32nd EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP OF SUPERVISORY ORGANISATIONS IN HEALTH SERVICES AND SOCIAL CARE (EPSO) CONFERENCE

WITH FOCUS ON ASIA-PACIFIC (APAC)

CONFERENCE THEME:
HEALTH REGULATION AND SUPERVISION FOR THE DIGITAL FRONTIER AND CHANGING CLIMATE

22 JUNE 2022 – 24 JUNE 2022
SINGAPORE

CO-HOSTED BY:
MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH), SINGAPORE
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CENTRE OF REGULATORY EXCELLENCE (CoRE),
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Overview

1.   The 32nd EPSO Conference will be held at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel in Singapore **from 22 June 2022 (Wed) to 24 June 2022 (Fri)**, via a hybrid format.

2.   **In-person attendance is highly encouraged.** Delegates who wish to attend but are unable to travel to Singapore may opt to dial in virtually, and must indicate accordingly in their conference registration.

3.   An overview of the conference programme is as follows:

32nd EPSO Conference With Focus on APAC Health Regulation and Supervision for the Digital Frontier and Changing Climate 22 June 2022 (Wed) – 24 June 2022 (Fri) Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore		
Date[1]	**Agenda Item**	**Discussion Topics**
22 Jun (Wed) 1430 – 1830	**Pre-Conference:** 3rd EPSO Tele-Digital Health, AI, Cybersecurity (TAC) Working Group Meeting	• AI • Cybersecurity • Tele-Digital Health
23 Jun (Thu) 0800 – 1800	**32nd EPSO Conference Day 1:** Sessions 1-4	• Harnessing the Potential of Digital Health Through Regulatory Innovation • Climate Sustainability and Health Regulation/ Supervision • Developing Forward-Looking Regulation and Supervisory practice: Innovative Supervisory Approaches and New Technologies • Regulatory Risks and Challenges in Digital Health
1900 – 2130	Networking Dinner	
24 Jun (Fri) 0830 – 1630	**32nd EPSO Conference Day 2:** External Site Visit + Sessions 5-6	• External Site Visit (in a digital health context) • Digital Technologies and Methods for Data-Driven Healthcare Inspections
1700 onwards	Post-Conference Social Activity (Free and Easy)	

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[1] All timings listed are in Singapore Time (i.e. GMT +8/ CET +6).

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    a. Registration is by invitation and only for intended organisations/participants.

    b. Registration is <u>mandatory</u> for participation in the conference, as well as the pre-conference EPSO TAC working group meeting.[2]

        i. Participants will receive a confirmation email upon successful registration. A welcome pack with further administrative details will be emailed to participants closer to the conference.

        ii. The pre-conference EPSO TAC working group meeting is open to all conference participants and other invited parties, including participants not currently affiliated with EPSO. However, participants who wish to attend this meeting should indicate their attendance accordingly in the registration form.

    c. Participating economies may each send up to **two (2) in-person participants and two (2) virtual participants** to the conference. In-person participants must be fully vaccinated[3]. Participation in the TAC working group is limited to conference participants and invited parties.

    d. To facilitate conference arrangements, late registrations beyond the deadline of 13 May 2022 will only be accepted for good reasons and after being admitted explicitly by the conference organisers.

5. For enquiries, please contact the conference organisers at CoRE@duke-nus.edu.sg.

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[2] Meals and refreshments will be provided during the conference, where indicated in the programme. Costs of travel and accommodation will <u>not</u> be covered – participants are to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, at their own expense. Participants travelling to Singapore may use the self-help tool here to determine the latest entry and health requirements.

[3] See here for requirements that must be met to be considered fully vaccinated.

A. Programme Details

22 June 2022 (Wed) **Pre-Conference:** **3rd EPSO Tele-Digital Health, AI, Cybersecurity (TAC)** **Working Group Meeting** **Chair: Mr Kevin Freeman-Ferguson** Head of Service Review, Healthcare Improvement Scotland	

Time[4]	Agenda
1430 – 1500	Registration and Networking
1500 – 1600	AI • New developments • Expert reactions • Q&A and discussion
1600 – 1700	Cybersecurity • New developments (Potential topic areas: cyber-related risks in healthcare, cyber-risk assessment for health regulators and inspectors, infrastructure and processes for risk mitigation, staff and partner education, healthcare data protection) • Expert reactions • Q&A and discussion
1700 – 1715	Tea Break
1715 – 1815	Tele-Digital Health • New developments • Expert reactions • Q&A and discussion
1815 – 1830	Closing and Follow-Ups for Next Working Group Meeting
1900 – 2030	Working Group Dinner

