



24TH eHEALTH NETWORK MEETING 1-2 JUNE 2023, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

COVER NOTE

9. Presentation of WHO vision about international patient summary and vaccination card

1) Introduction

The WHO intends to implement a global health initiative to establish a Global Digital Health Certification Network (the 'GDHCN'). The GDHCN is a mechanism which allows the exchange of trusted health data, including COVID-19 certificates, and in the future also routine immunisation data and home-based records consistent with International Patient Summary standards. This mechanism provides means of harmonising global health protocol standards and establishing a system for recognition of digital certificates for continuity of care at point of entry. The GDHCN is designed to leverage existing investments by jurisdictions that were made under the COVID-19 response and provide the digital health infrastructure needed for resiliency in future epidemic and pandemic responses. As part of the GDHCN, WHO will establish and operate a global certification system that takes up the EU DCC trust framework, principles and open technologies under its own structure.

2) Issue at stake

The launch of the Global Digital Health Certification Network is planned for the beginning of June 2023. Several Member States are participating in its pilot.

3) Summary

WHO will present an overview of the Global Digital Health Certification Network initiative and its future use cases.

4) Format of procedure in the meeting

For information