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HARNESSING TECHNOLOGIES IN AN AGE OF AI TO BUILD A HEALTHIER WORLD

| BACKGROUND

Rapid technological advancements, including those involving Artificial Intelligence (AI), are deemed essential tools for creating a healthier, more equitable, and peaceful world. Inventive use of technologies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 has demonstrated significant benefits, for example by contributing to global environmental sustainability and biodiversity preservation. However, it is also crucial to consider the potential risks associated with these innovations, such as security threats, misinformation, disinformation, inequitable access, and privacy invasion.

The PMAC 2025 emphasizes leveraging these technological advancements to ensure equitable, affordable, and comprehensive access for all populations, especially in low- and middle-income countries and for resource-constrained individuals in high-income countries.

| OBJECTIVES

To set the scence of the PMAC 2025 in highlighting the importance of synergizing technologies to strengthen health systems, achieve the SDGs, and foster a healthy planet. Key issues such as climate change, conflict, and emerging diseases will be addressed



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Hani Kim leads the RIGHT Foundation as the Executive Director since 2021 with 19 years of experience in conducting biomedical research in academia and 9 years of experience in funding global health R&D. She completed her PhD at the University of Toronto and post-doctoral training at the Max-Planck Institute of Immunology and an MPH at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, where she later served as a Research Associate. Prior to joining the RIGHT foundation, she developed and managed portfolios of vaccine discovery grants and molecular surveillance grants at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for six years.

Hani has published articles in translational medical research and in the political origins of health inequity. Her recent articles include ‘We need people’s WHO to solve vaccine inequity, and we need it now’, ‘The sociopolitical context of the COVID-19 response in South Korea’, and ‘A critical assessment of the ideological underpinnings of current practice in global health and their historical origins’.