



## Bellagio Declaration, July 2008

# Making the eHealth Connection

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1.

Health information and knowledge are social determinants of health since inequities in access to information and knowledge generate and/or increase health inequities.



2.

Health information policies should be part of health policy in order to strengthen the use of information, knowledge, and evidence in decision making.



3.

E-health comprises health promotion, disease prevention and care, involving different stakeholders with different interests and needs. This requires a plurality of solutions in meaningful contexts.



4.

National and global research programs are essential to identify information needs, to recognize barriers to access, translation and use of information and to evaluate the impact of information and knowledge sharing interventions on health outcomes.



5.

The implementation of global eHealth initiatives should be based on partnerships involving various national and international players.



6.  
eHealth must be used to overcome barriers to access and use of quality health information and to enable the convergence of initiatives, products and solutions.



7.

Priority should be given to settings with weak production of and access to information and knowledge.





8.

The information and knowledge sources and tools developed and adapted by eHealth should be openly accessible and interoperable via adequate methods and technologies.



9.  
Information and knowledge sharing should be implemented through community participation, appropriate technology and integration of promotion, prevention, and care as a primary health care approach.



10.

Human resource capabilities should be expanded to incorporate the necessary skills for health information and knowledge management and sharing to meet the needs of different users, applying appropriate standards, methods and technologies.



# Steps to Implementation

1. Task force to develop an overall strategy for the steps to implementation, reflecting a plurality of solutions.
2. Practical pilots and prototypes of access to health information in the local context.



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3. Research pilot programs to evaluate impact on health outcomes.

4. Monthly teleconference meetings amongst task force participants to continue progress and drive results while informing and engaging the broader community.



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Members of the international community - donors, governments, industry, researchers and civil society are engaged in this effort to raise the profile of eHealth, form new partnerships and identify promising new areas of work for the Global South. While conference participation is by invitation only, we will be providing many ways to be involved with conference discussions through blogs, video

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