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23 June 2022 (Thurs) 32nd EPSO Conference Day 1: Health Regulation and Supervision for the Digital Frontier and Changing Climate	
Time[5]	**Agenda**
0800 – 0830	Registration
0830 – 0845	Welcome by EPSO
0845 – 0900	Opening Remarks by Guest-of-Honour: Dr Janil Puthucheary, Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Health
Session 1: Harnessing the Potential of Digital Health Through Regulatory Innovation **Chair: TBC** This session discusses the opportunities presented by digital health solutions, and how regulations and governance can be adapted to support innovation and integration with traditional healthcare systems.	
0900 – 0920	Regulatory Toolbox for Digital Healthcare Services: What is Digital Health and How Should We Regulate It?
0920 – 0940	Internet of Things for Healthcare Technologies, or Digital therapeutics
0940 – 1000	Interoperability in Digital Health: Major Challenges & Roadmap
1000 – 1020	Regulatory Governance to Harness Innovation in Digital Health
1020 – 1040	Q&A and Panel Discussion
1040 – 1110	Group Photo Session and Tea Break
Session 2: Climate Sustainability and Health Regulation/ Supervision **Chair: TBC** This session discusses the relationship between climate sustainability and health outcomes, including the health-related risks of climate change, as well as opportunities for health regulations to support climate mitigation and adaptation.	
1110 – 1130	Policy Interventions to Mitigate the Effects of Climate Change on Health
1130 – 1150	Climate Change and Public Health: An Asian Perspective
1150 – 1210	Combating Climate Change for Better Health: What Governments and Regulators Can Do
1210 – 1230	Coordinating Interagency Collaborations and Policies on Climate Change: Singapore
1230 – 1250	Q&A and Panel Discussion
1250 – 1400	Lunch

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Session 3: Developing Forward-Looking Regulation and Supervisory practice: Innovative Supervisory Approaches and New Technologies

Chair: TBC

This session discusses the approaches that regulatory organisations adopt to keep abreast of new healthcare developments, to support forward-looking and effective regulation of healthcare services and technologies.

1400 – 1420	Horizon Scanning for Regulators: APAC Economy
1420 – 1440	Horizon Scanning for Regulators: New Zealand
1440 – 1500	Horizon Scanning for Regulators: England
1500 – 1520	Learnings from Covid: Supervision and Enforcement in Social Care Malta
1520 – 1540	Learnings from Covid in Hong Kong
1540 – 1600	Q&A and Panel Discussion
1600 – 1620	Tea Break

Session 4: Regulatory Risks and Challenges in Digital Health

Chair: TBC

This session discusses best practices and case studies on mitigating the regulatory risks and challenges that accompany the development of innovative digital health services.

1620 – 1640	Providing Safe and Secure Healthcare in a Digital Age: Estonia
1640 – 1700	Providing Safe and Secure Healthcare in a Digital Age: Norway
1700 – 1720	Providing Safe and Secure Healthcare in a Digital Age: Hong Kong
1720 – 1740	Q&A and Panel Discussion
1740 – 1800	Closing of Day 1 and Administrative Instructions
1800 – 1900	Bus Transfer to Dinner Venue Note: Bus leaves hotel at **1830**
1900 – 2130	32nd EPSO Conference Networking Dinner

Time[6]	Agenda
24 Jun 2022 (Fri) **32nd EPSO Conference Day 2:** **Health Regulation and Supervision for the** **Digital Frontier and Changing Climate**	
0830 – 1200	External Site Visit (in a digital health context)
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1400	Discussion on Formation of APAC Network of Healthcare Regulators
Session 5: Digital Technologies and Methods for Data-Driven Healthcare Inspections **Chair: TBC** This session discusses how advances in digital technologies and data analytics can be leveraged to support the supervision and inspection of healthcare services, to promote better health outcomes for patients. Speakers will also share relevant case studies on their experience with the use of digital tools to manage COVID-19.	
1400 – 1420	Data Analytics for Healthcare Policy and Regulatory Decision-Making: Singapore
1420 – 1440	Application of Digital Tools for Supervision and Enforcement in Healthcare: Estonia
1440 – 1500	Digital Inclusion to Ensure Quality Healthcare for All; Child and Family Intervention Support through Telepractice: Australia
1500 – 1520	Future of Digital Health Assessment in Hospital Services
1520 – 1540	Research findings: Digital Inclusion of Specific Groups (Māori people) to Ensure Inclusive Quality Healthcare: New Zealand
1540 – 1600	Q&A and Panel Discussion
1600 – 1620	Tea Break
1620 – 1630	Closing of the EPSO Conference
1700 onwards	Post-Conference Social Activity (Free and Easy)

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