Joint Inter-Ministerial Policy Dialogue on Standardization and Second WHO Forum on eHealth Standardization and Interoperability

Executive Board Room, WHO Headquarters
10-11 February 2014 - Geneva, Switzerland

Agenda

“The use of eHealth and mHealth should be strategic, integrated and support national health goals. In order to capitalize on the potential of ICTs [Information and Communications Technology], it will be critical to agree on standards and to ensure interoperability of systems. Health Information Systems must comply with these standards at all levels, including systems used to capture patient data at the point of care. Common terminologies and minimum data sets should be agreed on so that information can be collected consistently, easily and not misrepresented. In addition, national policies on health-data sharing should ensure that data protection, privacy, and consent are managed consistently.”

Keeping Promises, Measuring Results

Forum objectives:

- Facilitate a dialogue on the need for policy and governance mechanisms for adoption of health data standards in countries
- Propose a policy and governance framework for standards adoption at national and sub-national levels

Day 1 – Monday, 10 February 2014

08:30–10:00 Coffee and registration

10:00–10:15 Welcome remarks
Dr Marie-Paule Kieny, Chair of the Forum
Assistant Director-General, Health Systems and Innovation Cluster,
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Objectives and expected outcomes
WHO Secretariat
10:15–12:00  Panel 1: Policy approaches in eHealth standardization and interoperability
   • Highlights of policy approaches to adoption and implementation of health data standards for functional eHealth systems and services
   Plenary discussion

12:00–13:30  Lunch

13:30–15:00  Panel 2: Successful policy interventions to overcome barriers in standards adoption
   • Infrastructure and workforce barriers
   • Regulatory and compliance barriers
   • Financing the implementation process
   • Evidence-informed policy tools and approaches
   Plenary discussion

15:00–15:30  Break

15:30–17:00  Panel 3: Governance, stewardship, equity and health systems integration of data standards and interoperability
   • Process of informing the design and choice of policy components
   • Compliance monitoring and evaluation
   • Governance and stewardship mechanisms
   • Current approaches and good practices
   Plenary discussion

17:00–17:10  Announcements and adjourn

18:00–20:00  Reception
   WHO Restaurant
Day 2 – Tuesday, 11 February 2014

09:00–10:30  Panel 4: Policy and statutory authority components
        • Composition, role and function
        • Oversight, enforcement and compliance
        • Certificate of authority
        Plenary discussion

10:30–11:00  Break

11:00–12:30  Panel 5: Regional perspectives on governance and stewardship of eHealth standardization
        • Perspectives from select Member States
        • Role of WHO
        Plenary discussion

12:30–14:00  Lunch

14:00–15:30  Panel 6: Essentials of a good policy framework for adoption of standards for interoperability
        • Essential policy elements for implementation of standards at national level
        • Critical success factors for implementation of standards
        Plenary Discussion

15:30–16.00  Break

16.00–16.45  Propose a Policy Framework for eHealth Standardization and Interoperability
        Plenary discussion

16.45–17.00  Conclusion