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## CWDHI & CWCDH: BACKGROUND

In December 2015, the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA), nominated Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake as its nominee for the President of the Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA) [<http://www.commonwelathdoctors.org>] from 2016 to 2019. Prof. Dissanayake, with his background in genomics and biomedical informatics, proposed the Commonwealth Digital Health Initiative (CWDHI) as the flagship project of his Presidency. He presented this to the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Health (CACH) at its meeting from 17 to 18 March 2016 and invited the CACH to convene in Colombo in October 2016 during the 24<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of the Commonwealth Medical Association.

Prof. Dissanayake presented his plans for the initiative to the Council of the CMA at its meeting on 13 October 2016 and it was accepted. The Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA) held its 24th Triennial Conference on the theme 'Digital Health for Health and Wellbeing' in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 14 to 16 October 2016

[<http://www.cma2016.org>]. This conference was preceded by the meeting of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Health (CACH) from 12 to 13 October 2016. The deliberations of the CACH and the deliberations during the 24th Triennial Conference of the CMA resulted in the 'Colombo Declaration'. The declaration emphasized the importance of Digital Health. The Commitment was further strengthened during a visit of the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka to the Commonwealth Secretariat on 16 January 2017 [<https://www.thecommonwealth-healthhub.net/cwidh/>].

The CACH met again from 21 to 23 March 2017 in London, UK and approved the Commonwealth Policy brief on "Digital Systems for One Health – Global Health Security and Health Systems Strengthening in the Digital Era". This policy brief was presented to the commonwealth health ministers at the annual Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting (CHMM) on 21 May 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland.

It was envisaged that a Commonwealth Digital Health Network be set up with a central hub based in London working in collaboration with regional hubs in Commonwealth nations. This commitment was reaffirmed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Digital Health Conference held in Colombo from 10 to 12 October 2017.

The Commonwealth Centre for Digital Health (CWCDH) which was formally launched as a side event to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London on 20 April 2018 serves as the central hub of the Commonwealth Digital Health Initiative.



Meeting Between Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake, President, Commonwealth Medical Association and Rt Hon Baroness Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary General, Commonwealth of Nations on 22 March 2017 at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London to brief about the Commonwealth Digital Health Initiative.



### **The Rt Hon Baroness Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary General, The Commonwealth of Nations**

“Digital health systems are an increasingly important component in the delivery of health services and care. A range of Commonwealth contributions is enabling our member countries to adopt such solutions. These facilitate more equitable access for all communities in accordance with the values and principles of our

Commonwealth Charter. The Commonwealth Centre for Digital Health (CWCDH) has the potential to make new opportunities and tools available to health professionals in our member countries. Initiatives such as this exemplify the Commonwealth spirit of innovation which we encourage.”

### **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, The World Health Organization**

“Universal Health Coverage is WHO’s top priority. Our aim is a world in which all people receive the high-quality health services they need without suffering financial hardship. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alma-Ata Declaration which highlighted the vital importance of primary healthcare. Primary care remains the foundation of Universal Health Coverage. But today we have an extra tool that we did not have 40 years ago, digital technology. Mobile technologies and telemedicine can make a huge difference in helping to reach people in the remotest villages with medical services. Digital technologies can also be used to detect and respond rapidly to outbreaks and other health

emergencies, to train health workers, and to improve health data. More than 120 countries including many Commonwealth states have now developed digital health strategies. A key challenge is to make sure that new technologies are made to work for the poorest and the most vulnerable not just the rich. In that regard, I welcome the establishment of the Commonwealth Centre for Digital Health with its focus on fostering innovative technologies for health that are appropriate for low income countries. Thank you for your commitment. WHO stands ready to work with you to harness the power of digital technologies for a healthier, safer and fairer world.”

