

Building the Capacity to Care

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Welcome, Welcome everyone! The objective of this side event is to share the experiences of various technological solutions in improving the accessibility of health services and education, as well as to learn from the experts, how to best apply technology in the learning process.

Established in 2001, The Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) undertakes initiatives with the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO), to achieve the hopes and dreams of Sustainable Development Goals.

Education improves health, while health improves learning potential. Education & Health, together, serve as the foundation for a better world. Join us to achieve – Education-for-all and Health-for-all for: **Every Woman, Every Mother, Every Child, Everywhere.** Literacy and access to quality healthcare are the human rights.

e-Health is a global phenomenon.

e-Health is the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) for health to treat patients, pursue research, educate healthcare providers, track diseases and monitor public health. The great enthusiasm over the use of emerging interactive health information technologies, and the potential these technologies have, to improve the quality, capacity, and the efficiency of the health care system, is phenomenal. However, many healthcare providers, advocacy groups, policy

makers and consumers are concerned that electronic health systems and telehealth, might help individuals and communities with greater resources; while it will leave behind those with limited access to technology. Let us not leave anyone behind, let us not leave anyone off-line.

We can do this!

Currently world's population is more than 7 billion. They all have one common dream and one strongest wish and desire, which all 7 billion people in this world, have in- common – and that is, **their children are educated by finest teachers, schools and universities to achieve a prosperous future.** This is a timeless & ageless wish, and desire. With this vision, when Women's Health and Education (WHEC) had submitted a proposal to UN DPI regarding Internet Classroom in maternal and child health, it was very well received. And on 24 October 2002 an e-Health platform WomensHealthSection.com was launched in 6 official languages of the United Nations.

In 2006, WHEC began developing scientifically based practice guidelines / Practice Bulletins. These guidelines are derived from the best available evidence of clinical efficacy and consideration of costs, with recommendations directly linked to the evidence. These evidence-based practice guideline / Practice Bulletins are intended to be a means of improving the quality of healthcare, decreasing its cost, and diminishing professional liability. This high-quality education is provided FREE to the healthcare providers and general public and to the whole world by the Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC).

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As a readily available introduction to, and overview of the topic – the articles in WomensHealthSection.com are peer reviewed, to maintain the highest quality and to verify clinical relevance, medical accuracy, and clarity of presentation. This knowledge, which touches patients all over the world, is the contribution of many groups and individuals, who participate in the process. As the practice of medicine evolves, so too, do WHEC Practice Bulletins.

Our faculty is from the best universities and teaching hospitals from USA and many other countries. I thank our Physician's Board for their services, contributions and friendship for all these years, to make this project a success. We are serving in 227 countries and territories, about 14 million visitors every year, who are the beneficiaries of this initiative.

In 2013, WHEC Global Health Line, was launched in collaboration with the Reproductive Health Research (RHR) division of the WHO. This Global Health Line is technically the Internet application of WHEC in USA, an Internet-facing collaboration platform, based on mutual benefit and mutual respect, approved and hosted by the WHEC in the United States of America. It welcomes International Organizations (IGOs), NGOs affiliated with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Academic Institutions.

In 2018, during the session of High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) at UN Headquarters, NY, on the invitation of UNITAR – LINK Access Project - *to provide access to reproductive health research*, was presented by me, in a Side Event. LINK is an acronym – means: Learning, Innovating, Networking for Knowledge. It was very well received. I have uploaded this Power Point

Presentation and you can easily download either from womenshealthsection.com or UN Web TV or the website of 59CSocD.

Big Question – Where do we go from here?

WHO Academy is an excellent initiative, which is based in Lyon, France and was launched in 2019 when Government of France, French President Mr. Macron pledged US\$ 100 million, (in Euro 90 million) to WHO, for the purposes of revolutionizing life-long learning in health. You will hear in great details about WHO Academy from Dr. Tana Wuliji, later in the program.

WHEC's collaboration with WHO Academy will bring together adult learning science, behavioral science and cutting-edge learning technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and virtual reality with WHO's norms, standards and evidence to deliver, high-impact accredited and tailored multilingual learning, to meet needs of 7 billion people of the world. WHEC is looking forward to develop strong collaboration with all the WHO Member States; and make this initiative a success.

Proceeding in this way, that not only strengthens capacity, but also preserves cultural integrity and increases the access to such technologies, for those who need it most, must remain the goal.

It is the poor and marginalized in our society and in our world, that have the most to gain from advances in healthcare and e-Health; sadly – at this point, they are often the groups, who benefit the least.

Government Commitment is Necessary – Long-term government commitment, based on a strategic plan is a pre-requisite for the successful implementation, of Internet Classrooms in Health and Education, in every country – rich and poor alike. This commitment may be in the form of:

1. A long-term plan that is binding on all parties at all times;
2. Sustainable finance;
3. Support for pilot projects/programs and their conversion to regular programs as soon as they prove successful;
4. Involvement of health authorities at national, state and district levels.

Join the movement!

We welcome everyone!

Thank you.

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