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Extract from the message of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God assist him, addressed to the participants of the 1st African Conference on Health Risk Reduction, Marrakech, November 16, 2022.

*« Any effective South-South cooperation aimed at promoting closer ties and solidarity between peoples must place the issue of public health at the heart of its concerns. »*

Extract from the speech delivered by His Majesty King Mohammed VI at the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU) on the African Continental Free Trade Area, Kigali, March 21, 2018.

*« Africa is becoming a laboratory for the digital world. Digital technology is transforming the face of our continent, driven by an innovative, creative, and audacious youth. »*

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# INTRODUCTION

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This edition is part of an ambitious initiative to merge and strengthen the efforts of two events : **the Global Summit of Digital Health and the Smart Healthcare International Conference (SheIC)**. This joint project will be held under the title **HealthTech'26 : Global Summit of Digital Health and Smart Healthcare**.

This event aims to be a strategic and scientific hub dedicated to scientific production and the transformation of healthcare systems in Morocco and across Africa.

The rationale for this Congress lies in the need to support the rapid evolution of digital health and smart medicine in the face of the health, technological, and socio-economic challenges facing the African continent, while simultaneously creating a high-level scientific production space that promotes the dissemination and transfer of knowledge in healthcare innovation.

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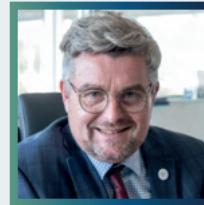
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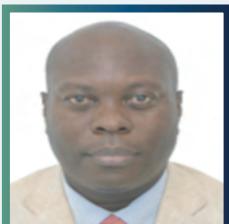
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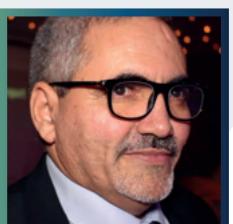
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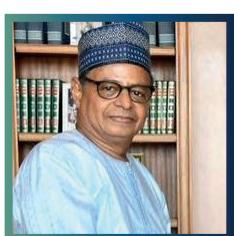
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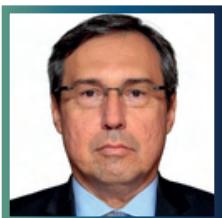
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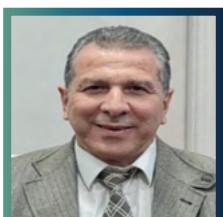
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## WHEN ART HEALS : CREATION AT THE HEART OF THE HEALING PROCESS