## The Rt. Hon. Professor the Lord Ajay Kakkar on behalf of the Health Partners Group, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council

“I had the privilege a few days ago in London on behalf of the Commonwealth Business Forum of chairing a session on new models of healthcare. In that session attended by representatives from throughout the Commonwealth we were able to look at issues that represent the important challenges in the delivery of healthcare across the 53 Commonwealth nations. We reflected on the huge demand and the need to improve health care throughout the Commonwealth but also the disparity in terms of clinical outcomes and access to healthcare resource. You would of course not be surprised by the fact that we settled on the issue of digital health as an important potential solution to achieve the ambition of Universal Health Coverage by 2030 across the Commonwealth nations. But the provision of digital healthcare solutions is attended by important challenges not only do we need to understand what solutions might be adopted, how they might be promoted and utilized across such disparate geographies and populations, but also touch on the issue of how this might be delivered responsibly. What are the questions with regards to digital security and

data security that need to be addressed? and How indeed should the provision of digital health be funded? What is the role of aid agencies and traditional approach to trying to achieve important objectives such as universal health coverage? and what in the era of innovation in healthcare might be the potential business solutions and models that might be adopted to ensure that access to digital health is provided quickly for the benefit of Commonwealth citizens throughout the 53 Commonwealth nation. These are vitally important questions that I hope might be addressed during the conference this morning and indeed beyond this conference as the Commonwealth Health Ministers meet ahead of the World Health Assembly in May this year in Geneva. The Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council stands ready through its Health Partners Group to assist in the development of potential models and also to inform the broader debate on how digital health might provide important solutions that are vitally needed if the global ambition with regards to Universal Health Coverage is to be achieved in the next 12 years.”

## Vint W Cerf, Google's Chief Internet Evangelist, One of the "Fathers of the Internet"

"First of all let me congratulate ..... for their extraordinary vision as they bring to life the notion of digital health and the potential that it bring to those of us in the developed world but perhaps more importantly in the developing world where internet needs penetrating more deeply. In-fact in the end as we learn more and more about how our bodies work we learn that more and more information is critical to understanding health. In fact it is more important in some ways than understanding disease. We want to keep people healthy and we want

people to know how to keep healthy. We want them to know what is the state of their health and what they can do to maintain it. I would like to suggest one other thing that this notion of digital health brings to mind, which is quite separate from all the wonderful thinking that you will be hearing about in this conference, and that is the idea that we also have digital health in our programmable devices, in our laptops, our mobiles, our cloud systems the like. Maybe we should be thinking about digital health in those terms too."

## CWCDH: PICTURES FROM THE LAUNCH



**The Group Photo After the Launch** - From Left to Right: **Denis Gilhooly** (CEO, Global Health 2030 Innovation Taskforce); **Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake** (President, Commonwealth Medical Association, and Chairman, CWCDH); **Dr. Pascale A. Allotey** (Director, International Institute for Global Health (IIGH) at United Nations University (UNU), Malaysia); **H.E. Maithripala Sirisena** (President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka); **Professor Dame Sally Davis** (Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for England, Chief Medical Advisor to the UK Government, Co-Convener, United Nations Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)); and **H.E. Dr. Christopher Fearne** (Deputy Prime Minister and Health Minister, Malta).



Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake Launching the CWCDH.

His Excellency Dr. Christopher Fearne delivering the Keynote Address.



**Roundtable Session 1 – *The Small & Vulnerable States Imperative – A New Deal for Resilience, Response, Recovery and Reconstruction*** – From Left to Right: **Dr. Mike Short** (Chief Scientific Advisor, Department of International Trade (DIT), UK); **Dr. J.P. Tabone** (Secretary General, Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA), Malta); **Dr. Kyu Rhee** (Vice President & Chief Health Officer, IBM Corporation & IBM Watson Health); **H.E. Dr. Christopher Fearne** (Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Health, Malta); **Dr. Solaiman Juman** (President, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance, Trinidad & Tobago).



**Roundtable Session 2 – *The Africa Imperative – A New Deal for Policy, Research & Development, and Scalable and Sustainable Business Models*** – From Left to Right: **Ms. Victoria Rutter** (Executive Director, Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA), UK); **Dr. Diana Atwine** (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Republic of Uganda); **Dr. Nevin Bradford** (Chief Executive Officer, CiplaQCi); **Ms. Lizzie Smith** (Head of the Health Profession, Department for International Development (DFID), UK).



**Roundtable Session 3 – *The Asia and Pacific Imperative – A New Deal for Digital Health Collaborative Innovation and Investment*** – From Left to Right: **Ms. Judith Diment** (Rotary Representative to the Commonwealth of Nations, Rotary International); **Dr. Sundaram Arulrhaj** (President, Commonwealth Medical Association Trust, India); **Dr. Ashley McKimm** (Director, Innovation, Improvement and Partnerships, British Medical Journal (BMJ)); **Dr. Layla McCay** (Director of Health Systems and Professional Education, World Obesity Federation); **Dr. Helmi Zakariah** (Chief Executive Office, Artificial Intelligence for Medical Epidemiology (AIME), Malaysia) **Dr. Jamal Uddin Chowdhury**, Member, Central Executive Committee, Bangladesh Medical Association; **Mr. Richard Rodgers** (Director, UN Political and Commonwealth Section, International Organisations Branch, Government of Australia).

