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The HealthTech Dialogue Hub aims to catalyze technology-enabled innovation that strengthens health systems in low- and middle-income settings.

AI-driven solutions for health and care delivery are booming globally and there is a growing community of data scientists, entrepreneurs and healthcare workers exploring how these and other novel technologies can improve health outcomes in low- and middle-income populations around the world.

To capitalize on this boom, there is an urgent need for more opportunities to research, publish and collaborate on AI in global health. This is necessary for us to learn how to transition great ideas into impactful solutions; connect across disciplines, sectors and geographies; build a repository of evidence and lessons that can serve as best practice; and create a space for continuous development, training and upskilling.

In early 2020, the Novartis Foundation collaborated with the Harvard Global Health institute and other organizations to plan a Data Science & AI Summit (DASH) in Kigali, Rwanda, with the aim of inspiring, teaching and connecting innovators in the health data science/AI community within Africa.

The COVID-19 pandemic drove us to transform the planned physical event into a series of webinars and publications that explored the role of artificial intelligence in the COVID-19 response in low resource settings.

In 2021, the DASH collaboration expanded into the HealthTech Dialogue Hub, which aims to use the ongoing dialogue between government leaders and innovators to catalyze technology-enabled innovation that strengthens health systems in low- and middle-income settings.

Additional resources

- Visit: HealthTech Dialogue Hub
- Watch: DASH webinar series
- Read Ann Aerts' blog published as part of a DASH thought leadership series on the role of AI in the COVID-19 pandemic: Digital Health Takes Center Stage: How Governments Can Capitalize on Technology During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Read: Q&A: Health hub set to showcase tech-enabled innovations

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