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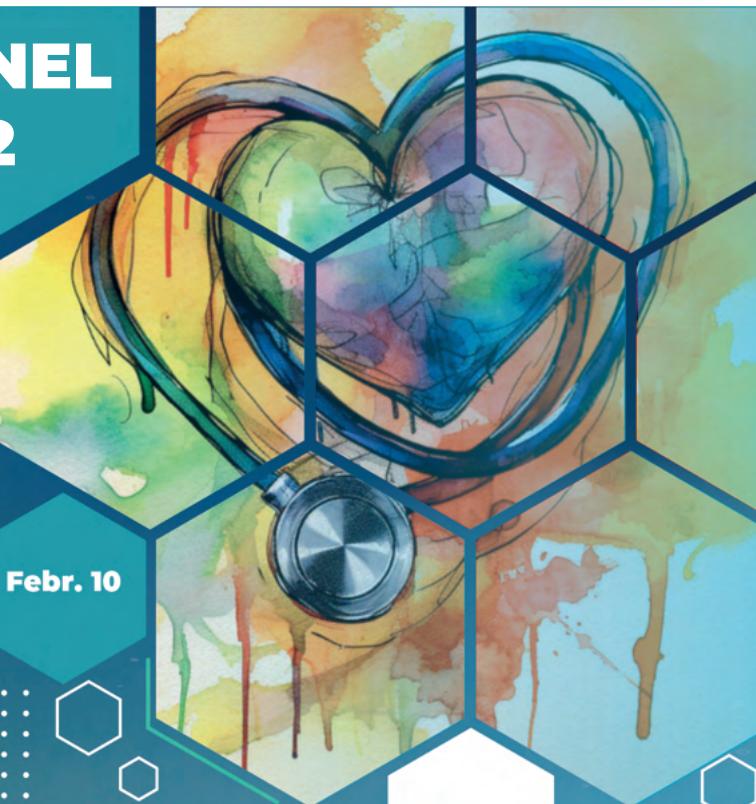
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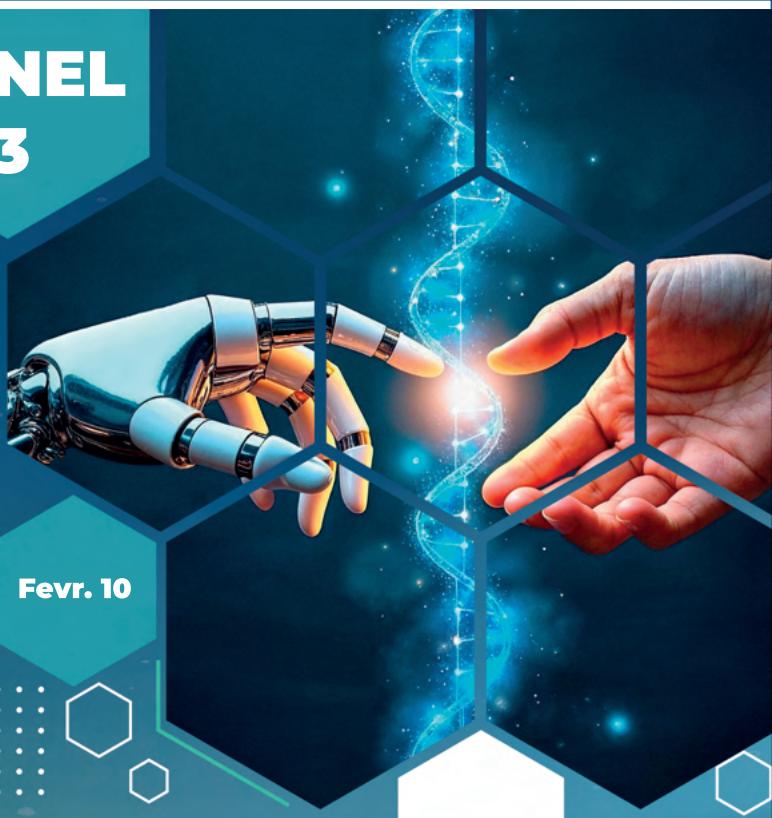
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This scientific congress is co-organised by the **African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development (CAFRAD)**; by the **University of Technology of Troyes (UTT)** and by the **Moroccan Society of Digital Health (SMSD)**, with the scientific support of **Mohammed V University of Rabat**.



## CAFRAD (African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development)

CAFRAD is the oldest pan-African intergovernmental organization dedicated to training, research, and innovation in public governance. Based in Rabat since 1962, it now

comprises several African member countries and positions itself as a center of excellence for Africa's overall transformation and the promotion of sustainable development. Its involvement in organizing the HealthTech 2026 Congress reflects its commitment to strengthening scientific diplomacy and South-South cooperation by integrating digital health and artificial intelligence issues into African public policies.



## Moroccan Society for Digital Health (SMSD)

The **Moroccan Society for Digital Health (SMSD)** is a non-profit learned society, based at Mohammed V University in Rabat, that brings together researchers, physicians, engineers, industry professionals, and policymakers to address the challenges of digital transformation in healthcare. It works to disseminate best practices, promote technological innovation, provide training, and foster scientific diplomacy within Morocco and Africa. As the main organizer of the HealthTech 2026 Congress, the SMSD is the driving force behind this initiative, reinforcing Morocco's role as a regional and international hub for digital health and artificial intelligence applied to healthcare.





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### **University of Technology of Troyes (UTT)**

**The University of Technology of Troyes (UTT)** is a higher education and research institution recognized in France and internationally for its engineering programs and high-level research. With its expertise in technological innovation, cybersecurity, complex systems, and digital health, UTT actively contributes to the development of cutting-edge scientific and educational solutions. As a co-organizer of the HealthTech 2026 Congress, it brings its academic know-how and international perspective to promote the digital transformation of healthcare in Africa and around the world.



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EN OUTAOUAIS**

### **University of Quebec in Outaouais (UQO)**

**The Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO)**, a public higher education institution located in the heart of the Outaouais region, is distinguished by its Francophone roots and its commitment to education, innovation, and social development. Thanks to its diverse programs and dynamic research ecosystem, UQO now plays a leading role in research and development, particularly through its laboratories in health sciences, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity. It actively contributes to the production and application of research, with a particular impact in the fields of health and digital health. Through its interdisciplinary approach and institutional partnerships, UQO participates in the emergence of innovative solutions to improve healthcare practices, strengthen digital trust, and promote the use of technology to enhance public well-being.

