AI on Friday

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This week's edition is dedicated to **PAHO's 63rd Directing Council**, highlighting key discussions, commitments and opportunities to advance the responsible implementation of AI in health with Member States and partners across the Americas.

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From Dialogue to Implementation: AI-Enabled Telehealth

Here, El Salvador's Minister of Health discusses the potential integration of AI into the telehealth kit offered by PAHO through its Regional Revolving Funds. Ministers of Health and their teams engaged with PAHO to identify concrete opportunities for accelerating the responsible implementation of AI in health. Agreements were reached with several countries to develop practical initiatives, including community-based use cases demonstrating how responsible AI can strengthen the prevention, early identification, risk stratification and follow-up of noncommunicable diseases at the primary health care level.

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A Shared Commitment to Responsible AI in Health

PAHO personnel, representatives of Member States and partners reaffirmed their commitment to moving from discussion to implementation and advancing the responsible, safe and sustainable use of AI in health across the Americas.

The conversations highlighted the importance of developing practical solutions aligned with national health priorities while strengthening governance, human oversight, data protection, cybersecurity and measures to identify and mitigate bias.

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BIREME Harnesses AI to Expand Access to Scientific Knowledge

BIREME Director João Paulo Souza presents to Member States how BIREME is applying artificial intelligence to strengthen access to scientific and technical information across the Americas.
The work includes initiatives to improve the discovery, organization and synthesis of scientific literature; facilitate access to relevant evidence; and help health professionals, researchers and decision-makers identify and use reliable knowledge more efficiently.

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Advancing Telehealth and AI in Antigua and Barbuda

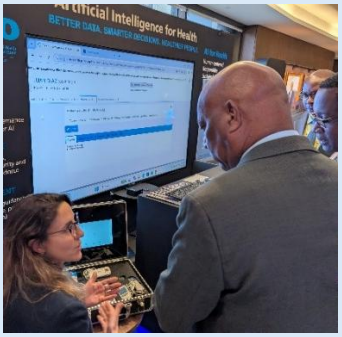
Among many others, PAHO's team met with the Minister of Health of Antigua and Barbuda to discuss opportunities to strengthen telehealth and advance the responsible use of artificial intelligence in the health sector. The exchange explored how these technologies could support national health priorities, expand access to specialized care, strengthen primary health care and improve continuity of services. The conversation also emphasized the importance of governance, workforce capacity, interoperability, data protection and cybersecurity to ensure that digital solutions are safe, sustainable and responsive to the country's needs.

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Throughout the week, ministers, delegates, partners and PAHO personnel exchanged ideas and explored practical opportunities for the responsible use of AI in health.

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PAHO's priorities on AI for 2026





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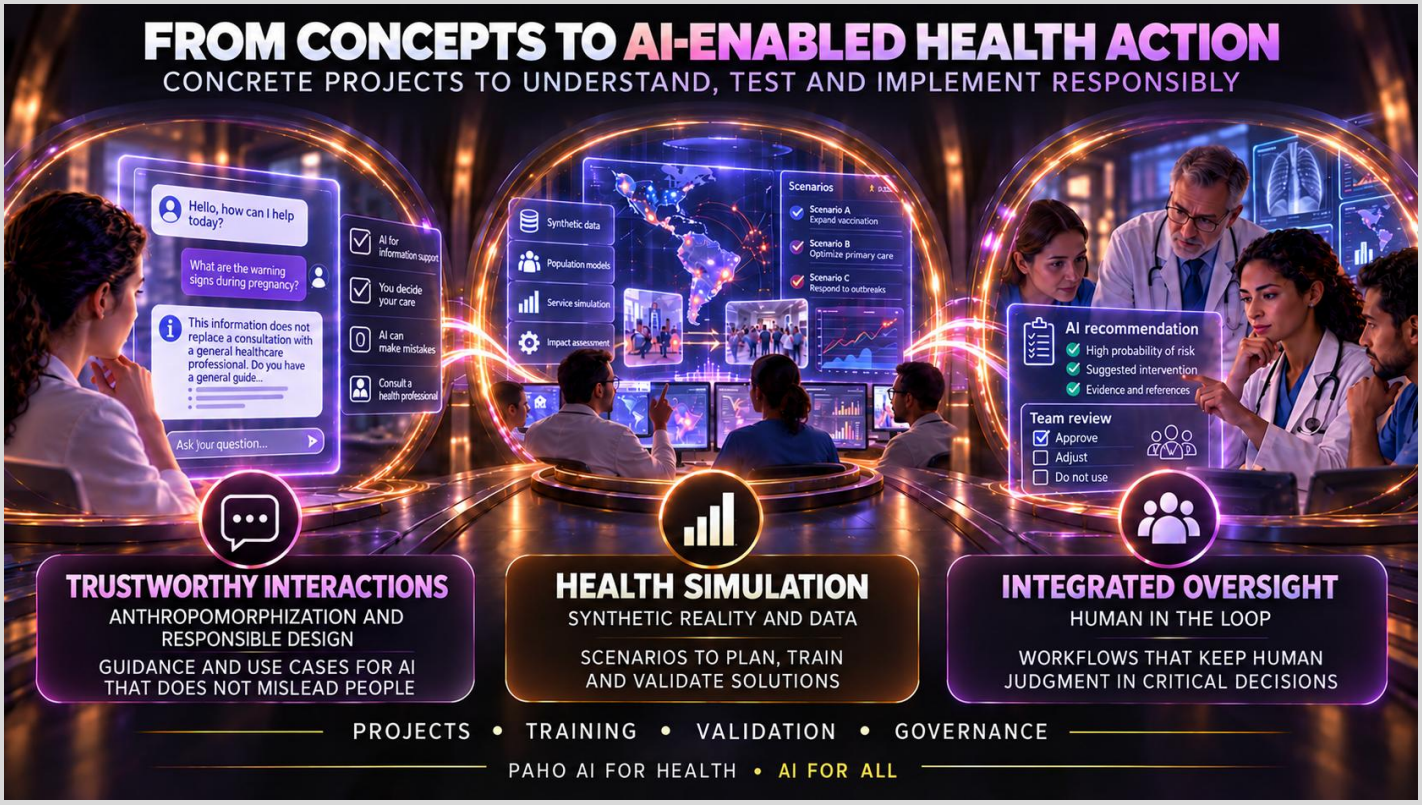
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