver Digital Health services such as **mHEALTH, e-LEARNING, HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS, TELEMEDICINE AMONG OTHERS**. It is anticipated that all countries in the Africa region will benefit from this initiative over the 2018-2030 period, over a span of four 3-year phases planned for the program.

Finally, the partnership will disseminate best practices in the field of Digital Health in the region and ensure a real assessment of the impact of these tools on health systems.