# SCIENTIFIC PARTNER

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جامعة محمد الخامس بالرباط  
Université Mohammed V de Rabat

## Mohammed V University of Rabat (Official scientific partner)

The first modern university established in Morocco in 1957, **Mohammed V University of Rabat** is a leading institution in higher education and scientific research. It is distinguished by its multidisciplinary

approach and its national and international reach, particularly in the fields of medicine, science, and technology. As an official scientific partner of the HealthTech 2026 Congress, Mohammed V University of Rabat is contributing its academic expertise and research laboratories to ensure the scientific and pedagogical quality of the work presented, thereby strengthening Morocco's position in the field of digital health.

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## INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS OF THE CONGRESS

- Ibn Zohr University of Agadir;
- The European Association of Hospital Managers;
- The Connected Innovation Chair, France;
- The Foundation of the University of Technology of Troyes, France;
- The Innovation Hub - Mohammed V University of Rabat;
- The Francophone Society for Digital Health, France;
- The Moroccan Federation of Health Industries, Morocco;
- Technopark Morocco;
- The Euro-Moroccan Alliance for Geriatrics and Gerontology, France;
- The Network of Moroccan Medical Expertise Worldwide, Belgium;
- The Moroccan Biomedical Society;
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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## GOALS

### Main objectives of HealthTech'26

1

Stimulating research, innovation and interdisciplinary synergies

2

To consolidate a structuring pan-African network and position Morocco as a continental hub

3

Accelerating the digital transformation of health systems in Africa

# CONTENT OF THE CONGRESS

## Thematic panels

1

Telemedicine in Africa

2

The ethics and professional conduct of AI applied to healthcare

Cybersecurity, digital sovereignty and health data protection in Africa

3

Interoperability and health information systems (governance and standardization challenges)

4

5

Artificial intelligence applied to priority diseases in Africa (screening, prevention, medical decision-making)

6

Training African healthcare professionals in emerging technologies

Frugal innovation and South-South partnerships

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## Parallel Sessions

They will showcase scientific presentations by researchers and university teams, both national and international, focusing on the application of emerging innovations in the health sector. Selected contributions will be published as Conference Papers and book chapters indexed in Scopus, ensuring their dissemination and recognition within the global scientific community.

## Hackathon HealthTech - (troisième édition)

This international competition will enable the design of prototypes addressing concrete digital health challenges in Africa. Selected teams will benefit from post-event support to accelerate market launch, including facilitated incubation for promising projects, notably at Technopark Morocco.

## **Summer School of Digital Health (3rd edition)**

This initiative constitutes a development and capacity-building program covering governance, ethics, regulation and economic models of e-health solutions, intended for healthcare professionals and institutional decision-makers.

### **Best Thesis Competition**

It rewards the most innovative doctoral work in AI and digital health, fostering the emergence of a new generation of African researchers.

### **Expected deliverables**

- Recommendations for implementing an African Digital Health strategy;
- Indexed books and journals;
- Recognized prototypes from the hackathon;
- A directory of award-winning theses;
- New partnership agreements;
- Launch of projects aligned with the strategy of the organizers' departments and structures.

### **Target audience**

African public decision-makers, Health sector actors, Entrepreneurs, Industrialists, Diplomats, Representatives of regional and international organizations, Representatives of civil society organizations, Academics, Researchers as well as PhD students and advanced students in biomedical engineering, AI and public health.

# PROGRAMME

## February 10, 2026

08h30 – 09h00	Welcoming guests	
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Inaugural ceremony</b> with awards presentations, signing of agreements and official speeches.	
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Panel 1</b> : Digital Health : When technology reinvents training and research	
12:00 – 12:15	<b>Coffee break.</b>	
12:15 – 13:15	<b>Panel 2</b> : When art heals : creation at the heart of the healing process	
13:15 – 14:45	<b>Lunch.</b>	
14:45 – 16:15	<b>Panel 3</b> : Health-Technology Convergence : Industrial and Scientific Challenges for the Smart Health of Tomorrow	Parallel Sessions
16:15 – 16:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:30 – 18:00	<b>Panel 4</b> : Digital health: institutional perspectives in the era of emerging technologies	Parallel Sessions

