**Ministerial side event on the use of Artificial Intelligence for Health in the Africa Region**

**Venue: Lomé, Togo  Date: 25 August 2022 Time: 18:15hrs to 19:45hrs GMT  Duration: 1.5** **hours**  **Hybrid Format**

**Chair of the Ministerial Side Event: Minister of Health Togo**

**Setting:** All invited guests are seated, after taking their initial light refreshments. The Master of Ceremony, Prof Joseph OKEIBUNOR, will announce the commencement of the meeting and invite the WHO Assistant AFRO Regional Director, Dr. MAKUBALO, to open the session.

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| Time | Session Name | Session Theme | | Session Description |
| 18:15 to  18:35 | Opening session  (20 min) | MC: Dr. Joseph OKEIBUNOR  Moderated by Dr. MAKUBALO, Assistant Regional Director   1. WHO AFRO Regional Director (RD) opening remarks (8 min) 2. Chair Minister of Health Togo remarks (4 min) 3. ITU Regional Director for Africa remarks (4min) 4. Minister of Finance -Togo remarks (4 min) 5. USAID Representative remarks (4 min) | | This session will be hosted by the WHO AFRO RD and chaired by the Minister of Health of Togo (who chaired the 71st RC session). The Chair will call upon the representatives of the main partners who participated in the organization of the ministerial side event (ITU and USAID). The speakers will present their leadership views and expectations on AI’s safe and effective use in the African region. |
| 18:35 to 18:40 | Promotional video on AI in the African Region (5 min) | MC calls for the promotional video.  Promotional video on AI in the African Region | | |
| 18:40 to 18:55 | AI technological environment in the African region and the opportunities it offers in the fight against covid-19 (15 min) | **MC calls for the technical briefing.**  **Technical Briefing**  Moderated by Caroline GAJU, International Telecommunication Union   1. Mr. Housseynou BA, WHO AFRO Digital Health Focal Point 2. Mr. Derrick MUNEENE, WHO HQ, Unit Head, Capacity Building and Collaboration, Geneva | | This will be a moderated session where the outcomes of the AI technical workshop jointly delivered in June 2021 by WHO and ITU with support from USAID will be presented. The results from the digital health survey conducted by WHO AFRO will also be discussed and presented, focusing on the AI components of the study, including discussions on WHO’s work on AI. |
| 18.55 to 19:39 | Ministerial statements and open discussion (44 min) | | MC calls for the ARD to moderate the ministerial interaction.  Moderated by Dr. MAKUBALO, Assistant Regional Director   1. Interventions from Ministers of Health: Republic of Malawi, Cape Verde (5 min for each Health Minister) 2. Interventions from Minister of ICT of Togo (5 min) 3. Interventions from Ministers of ICT: Republic of Congo, Cape Verde (5 min for each Minister) through hybrid connection | This session will lead to an open discussion with selected Ministers, asking them to give fire starter interventions on the subject. Also, share experiences from their countries on the use of digital technologies such as AI for Health. |
| 19.39  to  19:45 | Closing session  (6 min) | | MC calls for the RD and Minister of Health Togo to close the meeting.   1. WHO AFRO RD (3 min) 2. Minister of Health of Togo (3 min) | This session will include a vote of thanks and closing remarks. It will also highlight the following steps, including opportunities for WHO and ITU (with support from USAID) to advance digital health at the national and regional levels. |
| 19.45 | Serving of Dinner | | | |

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