

## **59<sup>th</sup> CSocD Side Event**

### **Role of digital technologies on social development and well-being of all**

**11 February 2021**

**10:00 am – 11:15 am**

In the 21st century, information and communication technologies have become key enablers in every facet of human activity. We are in the midst of a digital proliferation around the globe which is allowing us to be more connected and with greater access to data than ever before. As a result, mobile health - the use of mobile and wireless communication and devices for providing healthcare services or achieving health outcomes - is at a significant tipping point.

Imagine students in developing and developed countries simultaneously reviewing the same medical education and learning from each other. That is e-learning at its best in an Internet Classroom, and with this goal Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) and the Department Public Information of the United Nations (UN) had launched <http://www.WomensHealthSection.com> on 24 October 2002. All over the world we all provide care to a multicultural society. By interacting with different cultures, we will be able to understand different customs, cultures and faiths, and learn to respect – the diversity.

Technology and innovation in learning are creating exciting new opportunities to accelerate progress towards health for all in every country. With multiple digital solutions, like the WHO Academy, there is a new focus on learning and building competencies, bringing lifelong learning opportunities. The WHO Academy aims to reach millions of people worldwide, offering high-tech learning environments, providing learning opportunities for leaders, educators, researchers, health workers, WHO staff and the broader public, and will deliver high quality, multilingual learning, both online and in-person, alongside a cutting-edge simulation center for health emergencies.

WHEC's strategy on e-Health and e-Governments focuses on strengthening health and education systems in countries; fostering public-private partnerships in information and communication technologies, research, and development for health and education. With special attention to the health and status of women, maternal mortality and morbidity, projects like LINK (Learning, Innovating, Networking for Knowledge) encourage National Academic Societies to contribute to continued education, and not only of their own professions and specialties but also of all providers of maternal and child health and family planning care, and especially those at the primary referral level. WHEC supports capacity building for e-Health and e-Governments applications worldwide and look forward to development and the use of norms and standards. We believe, on this path efforts never go to waste, and there is no failure.

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 learn from the experts how to best apply technology in the learning process.

## **Agenda**

10:00 **Welcome**

Dr. Rita Luthra, President & Editor-in-Chief, WHEC  
Mr. Werner Obermeyer, Director, WHO Office at the UN

### **Panel Discussion**

10:10 Dr. Tana Wuliji, Team Lead, WHO Academy

10:20 Dr. Dawna K. Jenne, WHEC Project with UNESCO

10:30 Ms. Helga Fogstad, Executive Director, PMNCH, WHO

10:40 Ms. Eva Kiegele, Technical Officer, WHO Office at the UN

10:45 Ms. Upasana Chauhan, Main NGO Representative to the UN

10:55 **Closing Remarks**

11:00 **Q&A**