

2026 Global Health and Welfare Forum in Taiwan Agenda		
Main Theme: The Future of Global Care : Achieving Trust-Centric Digital Health		
Date: 19 - 20 October, 2026 (Monday to Tuesday)		
Venue: Taipei International Convention Center, Taipei, Taiwan		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Day1- 19 October, 2026(Mon.)		
08:30-09:30 (60 min)	Registration	
Opening Ceremony (TICC 1F Room101)		
09:30-09:45 (15 min)	Opening Performance	
09:45-10:05 (20 min)	Opening Remarks	President Lai Ching-te (Invited) President of the Republic of China, Taiwan Dr. Chung-Liang Shih Minister,Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan
10:05-10:20 (15 min)	Group Photo	
Keynote Speeches:Shaping the Future of National Digital Health (TICC 1F Room101)		
10:20-10:30 (10 min)	Keynote Speakers Introduction	Moderator: Chien-Jen Chen President, Academia Sinica
10:30-11:00 (30 min)	Taiwan’s Digital Health 2030	Dr. Chung-Liang Shih Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan
11:00-11:20 (20 min)	From Policy to Platform: Scaling Trust in the AI Era	Karen DeSalvo, MD, MPH Professor of Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine/Former Google Chief Health Officer
11:20-11:40 (20 min)	Navigating AI Transformation and Digital Maturity in the US Health System (To be confirmed)	Allen Hsiao, M.D., FAAP, FAMIA Chief Health Information Officer, Yale School of Medicine & Yale New Haven Health
11:40-12:00 (20 min)	Demystifying artificial intelligence in health: What health policy-makers need to know	Prof. Martin McKee Professor of European Public Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
12:00-13:30 (90 min)	Lunch Break (TICC 3F)	
Plenary 1: Digital Public Infrastructure & National Ecosystems (TICC 1F Room101)		
13:30-13:40 (10 min)	Introduction to Speakers	Moderator: Jen-Hsiang Chuang, M.D., Ph.D. Vice Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan

13:40-14:00 (20 min)	TBC	Dr. Boonchai Kijsanayotin Chair, Asian eHealth Information Network (AeHIN)
14:00-14:20 (20 min)	Speaking the Same Language: Harnessing Medical Terminologies to Power Modern Healthcare	Dr. Simon Liu Former Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
14:20-14:40 (20 min)	FHIR-based Infrastructure for Agentic Health (to be confirmed)	John Gillman Head of Strategic Health Solutions, Asia-Pacific, Google
14:40-15:00 (20 min)	The FHIR Box: Operating System of Interoperability Orchestrating Fragmented National HIS Systems	Prof. Chien-Chang Lee, MD, ScD Director, Department of Information Management, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan
15:00-15:25 (25 min)	Panel Discussion	Infrastructure for Interoperability as the Most Critical Foundation for Smart Digital Health
15:25-15:40 (15 min)	Coffee Break	
Plenary 2: Beyond Tech: Humanizing Global Digital Health (TICC 1F Room101)		
15:40-15:50 (10 min)	Introduction to Speakers	Co-Moderators: Pikuei Tu, PhD, MBA Director and Professor, Policy and Organizational Management Program, Duke University Cheryl Lin, PhD Co-Director and Professor, Policy and Organizational Management Program, Duke University
15:50-16:10 (20 min)	Code, Care, and Community: Advancing Global Health Informatics for Human Centric Innovation	Patrick O'Carroll, MD, MPH President and CEO, The Task Force for Global Health
16:10-16:30 (20 min)	From Clinic to Community: Navigating the Tech Paradox in Global Public Health	Lloyd Michener, MD Professor Emeritus, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Duke University School of Medicine
16:30-16:50 (20 min)	The Digital Safety Net: Reimagining Human Services Across the Lifespan	Reginald Bicha, MSW President and CEO, American Public Human Services Association
16:50-17:10 (20 min)	Responsible Algorithm: Leading the Next Era of Global Digital Care	Yvonne Chiu Information Service Industry Association of the ROC (CISA) Honorary Chair and former Chairperson of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA)
17:10-17:35 (25 min)	Panel Discussion	All Speakers in Plenary 2
18:00	Welcome Reception (by invitation) (Hyatt Grand Ballroom)	

