

RESEARCH, ACADEMIA AND TECHNICAL NETWORKS

Definition of the constituency in the HDC

The Research, Academia And Technical Networks Constituency incorporates communities concerned with the pursuit of research, education, and information exchange, with a particular focus on third level and other research institutions involved in development and strengthening of health information systems.

Constituency Membership

The constituency currently includes amongst others;

- United States Centre for Disease Control (CDC)
- Asia eHealth Information Network (AeHIN)
- Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Management Sciences for Health
- University of Oslo
- City University of New York
- Johns Hopkins University
- US Govt National Health Institute
- Open Communities
- Routine Health Information Networks Organization (RHINO)

Added value of the constituency in the HDC

The Constituency provides technical support to the HDC through working groups from the perspective of research and academia. There is also support given to capacity building efforts of the HDC.

As part of its effort to strengthen regional and country engagement, the HDC has engaged regional data and digital institutes as peer support mechanisms that can support HDC objectives and engage with capacity building on data and digital issues at all levels. The institutes would also support national & sub national data and digital institutes supporting HDC objectives and support engagement in national HDC activities.

The KEMRI Wellcome Trust (Kenya) and Institut Pasteur de Dakar (Senegal) are regional institutes that hosted the Global Partners Meeting for the HDC community in December 2021, where focus countries were able to share best practices, stimulate peer to peer learning to strengthen alignment with HDC objectives. We plan for the next GPM in Q4 of 2022 to be hosted by an Asian institute.

Constituency focus 2022-2023

- Establish regional repositories of best practice and knowledge exchange
- Subnational learning centres establishment and capacity strengthening on Health Information Systems and Digital Health