### Vision

The Vision of the CWCDH is that all Commonwealth nations will have affordable access to the benefits of Digital Health solutions and services.

### Mission

The Mission of the CWCDH is to accelerate the uptake of Digital Health solutions and services across all the Commonwealth countries, by

- delivering innovative digital health technologies, infrastructure and services including those appropriate for low resource settings;
- setting up partnerships to accelerate implementation, achieve scale, improve efficiency and ensure sustainability;
- setting up programmes to develop digital health skills through education and training; and
- putting in place new financing mechanisms and business models to ensure solution sustainability, based on the commonwealth's value-based investment guidelines.

- **Provide taught leadership to help define global digital health priorities**

- Global Digital Health Partnership

The CWCDH was able to contribute to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit of the GDHP in London in September 2018 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Summit in New Delhi from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 where the 'Delhi Declaration on Digital Health for Sustainable Development' was adopted by participants from 26 nations.

- Digital Health Guidelines Development Committee (GDC) of the World Health Organization (WHO)

The CWCDH is represented in the Digital Health GDC of the WHO.

- **Provide expertise to develop policies, strategic plans, and implementation roadmaps**

- Commonwealth Digital Health Hubs

The CWCDH has signed up with Ministries of Health of the following countries to host regional hubs through which these expertise would be provided

- Uganda
- Malta

- The CWCDH is in discussion with the following organisations/countries to host Hubs and/or to assist their programmes

- The Pacific Community
- Trinidad & Tobago



- **Develop partnerships to build digital health skills among all categories of healthcare staff to facilitate deployment of digital health**

- Commonwealth Digital Health Fellowships

- South South Fellowships to follow the MSc in Biomedical Informatics Course of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

The MSc in Biomedical Informatics Course in the University of Colombo is one of the most successful digital health skills development programmes in the world with over 150 graduates produced during the past 10 years. We have negotiated with the University of Colombo to admit foreign students to the course. We are now in discussion with donor agencies to secure funding to support fellowships for candidates from Low Middle Income Countries (LMIC).

- South North Fellowships funded by Low-Middle Income Country (LMIC) Governments to develop their Digital Health Manpower

These fellowships are aimed at LMIC Health Ministries who show commitment to develop their country Digital Health Manpower capabilities by funding their staff to receive training or exposure in developed countries of the North.

Starting in mid 2019 the Sri Lankan government will be funding upto 20 fellows from Sri Lanka by providing them a £2000 per month stipend for up to one year (£24, 000) for their Biomedical and Health Informaticians who have completed the MSc in Biomedical Informatics and MD in Health Informatics qualifications to receive exposure in the developed world setting. We are working with NHS Digital, the European Connected Health Alliance (ECHA) and other partners to organise these fellowships.



**Sri Lankan Biomedical and Health Informaticians at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Digital Health Conference 2018.**

- South North Fellowships to follow short term courses with NHS Digital

NHS Digital has been offering Digital Health training for the past year. We have commenced discussions with them to explore the possibility of offering short term training for foreign students.

- **Collaborations and Partnerships**

CWCDH is in the process of establishing collaborations and partnerships with organizations across the world that have similar interest. These include:

- European Connected Health Alliance (ECHA)

The CWCDH and ECHA have been working collaboratively since the inception of the CWCDH. The collaborative activities included a Luncheon for thought Leaders in the Digital Health Industry facilitated by ECHA on 18 September 2018 in London, UK.

The CWCDH is in the process of signing an agreement with the ECHA for a wide-ranging collaboration that would include joint programme of work including Digital Health advocacy, Digital Health skills development, and setting up Digital Health Ecosystems in Commonwealth Countries. In addition the CWCDH plans to work jointly with the ECHA on the Digital Health Society (DHS) movement to extend their activities to the Commonwealth.

