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The Women Observatory for eHealth within the Global UN Framework of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

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Abstract

On September 2015, the United Nations General Assembly announced a new Sustainable Development Agenda: 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were identified to realize basic human rights for all, including access to quality healthcare (SDG 5) and achieving gender equality (SDG 3) by 2030. The Agenda's goals are not new, nor is it recognizing the role of information and communication technologies (ICT) in accelerating progress towards achieving such goals.

Since 2008, the digital community of the Millennia2025 Foundation, with its 10.500 members in 140 countries, has been stimulating action in areas of critical importance to and for women to assure gender equality, women's empowerment, autonomy, and progress. The Millennia2025 Foundation is a programme of the European Research Institute Jules Destrée, an NGO Official Partner of UNESCO (consultative status) and in Special Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC since 2012. The WeObservatory, one of the Foundation's initiatives, highlights and supports innovative eHealth projects, 17 in 14 countries to date.

This presentation will showcase some of the contributions that the WeObservatory's eHealth and telemedicine projects have made so far by leveraging ICTs' potential to improve women's healthcare worldwide, while tackling language, gender and social barriers. The responsibilities of healthcare professionals in international collaborations and local projects are also underscored, emphasizing in particular that of nurses and midwives, who play a key role in this process. The presentation also addresses the topic of multilingualism, as 80% of the WeObservatory's online content is available in 10 languages.