Day2- 20 October,2026(Tue.)		
08:30-09:30	Registration	
Parallel Session	Parallel Session 1: AI for Sustainable and Precision Healthcare: From Traditional Medicine to Drug Discovery (TICC 1F Room101)	Parallel Session 2: Investing in People in the Age of AI and Low Birth Rates and Public Health (TICC 2F Room201)
09:30-09:40 (10 min)	Moderator: Shih-Ann Chen, M.D. President Emeritus, Taichung Veterans General Hospital	Moderator: Dr. Jen-Der Lue Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan
09:40-10:00 (20 min)	Trustworthy AI for Traditional Medicine: A Clinical Infometrics Perspective on Valid, Interpretable, and Actionable Care Chih-Hung Chang, Ph.D. Professor of Occupational Therapy, Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis	AI and the politics of social investment : Challenges and opportunities Prof. Dr. Marius R. Busemeyer Professor of Political Science, University of Konstanz
10:00-10:20 (20 min)	Genomics meets artificial intelligence: innovative approaches to drug discovery and precision medicine Professor Andrea Cavalli, PhD Director of the European Center for Atomistic and Molecular Calculation, CECAM-EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland.	Has South Korea's Ultra-Low Fertility Hit Bottom? Revisiting the Fertility Crisis through Gender, Care, and Labour Market Institutions in the Era of Triple Transition Prof. Young Jun Choi Professor, Department of Public Policy and Management, Yonsei University
10:20-10:40 (20 min)	AI Applications in Carbon Footprinting Prof. Nick Watts Director, Centre for Sustainable Medicine, National University of Singapore	When AI Meets Ultra-Low Fertility: The East Asian Experience of Social Investment Chung-Yang Yeh, Ph.D. Professor, Department of Sociology, Soochow University
10:40-11:00 (20 min)	A Dual-Core Strategy for Net Zero Dr. Torrent Chin CEO, Cedars Digital Pte. Ltd.	From AI Tools to Public Health Systems Prof. Adam Dunn, Ph.D. Professor of Biomedical Informatics, The University of Sydney
11:00-11:20 (20 min)	Panel Discussion All Speakers in Parallel Session 1	Panel Discussion All Speakers in Parallel Session 2
11:20-13:00 (100min)	Lunch Break (TICC 3F)	Ministerial Roundtable (by invitation) Chair: Dr. Chung-Liang Shih
Parallel Session	Parallel Session 3: The New Frontiers—Robotics, Metaverse, and Autonomous Logistics (TICC 1F Room101)	Parallel Session 4: AI-Driven Population Health (TICC 2F Room201)
13:00-13:10 (10 min)	Moderator: Yi-Jing Lin Minister, Ministry of Digital Affairs	Moderator: Lin Ching-Yi M.D., Ph.D Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan
13:10-13:30 (20 min)	The Surgical Metaverse: Remote collaborative surgery and 3D digital twin visualization in complex thoracic procedures Chong-Jen Yu, M.D., Ph.D. Superintendent, National Taiwan University Hospital	Maximizing Digital Technology in Taiwan's National Health Insurance: Innovation Meets Responsibility Lian-Yu Chen, MD. Ph.D. Director General, National Health Insurance Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare
13:30-13:50 (20 min)	A multimodal and temporal foundation model for virtual patient representations at healthcare system scale Long Phi Le, M.D., Ph.D. Director of Computational Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital	Korea's Experience in Applying AI to Improve Population Health and Healthcare Delivery Hyoung-Sun Jeong, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, Yonsei University
13:50-14:10 (20 min)	AI-Enabled Care in Hospital at Home: How Technology Is Transforming Care Delivery Cheng-Kai Kao, M.D. Chief Medical Information Officer, UChicago Medicine	Leveraging AI for Population Health: Japan's Experience Kayo Waki, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D. Professor, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo
14:10-14:30 (20 min)	Surgical Intelligence: Beyond the Robot—How LLMs and Computer Vision Are Creating Digital Scribes for the Operating Room Austin L. Chiang, M.D., M.P.H. Chief Medical Officer, Endoscopy, Medtronic	Shaping the Future of Healthcare AI: Lessons from Malaysia's Health System Transformation Dato' Dr. Mohd Azman bin Yacob Deputy Director-General of Health (Medical) at the Ministry of Health, Malaysia
14:30-14:50 (20 min)	Panel Discussion All Speakers in Parallel Session 3	Panel Discussion All Speakers in Parallel Session 4

14:50-15:10 (20 min)	Coffee Break	
Plenary 3: Big Data, RWE, and the Precision Revolution (TICC 1F Room101)		
15:10-15:20 (10 min)	Introduction to Speakers	Moderator: Huey-Kang Sytwu, M.D., Ph.D. President, National Health Research Institutes
15:20-15:40 (20 min)	From Genetics to Precision Health:Reimagining the Future of Healthcare	Yuan-Tsong Chen, M.D., Ph.D. Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica
15:40-16:00 (20 min)	From Big Data to the Right Patient: RWE and the Precision Medicine Revolution	Yu Shyr, Ph.D. Chair, Department of Biostatistics, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
16:00-16:20 (20 min)	From Clinical Data to Better Care: Leveraging Interoperability, AI, and Real-World Data	Prof. Craig Norquist, M.D. Chief Medical Information Officer, HonorHealth, Professor of Clinical Practice, John Shufeldt School of Medicine and Medical Engineering, Arizona State University
16:20-16:40 (20 min)	Integrating Electronic Health Records and Claims Data for Personalized Real-World Evidence Generation	Joshua K. Lin, M.D., Sc.D., M.P.H. Executive Director, Center for Integrated Healthcare Data Research, Mass General Brigham
16:40-17:00 (20 min)	Panel Discussion	All Speakers in Plenary 3
Closing Ceremony		
17:00-17:30 (30 min)	Ministerial Joint Statement and Closing Remarks	Dr. Chung-Liang Shih Minister,Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan