

The envisaged session for the Global Health Conference 2018 is entitled:

Digital Health as enabler for Digital Literacy and Digital Inclusion

“Digital” has changed our daily life to an extent that only few people have anticipated. Looking at digital usage in health, the most visible aspect probably is “Have you asked Dr. Google?”. Though digital is part of our health life in Norway and other developed countries, the situation is quite different for Global Health.

The session will address aspects and challenges of Digital Health, which, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) is: “The use of digital, mobile and wireless technologies to support the achievement of health objectives. Digital health describes the general use of information and communications technologies (ICT) for health and is inclusive of both mHealth and eHealth”. We aim to address and discuss digital health in general, digital health education more specifically, and finally the applicability in developing economies.

The session is truly cross-disciplinary, combining experts from IT, mobile, health research and public health. Questions to be discussed are (i) how can we reach people that are not part of the digital society, (ii) where can we best approach them, and (iii) what is the type of content which will reach the people?

Individual contributions will address

- Digital Literacy through targeted Health Information at Health Spots
- Introducing digital technology in the labor ward: Field Experiences from Tanzania
- The digital health revolution: is it also for developing countries?
- The development of mobile networks supporting digital inclusion

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