

Designing Data Sandboxes for Healthtech: Opportunities for Scale

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We are piloting the first cross-border sandbox for healthtech in Africa. We need your help to assess the obstacles from technical standards and capacity to regulations and policy. Join us to move from problems to solutions towards co-building sandbox environments across Africa.

Sandboxes are collaborative environments that allow stakeholders to experiment with new data uses, capabilities, and governance models against concrete, cross-sector challenges. While the use of sandboxes has been spreading in Africa, there remains significant need for capacity building, sharing of good practices, and active testing in order to holistically address cross-border data issues in the continent. Differing policies, currencies, and cultural practices across countries create substantial difficulties for healthtech innovators to expand across borders and reach their growth potential.

Key Question: What should be the key priorities and considerations for the development of healthtech data sandboxes?

Agenda

3:30-3:45pm Welcome and Introductions

3:45-4:00pm Overview of HealthTech Hub Africa Blueprint Initiative and Datsphere Initiative's Sectoral Working Group, sandboxes and current development areas

- Data Exchange and Innovation
- Licensing
- Cross-border interoperability

4:00-5:00pm SWOT Exercise focused on analyzing standards, regulations, technical/human capacity, and other regional resources toward enabling a cross-border healthtech sandbox