Africa Forum Regulatory Roundtable #4
Sandboxes and Health Data Challenges
May 22, 2024 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm UTC | 4:00pm - 6:00pm EAT

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Agenda (EAT)

4:00-4:10 pm EAT **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**
- **Lorrayne Porciuncula**, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative

4:10-5:00 pm EAT **PERSPECTIVES ON HEALTH DATA GOVERNANCE AND SHARING IN AFRICA**
This panel will explore the intricate landscape of health data governance and interoperability in Africa. Experts will discuss the current state of health data management, barriers to effective data sharing, and the opportunities that can be leveraged to enhance health outcomes across the continent.

Moderator:
- **Olivier Habumugisha,** Director, HealthTech Hub Africa

Speakers:
- **Phil Nsengimana**, Chief Digital Advisor, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- **Shikoh Gitau**, Founder and CEO, Qhala
- **Tom Oluoch**, Branch Chief, strategic Information, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Discussion questions:
- What are the main challenges you see in the current health data governance structures in Africa?
- Can you provide examples of successful health data interoperability in Africa and what can be learned from these cases?
- How do privacy concerns affect the sharing of health data, and what measures can be implemented to build trust?
- What role do you see for international cooperation in improving health data governance in Africa?

5:00-5:50 pm EAT **SPOTLIGHT ON SANDBOXES AND CONCRETE SOLUTIONS**
This discussion will focus on the use of sandboxes as innovative tools for advancing health data sharing and innovation in Africa. Panelists will examine how these controlled environments can foster the development of scalable solutions and the impact they might have on healthcare delivery and policymaking.

Moderator:
- **Justin Bryant,** Lead, Global Sandboxes for Data, Datasphere Initiative

Speakers:
- **Alberto-Giovanni Busetto**, Chief AI Officer, HealthAI
- **Chris Seebregts,** Founder, CEO, and eHealth Director, Jembi Health Systems NPC
- **Cyril Seck**, Strategy Advisor, Africa CDC

Guided questions for the presentations
- How can sandboxes be designed to specifically address and test solutions for health data challenges in Africa?
- What are some of the innovative solutions that have emerged from sandbox experiments related to health data, or that you hope to see from efforts happening right now?
- Looking forward, what potential do you see for scaling up successful sandbox models from national to regional to pan-African levels?

5:50-6:00 pm EAT **CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS**
This session will reflect on the key takeaways from the discussion.
- **Justin Bryant**, Lead, Global Sandboxes for Data, Datasphere Initiative