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The East Africa Digital Health Initiative

A New Approach for Shaping the Future of Healthcare in Africa

Venue:

Polaris Suite B

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20004

Date & Time: June 26th, 2018: 10.00am – 5.00pm

Session Description

The Digital Regional East African Community Health (Digital REACH) Initiative is a ten-year, comprehensive set of regional programs to apply ICT across the entire health sector for the improvement of health outcomes and the benefit of patients across East Africa.

Created and owned by the East Africa Community, this is the first time an Africa Union Regional Economic Community has come together to create an ambitious digital health initiative roadmap that is prioritized for investment by all Presidents of the East African Community Partner States.

This session is a forum to discuss opportunities for investment and partnerships in health and digital technology in East Africa, related to the ground-breaking Digital REACH Initiative.

Led by the EAHRC, this event will include an overview of the initiative plus dynamic discussion on private-sector engagement. Following the event, there will also be an opportunity for bi-lateral conversations about potential partnership and investment opportunities.

Objectives

- Introduce this ground-breaking, region-wide digital health initiative to the private sector,
- Solicit inputs and perspectives on compelling private-sector engagement models, and
- Identify opportunities for potential private-sector partnerships.

Agenda

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome coffee and networking**

10:15 – 11:15 **Opening Session (Chair: Zuberi Muvunyi)**

- Opening remarks: Zuberi Muvunyi, EAHRC Commissioner and DG of Clinical Services, Ministry of Health Rwanda
- Opening remarks: Cheryl L. Anderson, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Africa Bureau, USAID
- Digital Reach Initiative presentation: Prof Gibson Kibiki, Executive Secretary, East African Health Research Commission (EAHRC)
- Private Sector engagement overview: Brooke Partridge, CEO, Vital Wave

11:15 – 12:00 **Panel and Discussion on Private Sector Models**

- **Moderator:** Olasupo Oyedepo, Director, the African Alliance of Digital Health Networks
- **Panelists:**
 - Magnus Conteh, Director Community Health Academy, Last Mile Health
 - Angela Baker, Director, Global Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Impact, Qualcomm
 - Peter Arimi, Senior Regional Health Specialist, USAID Kenya and East Africa Mission
- **Q & A**

12:00 – 12:30 **Working Session**

- Identification of specific models of engagement, potential private sector companies, and examples.

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch and Networking**

14:00 – 17:00 **Bi-lateral meetings**