

INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH – IS4H

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DECLARATION

The spread of **information and communications technology** and **global interconnectedness** has **great potential** to **accelerate human progress**, to bridge the digital divide and to **develop knowledge societies**, as does scientific and technological innovation across areas as diverse as medicine and energy.

Indicators are being developed to assist this work. Quality, accessible, timely and reliable **disaggregated data** will be needed to help with the **measurement of progress** and to ensure that **no one is left behind**. Such **data** is key to decision-making. **Data** and **information** from existing reporting mechanisms should be used where possible.

Fully operationalize the technology bank and science, technology and innovation capacity-building mechanism for least developed countries by 2017 and enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular **information and communications technology**

Ensure **public access to information** and protect fundamental **freedoms**, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements

Significantly increase **access to information and communications technology** and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the **Internet** in least developed countries by 2020

Baseline **data** for several of the targets remain unavailable, and we call for increased support for **strengthening data collection** and capacity building in Member States, to develop national and global baselines where they do not yet exist. We commit to addressing this gap in **data collection** so as to better inform the measurement of progress, in particular for those targets below which do not have clear numerical targets.

Data, monitoring and accountability. 17.18 By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and **reliable data** disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts

Ensure that **people everywhere have the relevant information** and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature



As national ownership is key to achieving sustainable development, the outcome from national level processes will be the foundation for reviews at regional and global levels, given that the global review will be primarily based on national **official data sources**.

They will be rigorous and based on **evidence**, informed by country-led evaluations and **data** which is high-quality, accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts.

They will require enhanced capacity-building support for developing countries, including the strengthening of **national data systems** and evaluation programs

Strengthening the capacity of national **statistical** offices and **data systems** to ensure access to high-quality, timely, reliable and **disaggregated data**.

The Goals and targets will be followed-up and reviewed using a set of **global indicators**. These will be complemented by indicators at the regional and national levels which will be developed by member states, in addition to the outcomes of work undertaken for the development of the baselines for those targets where national and global **baseline data** does not yet exist.

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