- Community Health Academy (CHA)

The CWCDH is in the process of signing an agreement with the CHA to jointly promote

- Health Systems Leadership; e.g. collaborative development, testing, and implementation of the Academy's HSLD program resources in CWCDH programs to help build the competencies and leadership needed to design, launch, scale, and/or enhance community health programs.
- Community health worker training: e.g. collaborative development, testing, and implementation of the Academy's CCE resources in CWCDH programs to help increase knowledge and skills as well as improve digital literacy in community health workers.
- Communities of Practice: e.g. create connections between CWCDH Regional Hubs and Networks and the Academy's Regional Hubs and Global and Regional Faculty Networks to share best practices and support peer to peer engagement.
- Resource mobilization: e.g. jointly developing and submitting funding proposals and/or leveraging their individual funding (for example through matched funding opportunities) to maximize how investments are made and their potential for impact.

- Regional thought-leadership working in partnership would create a greater platform than working as individual entities. Joining forces would open opportunities for CWCDH and the Academy to help shape and coordinate the work around digital health leadership and community health worker training. Current efforts by the global community, despite best efforts of key organizations and individuals, remain fragmented and under-resourced. CWCDH and Academy networks span governments, UN agencies, academia, practitioner, private sector, donor and philanthropy organizations across sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and the Americas. As partners they could play an important role in shifting the current debates into concrete action for large-scale, sustainable change.

- Interaction Council

The Interaction Council is the organization of former heads of government. The Council is committed to promoting the One Health concept. The CWCDH is working with the Interaction Council on promoting digital health as a component of the one health concept.

- Health Informatics Society of Sri Lanka (HISSL)

HISSL has been the technical and logistics partner of the CWCDI and CWCDH since its inception. HISSL has been managing all the Commonwealth Digital Health Conferences and Awards. HISSL has also been raising funds for these events on behalf of the CMA and CWCDH.

HISSL also maintains the websites and social media platforms of the CMA, CWDHI and CWCDH.

- Create platforms for recognizing Digital Health excellence and sharing of solutions and best practices
  - Commonwealth Digital Health Conferences (CWDHC)

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CWDHC were held from 14 to 16 October 2016 [<http://www.cma2016.org>], 10 to 12 October 2017 [<http://www.cmadhdc.org>], and on 11 and 12 October 2018 [<http://dhw2018.org>] respectively in Colombo, Sri Lanka. These highly successful conferences were attended by delegates from around the Commonwealth and beyond.



**The Leadership of the Commonwealth Medical Association at the Inauguration of the Commonwealth Medical Association’s 24<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference 2016 and the Conference on ‘Digital Health for Health and Wellbeing’ from 14 to 16 October 2016 in Colombo, Sri Lanka**

From Left to Right: Gordon Caruana Dingli (Regional Vice President – Europe; Malta); Dr. John Paul Tabone (Secretary General, Malta); Dr. Mary Coleman (Treasurer; Ghana); Dr. Osahon Enabulele (Vice President – West Africa; Nigeria); Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake (President; Sri Lanka); Dr. Colin Abel (Vice President – Canada & Caribbean; Jamaica); Dr. R. A. Jayalal (Vice President – Central Asia; India); Dr Sulaiman Juman (Immediate Past President; Trinidad & Tobago)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> CWDHC was held as a part of the Digital Health Week 2018 (DHW2018) held in Colombo with the participation of over 600 delegates from 60 countries [<http://www.dhw2018.org>]. The CWCDH

was an organizing partner of DHW2018 which featured the following conferences, meetings, and a digital health expo in one venue:

- The Conference on Interoperable Digital Health for Universal Health Coverage and 6th General Assembly of the Asia eHealth Information Network (AeHIN) from 7 to 9 October 2018.
- SCORE for health data: World Health Organization (WHO), South East Asian Regional Organization (SEARO) Regional Consultation on Strengthening Country Health Information Systems from 10-11 October 2018, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- The Board Meeting and General Assembly of the International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) from 7 to 8 October 2018.
- The 10th Biennial Conference of the Asia Pacific Association for Medical Informatics (APAMI 2018) from 9 to 11 October 2018.
- Global Telehealth 2018 (GT2018) from 9 to 11 October 2018
- The 3rd Commonwealth Digital Health Conference (CWDHC) on 12 October 2018
- The Digital Health Sri Lanka 2018 Conference on 12 October 2018
- The 3rd Commonwealth Digital Health Awards 2018 (CWDHA) on 12 October 2018,
- The meeting of the Executive of the Commonwealth Medical Association on 12 October 2018
- The Commonwealth Digital Health Expo 2018 from 9 to 12 October 2018



