

## Transform Health

### A Series of Consultative Workshops on Health Data Governance Principles

Transform Health is currently leading the development of globally unifying, human rights-based Health Data Governance Principles that are designed to enable equitable and responsible health data management, while safeguarding data privacy, ownership, and security. PATH is a founding member of Transform Health and is facilitating this process.

The Principles are designed to be inclusive and collaborative and we have actively engaged governments, international organizations, civil society, research institutions, and private-sector actors. Participatory initiatives led by young people, women and marginalized communities are crucial to ensuring the Principles are impactful.

In March 2021, a series of 4 regional workshops were hosted to support the co-creation of the Principles and collect reliable and representative inputs from regional thought leaders. Each of these workshops were conducted by a Transform Health partner network established in the region and attended by over 25 representatives from various organisations working on digital rights and data. The workshops were in:

- Latin America and the Caribbean – conducted by Red Centro Americana de Informática en Salud (RECAINSA) on March 11, 2021.
- Sub-Saharan Africa – conducted by the BID Learning Network on March 16, 2021.
- South and East Asia – conducted by the Asia eHealth Information Network (AeHIN) on March 19, 2021.
- Middle East and North Africa – conducted by Mwan Events on March 31, 2021.

On behalf of Transform Health, PATH also conducted a global workshop on April 29th to collect feedback from thought leaders in other regions. The workshops explored themes of national and community data governance mechanisms, data privacy & security, infrastructure & applications, human resources, technology & data standards, public engagement and financial resources. Workshop participants have since directly contributed to the first draft of the Principles. Once the first draft is complete, Transform Health will elicit further inputs from other global stakeholders through several targeted consultations in partnership with other global coalitions in the next few months, as well as a public comment process before launching the Principles in late 2021 or early 2022.

Transform Health continues to establish and explore meaningful collaborations with global multi-sector stakeholders for impactful development and implementation of the Principles, and to understand their scope and effect in different countries and regions. We envision the Principles to inform global advocacy efforts for the equitable and inclusive digital transformation of health systems. We invite you to get in touch if the Principles are relevant to you.