ECHAlliance - The Global Health Connector

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[ECHAlliance - The Global Health Connecto](#)r welcomes the more networked and inclusive multilateral co-creation of the agenda of the Summit of the Future. At the 9th Science Summit in New York in September 2023, we hosted the Global Health Connector event to generate actionable recommendations across four pivotal areas: Data and Digital, Healthy Ageing, Green Health, and Women's Health. We are sharing those insights to help shape the discussions at the Summit. Brian O'Connor, ECHAlliance's Chair, has joined the Summit's Advisory Panel, reinforcing our commitment to revitalizing the delivery of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We are a multi-stakeholder international organization, facilitating connection and knowledge exchange among the players engaged in digital health innovation and deployment, driving sustainable change and disruption in the delivery of health and social care. Working in Europe and beyond, its community gathers 1000+ member organizations and reaches out to a network of 26.000+ experts among governments, health & social care providers, leading companies and start-ups, researchers, insurances, patient organizations, citizens and investors.

We are working on multiple international Research & Innovation projects and we bring the perspective of the active player - connector in the field of health and wellbeing, representing the voice of government, industry, society and academia.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

In this area we believe that the world will benefit from the following:

- **Promote Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Encourage interdisciplinary collaboration among stakeholders from various sectors, including healthcare providers, policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, and community representatives. Effective collaboration can lead to innovative solutions, knowledge exchange, and holistic approaches to healthcare challenges.

- **Harness Technology and Data:** Leverage the power of technology and data to drive healthcare improvements across all themes. Establish global data standards, encourage the responsible use of digital health solutions, and invest in research and development to meet evolving healthcare needs, including personalised care and sustainability.
- **Prioritise Health Equity and Inclusivity:** Prioritise health equity and inclusivity in all healthcare initiatives. Recognize that healthcare disparities exist within and across themes and regions. Implement policies and interventions that address these disparities, ensuring that healthcare services and innovations are accessible, affordable, and culturally sensitive to all populations.

Chapter II. International Peace and Security

In this area we would like to highlight the need for multi-sector collaboration, as well as international collaboration for health and wellbeing. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how important it is to share information across borders and collaborate on the solutions. The war in Ukraine demonstrated how important is global solidarity and support - both on humanitarian as well as development levels.

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Chapter III. Science, Technology, and Innovation, and Digital Cooperation

As the organisation that works globally on the domain of digital health and digital transformation, with the strong focus on multi-stakeholder collaboration and breaking the silos, we present the following recommendations:

- **Multi-Sector Collaboration for Healthcare:** Recognizing that no single organisation, sector, or country can solve global healthcare challenges alone, we urge industry leaders, policymakers, healthcare professionals, providers, NGOs, and the voluntary sector to enhance collaboration. The Summit of the Future should serve as a platform for fostering innovative partnerships, sharing best practices, and collectively addressing healthcare issues.
- **International Standards for Digital Health Products:** We propose the creation of a United Nations-led international plan for assessing the quality, safety, and efficacy of digital health products and services. This plan should establish global standards and certification processes to ensure that digital health innovations meet high-quality standards, protect patient data, and enhance healthcare delivery worldwide.
- **Data Collection for Underserved Communities:** To bridge the gap in healthcare data for underserved communities, we advocate for immediate action to collect missing data. The Summit should prioritise initiatives that focus on gathering comprehensive health data

from marginalised populations. This data can then inform targeted interventions and policies to reduce health disparities.

Additionally**, we emphasise the importance of a global campaign to boost health and digital literacy, targeting all stakeholders including citizens, patients, healthcare professionals, policymakers, and healthcare administrators.** This campaign should include the development of toolkits, guidelines, and best practices to ensure that new technologies like AI are harnessed effectively for treatment, prevention, and overall well-being, benefiting all communities worldwide.

Chapter IV. Youth and Future Generations

Considering the fact that the young generation will carry on the burden of the climate change, we want to share the recommendations related to the sustainable healthcare:

- **Transform Healthcare for Sustainability:** Recognize and address the environmental impact of the global healthcare system by committing to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. To achieve this, establish a dedicated Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for Green Health, emphasising the need for climate-resilient healthcare infrastructure and the integration of renewable energy sources within healthcare facilities.
- **Collaboration Across the Healthcare Supply Chain:** Encourage collaboration across the entire healthcare supply chain, involving clinicians, healthcare providers, administrators, manufacturers, and governments. This collaboration should focus on identifying and implementing sustainable practices, reducing emissions, and adopting environmentally friendly technologies in healthcare delivery.
- **Data-Driven Sustainability:** Develop data standards for measuring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions within the healthcare sector. Utilise environmental data and predictive analytics to personalise health guidance for patients, promoting sustainable lifestyles and practices. Legislation and standards should be put in place to ensure transparency and accountability in reducing healthcare-related emissions.
- **Research Linking Health and Climate:** Invest in research to establish clear connections between healthcare outcomes and climate-driven care. Understand how environmental factors, such as air quality and climate change, impact health and well-being. This knowledge will inform targeted interventions and policies to improve public health in the context of a changing climate.
- **Interconnected Sectors for Human Well-Being:** Recognize the interconnectedness of sectors like healthcare, agriculture, environment, energy, and education in shaping human health and well-being. Promote policies and initiatives that foster positive interactions among these sectors, creating a ripple effect of beneficial changes. For example, sustainable agricultural practices can lead to improved nutrition and better health outcomes.

By implementing these recommendations, the global community can work toward a healthcare system that not only improves health outcomes but also contributes to the broader goal of environmental sustainability, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and fostering a healthier and more sustainable future for all.

Chapter V. Transforming Global Governance

Here we would like to reiterate our recommendations from Chapter I. We believe that interdisciplinary collaboration, leveraging technology and data, and addressing disparities are key elements needed to transform global governance.

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