**The Commonwealth Panel at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Digital Health Conference 2018** – Panelists from India, Malta, Nigeria, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Pacific Community, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka



**A group photo of the leadership of the Asia Pacific Association for Medical Informatics (APAMI), Commonwealth Centre for Digital Health (CWCDH), International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA), Asia eHealth Information Network (AeHIN), Global Telehealth (GT), Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) and Health Informatics Society of Sri Lanka (HISL) at the Digital Health Week 2018**

Front Row [Left to Right] Dr. Sathish Gogia (APAMI; India); Dr. Rohana Marasinghe (HISL; Sri Lanka); Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake (APAMI|CWCDH|HISL; Sri Lanka); Dr. K. H. Cho (APAMI|IMIA; South Korea), Prof. Christoph Lehmann (IMIA; USA); Dr. Ruvaiz Haniffa (SLMA; Sri Lanka)

Back Row [Left to Right] Dr. Rezvi Sheriff (HISL; Sri Lanka); Dr. C. P. Wong (APAMI: Hong Kong); Prof. Shyam Fernando (HISL; Sri Lanka); Gai Ganesh Udayasankaran (AeHIN; India); Dr. Boonchai Kijsanayotin (AeHIN; Thailand), Dr. Petter Hurlen (IMIA; Norway), Dr. Fazila Allaudin (AeHIN; Malaysia); Dr. Patrick Weber (IMIA; Switzerland); Dr. Anne Meon (IMIA; Norway); Dr. Alvin Marcelo (AeHIN; Philippines); Dr. Michio Kimura (APAMI; Japan); Dr. Anthony Meader (GT; Australia)

- Commonwealth Digital Health Awards (CWDHA)

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> CWDHA were held in 2016, 2017, and 2018 respectively in Colombo, Sri Lanka as a part of the Commonwealth Digital Health Conferences.

The awards were partnered by Microsoft, Google and BMJ in the respective years. KPMG advised and supervised the awards selection process.

The number of submissions and winners have grown annually. In 2016 there were 14 winners from 3 countries. In 2017 there were 11 winners from 4 countries. In 2018 there were 10 winners from 5 countries out of a total of 80 submissions from 15 countries.

Details of submissions are available on the Commonwealth Digital Health Conference websites mentioned above.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Digital Health Award Winners and Runners Up with the award presentation party. They were from the following countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, South Africa, Switzerland, and United States.

- Commonwealth Ministerial Side Meetings at the World Health Assembly
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> Commonwealth Ministerial Side Meeting was held on 22 May 2018 on the sidelines of the 71<sup>st</sup> World Health Assembly where the first World Health Assembly resolution on Digital Health was adopted. This event was the main side event in Geneva in support of the resolution.





**The Ministerial Table:** Clockwise from Centre: H.E. Mr. Shri J. P. Nadda, Federal Minister of Health and Family Welfare, **India**; H.E. Dr. Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health, **Jamaica**; H.E. Dr. Christopher Fearn, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Health, **Malta**; Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary General, **International Telecommunications Union**; H.E. Dr. Joseph Phaahla, Deputy Minister of Health, **South Africa**; H.E. Mrs. Makeda Antoine-Cambridge; Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, **Trinidad and Tobago**; H.E. Ms. Glenys Beauchamp, Secretary, Ministry of Health, **Australia** (Head of the Australian Delegation to the World Health Assembly); H.E. Dr Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine, **Sri Lanka** [covered]; Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, Director General of Health, Ministry of Health, **Malaysia** (Head of the Malaysian Delegation to the World Health Assembly); Dr. Ilona Kickbusch, Director, Global Health Centre, **The Graduate Institute Geneva**.



**Participants:** A section of the over 50 other participants representing governments, inter-governmental agencies, international development partners, academia, private sector and the philanthropic community.

- Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Health (CACH)
  - CACH has been updated about our activities at its meetings in London in March 2016, March 2017 and April 2018. CACH also convened in Colombo, Sri Lanka in October 2016 together with the 1<sup>st</sup> CWDHC.

