



Wilton Park

Provisional programme

## **Visioning the future: governance pathways to better health futures**

Thursday 8 October 2020 | WP1786V2

**To be held virtually**

This virtual Wilton Park stakeholder meeting supports the work of The Lancet & Financial Times Commission *Governing health futures 2030: Growing up in a digital world*. The Commission is charged with developing a vision for governance of health futures, as they are shaped by digital health technologies and AI applications, with emphasis on low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The work is specifically concerned with improving the health and well-being for children and young people and supporting the attainment of universal health coverage (UHC).

On 3-4 September, leading thinkers from around the world came together to discuss health futures, digital frontiers, and the different digital and political orders of societies. These discussions raised questions about how we reframe governance for the future, a future that is increasingly uncertain. Can health be a trojan horse for digital surveillance and individual data commodification, or can it be a trailblazer, shaping governance discussions, increasing accountability, and advancing UHC?

This dialogue will bring together the themes raised in these discussions for a deep dive into governance recommendations and opportunities at country and global levels. The aim of this dialogue will be to concretise and translate governance concepts into practical and tangible responses. What governance options do we have, and do we need? What governance pathways are necessary to govern health futures two, five, 10, and 15 years from now? These insights will further the Commission's thinking for its final report due in 2021.

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## Format

This is a 3-hour virtual meeting involving Commissioners, key influencers, academics, policy makers, and civil society.

The meeting will involve a mixture of round-table discussions and focused breakout small group sessions.

A written report summarising the themes of the discussion will be made available after the meeting for participants.

## Thursday 8 October 2020

1400 British Summer Time (180 minutes)

1400-1410

### Welcome and introduction

#### **Nancy Lee**

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

#### **Iлона Kickbusch**

Co-chair, Lancet & Financial Times Commission; Chair of the International Advisory Board, Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

#### **Precious Matsoso**

Director, Health Regulatory Science Platform, Wits Health Consortium, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

1410-1530

### 1. Governance pathways to better health futures

Previous dialogues have explored the difference geopolitics and digital orders driving AI and digital developments. Respecting social, political, and cultural norms, different countries and regions may require agile governance frameworks to support equitable health futures for all people in a digital age. During this session, pairs of academics and policymakers will present their visions of governance pathways to better health futures for comment and discussion, considering the ways in which digital technologies for health are influencing the governance of health futures. In developing their models, each pair will explore the following:

- What governance pathways support progress toward and impact on UHC in the immediate future, in five years, and in 10-15 years, taking into account the role of digital transformation of health?
- Consider a possible stepwise approach, looking at baseline, strategic, and visionary governance needs to achieve progress and a trajectory toward better health futures in a digital world.
- What governance aspects will be most challenging and what will be required to address these challenges?
- Who should be involved in shaping, implementing, and monitoring these pathways?
- What governance areas require further research and investigation?

Policy experts, civil society representatives, and others will be called upon to respond to these models followed by open discussion with all participants.

#### **Chair: Chair: Njide Ndili**

Country Director, PharmAccess Foundation, Lagos

## Europe:

### **Josef Noll**

Visionary, Basic Internet Foundation, Department of Technology Systems, University of Oslo

### **Christine Holst**

Doctoral Research Fellow, Institute of Health and Society, University of Oslo

## North America:

### **Adele Waugaman**

Senior Advisor, Digital Health, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington DC

## Asia

### **Kristin Shi-Kupfer**

Professor of Chinese Studies, Trier University

## Latin America and African emerging internets

### **Pablo Orefice**

eHealth Governance Initiative; Director of Health, AGESIC, Montevideo

### **Nneka Orji**

Senior Health Economist, Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja

(1450-1520)

### **Response to proposals**

Given the proposed possible models for governance pathways presented in the session before, this session turns to the perspectives of a range of policy makers, academics and representatives from civil society regarding the models.

- How do these models address critical principles of equity, access, and health for all?
- How challenging will these models be to implement in different settings?
- Are there common aspects of these models that should be inherent in all governance pathways?

### **Chair: Emanuele Capobianco**

Director, Health and Care Department, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Geneva

### **Mutale Nkonde**

Chief Executive Officer, AI For the People, Inc, New York

### **Vural Özdemir**

Independent writer, Innovation Policy and Digital Health Futures, Toronto

### **Rasha Abdul Rahim**

Co-Director (acting), Amnesty International UK, London

### **Robert (Bob) Fay**

Managing Director, Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo

### **Piret Hirv**

Health Technology Division Manager, Tallinn Science Park Tehnopol, Tallinn

(1520-1530)

Plenary discussion

1530-1540

Break

1540-1605

## **2. Breakout groups: navigating these governance pathways**

Reflecting on the models presented in the first session, consider the following questions:

- What aspects of the models presented do you think are universal and should be included in all governance pathways?

- What aspects of the models presented do you think are most challenging to implement? If they should be aspired to, what needs to happen to enable implementation?
- Where are the gaps in knowledge or current enabling environments that need to be addressed? Who can address these?
- What aspects are integral for baseline / essential governance? What aspects would be nice to have but not work everywhere? What aspects are visionary, and should be strived for?

1605-1620

### 3. Report back from breakout groups

Opportunity for breakout groups to share key points from discussions.

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Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

1620-1650

### 4. Consensus building on governance pathways: How to achieve cooperation and tactics to get there

Developing consensus for governance pathways across a diversity of stakeholders to achieve equity and whole-of-society representation in digital health futures will present its challenges. What are some of the proposed fora and initiatives to take this work forward, and which stakeholders should be encouraged to engage? Are there gaps where the Commission could make recommendations? Who will be the key change makers and interlocutors to achieve digital cooperation for health?

Chair: **Dykki Settle**

Chief Digital Officer, PATH, Seattle

**Hani Eskander**

Digital Services Senior Coordinator, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Geneva

**Sunita Grote**

Innovation Fund Manager, UNICEF

**Bernardo Mariano Junior**

Director Digital Health and Innovation, World Health Organization, Geneva

1650-1700

### 5. Conclusion

**Ilona Kickbusch**

Co-chair, Lancet & Financial Times Commission; Chair of the International Advisory Board, Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

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