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Mission

Advancing the Health of the people through customer driven health services, quality education and innovative research.

Vision

By 2025, to become one of the top 25 African centers of excellence in Health Services, Health Sciences Education and Research.

Core Values

- Quality first
- Customer driven
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Sustainability
- Good Governance
- Commitment
- Ownership
- Equity

"We really Care!"

To
Prof. Mark Musen
Stanford University

Prof. Mirjam van Reisen
Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC)
16 August 2021

Dear Prof Musen and Prof van Reisen,
As chief executive director of Mekelle University College of Health Sciences, Ayder Comprehensive specialized Referral Hospital, we fully support the collaboration proposed in the framework of the Bridge2AI program.

At Ayder Hospital, we would like to participate in the CONDIT center that you aim to set up in order to provide a framework to channel new data into digital health solutions.

Our hospital closely works with Mekelle University Digital Health R&D Center with the aim to participate into the digitization of health patient data, as we believe that this has the future. So far, we have developed excellent experts who are working in Digital Electronic Health System, advise the federal government and regional health bureau. Our experts are eager to learn from collaboration with leaders of innovation across the globe.

The collaboration with Stanford University and Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC) has great value to us and we strongly support your efforts to investigate how new inclusive data sets can be obtained that are fully compliant with data sovereignty in Africa and promote collaboration on data-visiting internationally. Such methods will be ideal to create quality data to strengthen available data sets for AI.

You are right in being concerned with AI for health that excludes African populations which may be incomplete at best and misleading at worst. At Ayder Hospital, we stand ready to work with you on the challenge of ensuring quality data for AI that is generated through ethically correct methods. We commend you for the efforts in this work and we hope you will be successful.

Sincerely,

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