- **Commonwealth Digital Health Accelerator (CWDHx)**

The CWDHx was set up to engage the private sector to promote commercialization of digital innovations including supporting of scaling up of digital health solutions that have won the Commonwealth Digital Health Awards.

CWCDH has a formal alliance with Analogy ([www.analogypartners.com](http://www.analogypartners.com)), a US based boutique advisory firm with global clients. Analogy has 20+ years thought leadership shaping and launching technology breakthroughs and provides business model innovation advice. Analogy has active collaborations with some of the world's biggest corporations in consumer goods and healthcare, direct access to their decision makers, and insight into their R&D interests which include some of the world's most pressing human problems. Analogy clients fund CWCDx programmes.

CWCDH also has an alliance with relationship with Ceylon Business Appliances Ltd (CBA), a 49 year old technology provider in Sri Lanka, serving over 30,000 customers. CBA has 100+ technical staff and provides technical and engineering design and invention resources for projects. CWCDH/CDHx and CBA work in close and trusted collaboration on frugal innovation projects.

The CWCDx is in the process of taking steps to set up a Commonwealth Digital Health Innovation Centre in Sri Lanka. It is expected that this model would be replicated in other countries in the future and that we would be able to provide expertise to other countries to build Digital Health Innovation Centres to develop solutions tailored to the needs of each country.

The current programmes of the CWCDAX include:

- Commonwealth Digital Health Accelerator Micro-scholarship Program (CHAMP)
  - The CHAMP programme provides on-demand project opportunities to individuals highly skilled in digital technology.
  - CWDHAX has secured global clients for 50 "CHAMPions" in 2019
- Inventing frugal digital health devices/solutions for multinational clients.
  - CWDHAX is currently inventing and developing 4 digital health breakthroughs and we are in the process of securing intellectual property for these inventions
- Attracting high potential startups to list with the CWDHAX
  - CWDHAX is promoting the CWDHAX to high potential startups in the Commonwealth to list with the accelerator.
  - CWDHAX is in the process of putting in place mechanisms to help Commonwealth Digital Health Award winners establish startups and enlist high profile Venture Capital Funds and multinationals to help them.

### Co-Chairs

- The Rt. Hon. Professor the Lord Ajay Kakkar – UK Business Ambassador for Healthcare and Life Sciences
- Prof. Ilona Kickbusch – Director, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland

### Members

- Dr. Anne Aerts – Head, Novartis Foundation, Switzerland
- Dr. Fazilah Shaik Allaudin – Senior Deputy Director and the Head of the eHealth Planning Unit of the Planning Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
- Prof. Pascale Allotey – Director, International Institute for Global Health, United Nations University, Malaysia
- Dr. Sundaram Arulrhaj – Past President, Commonwealth Medical Association & Founder President, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance, India
- Prof. James Batchelor – Director Clinical Informatics Research Unit, Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton, UK
- Dr. Paul Biondich – Executive Director, OpenMRS, USA
- Prof. Yoswa Dambisya – Director General, East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA), Tanzania & Member Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Health

- Judith Diment – Representative to the Commonwealth, Rotary International UK
- Dr. Gordon Caruana Dingli – Past President, Commonwealth Medical Association, Malta
- Florence Gaudry-Parkins – Founder, Digital Health Partnerships, France
- Dr. James Hospedales – Executive Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CPHA), Trinidad & Tobago
- Dr. Oommen John – Senior Fellow, The George Institute, India & President, Indian Medical Informatics Association
- Dr. Solaiman Juman – Past President, Commonwealth Medical Association, Trinidad & Tobago
- Dr. Gibson Kibiki – Executive Secretary, East African Health Research Commission (EAHRC), Burundi
- Dr. Jo Nurse – Health Advisor, Interaction Council, Canada
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- Dr. Lakshmi Somatunga – Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka & Member, Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Health
- Dr. Sathivam Sridharan – Deputy Director General (Planning), Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka

### Executive Team

- Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake – Chairman
- Anoop Singh – Chief Operating Officer
- Prof. Sinclair Stockman – Chief Scientific and Technology Officer
- Tony Singarayar – Chief Commercial Officer

### Honorary Fellows

- Dr. Megha Ganewatta – Website and Social Media
- Dr. Roshan Hewapthirana – Health Systems Strengthening
- Dr. Pandual Siribaddana – Commonwealth Digital Health Awards

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