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**WeHealth session - Joan Dzenowagis moderator, member of
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Before we start, I just want to give us a picture of health and that is from a global perspective and from an individual perspective.

Health is a human right; it is an essential component for everyone's well being. Each person is directly involved with health. It is a global public good and access to health, to health care in every country is an issue of social justice and equity. That's why the combination of ICT and health gives us so many new possibilities. And in 2008 I believe it was at the first Millennia2015 conference, I said connecting for health, it's our right, it's our turn, it's our time. I still believe that, we have not realized it yet. We have to move forward not just here today but with the very important network and the work done by Véronique. But what is also good for us is that this is the fantastic time to be together because in global public health, where I work at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva, we are 194 countries. Countries are now saying that for health and for governance in health, the collaboration is the new imperative. The public policy cannot just be delivered, stakeholders' engagement has to be part of that, informed citizen have to be involved.

That part of the global perspective is very outreach oriented. It is not everywhere of course yet. But one element is obvious, as the need to engage new stakeholders, is that all these problems that surround health, healthcare and health system are very complicated. They touch from local level to global level and involve a wide range of actors like high level as well as crossed sectors. It also demands new matrix, so equity for sustainability. This is a change even for 2008 and I think this is a very important one and it is essential that we don't lose the momentum of this thinking. Millennia is all this. It is about network, it is about engagement, it is about proactivity and other things in touch.

Thank you for being here. I think this is really a good time to come together and reflect on the challenges regarding eHealth.



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