## February 11, 2026

09:30 – 11:30	<b>Panel 5</b> : The multifaceted nature of digital trust in the healthcare sector : from facilitating behavioral change to raising awareness among professionals.	Parallel Sessions
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:45 – 13:15	<b>Panel 6</b> : Advances in AI: From Diagnostics to Precision Medicine	Parallel Sessions

13:15 – 14:15	<b>Lunch.</b>	
14:15 – 15:45	<b>Panel 7 : AI in healthcare and cybersecurity: medical innovation or new attack surface?</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Panel 8 : Leveraging technology for dental health equity in Africa</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
17:30 – 18:30	<b>Synthesis Panel.</b>	
<b>February 12, 2026</b>		
09:30 – 12:00	<b>Closing ceremony</b> Hackathon Final. "Best Thesis" presentation and announcement of winners. Presentation of conference deliverables.	

# GLOBAL SUMMIT OF DIGITAL HEALTH

## THE AEGID

Under the aegis of four Moroccan Ministries:

Ministry of Health and Social Protection



Ministry of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform



Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation



Ministry of Investment, Convergence and Evaluation of Public Policies



## Scientific, diplomatic and institutional representation 2025

26 countries represented,  
6 ambassadors,  
7 consuls general,  
two former French ministers,  
11 African government  
representatives, as well as a  
very high-level international  
scientific presence (United  
States, Germany, France,  
Belgium).



## Scientific works submitted 2025



169, of which 87 were accepted and published as chapters in the book "Springer Nature" indexed in Scopus.

## Participations

1050 participants in the thematic panels (average of 150 participants per panel).



## Speakers

20 national and 36 international keynote speakers.

## AGREEMENTS SIGNED 2025

- Mohammed V University / Network of Moroccan Medical Expertise Worldwide
- Mohammed V University / Moroccan Federation of Health Industries
- Mohammed V University / Abba Technology Company
- SMSD / Network of Moroccan Medical Expertise Worldwide
- SMSD / Abba Technology Company
- SMSD / Ngima Company
- SMSD / Lapropha Company



## Parallel Sessions 2025

- 12 parallel sessions (8 oral presentations, 2 poster sessions)
- 87 scientific papers evaluated
- 24 professors involved in the evaluation
- 5. Thematic Panels
- 7 thematic panels organized by the SMSD and its institutional partners

**Axes** : Digital transformation of healthcare, augmented/virtual reality, bioinformatics, AI, telemedicine, cybersecurity, health data



## The Hackathon 2024

- 60 research teams, 164 participants, 40 Moroccan cities represented.

**Partners** : Mohammed V University – Entrepreneurship Center, Technopark, Morocco, FMIS

- 6 evaluators (industry professionals, academics, hackathon experts)



# The Smart Healthcare International Conference (SHeIC)

## Objective

The goal of **SHeIC 2024** is to bring together members of the health society and researchers from the fields of data analytics and operations research to discuss the future of healthcare: patient well-being and the optimization of hospital management at the operational and structural levels.



**The use of technology and robots for daily care;**

**Improving medical care through artificial intelligence**

**Data and optimization for hospital management**

**Artificial intelligence at the service of the patient**



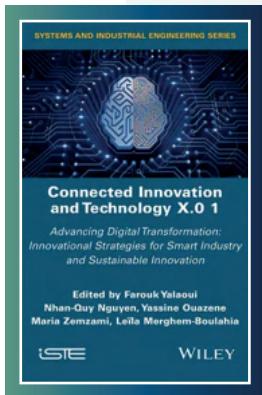
# Joint event 2024: 3rd SHeIC and 2nd IEEE-ICCITX.O

The IEEE International Conference on Connected Innovation and Technology X.O (ICCITX.O) and the International Conference on Intelligent Healthcare (SHeIC)

- **Theme** : Health, Technologies: Territories and Public Policies
- **Founded in 2023** : triplex France-Morocco-Vietnam
- An **indexed, hybrid** and **interdisciplinary** international event
- **Events** : CITX.C Competition; EAHM Prize Competition; SDG International Mini-Summit
- **Website** : <https://icxitx.chaire-connected-innovation.fr/>



## Key figures for the 3rd edition 2024



- **450** Participants – Proceedings of the IEEE, Special Issue, Wiley Volume 2
- **14** parallel sessions in virtual and physical rooms
- **38** international speakers
- **2** panels
- **6** conferences
- **1** technical session





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