

DIGITAL HEALTH REGULATION IN UGANDA

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Summary of session

- The Different Approaches to Regulation in Africa (Group Discussion)
- Uganda's Experience in Developing and Implementing the Digital Health Guidelines (Presentation)
- Existing Oversight Institutions and their Mandate in Africa (Group Discussion)
- Participant Evaluation, Closing Reflections and Commitments

Resources

Sekalala, S., Rawson, B., & Andanda, P. (2025), A socio-legal critique of the commercialization of digital health in Sub-Saharan Africa, Policy Studies, 1–21,
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01442872.2025.2451966>

Session One: The Different Approaches to Regulation in Africa

- Uganda -Informal approach to regulating digital health using standards and guidelines. Ministry of Health developed a **Compendium of National Digital Health Guidelines (MoH), 2024**
- Kenya-promulgated the **Digital Health Act, 2023**
- South Africa- Digital health is regulated through the **Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), 2013**

Session Two: Oversight Institutions and their Mandate (Uganda)

Institution	Function / Regulatory Impact
Ministry of Health (MoH)	Coordinates policy development and integration of digital health tools across national and subnational systems.
National Information Technology Authority – Uganda (NITA-U)	Sets technical standards for ICT, cybersecurity protocols, and monitors system compliance and infrastructure readiness.
Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)	Regulates telecom platforms and ensures digital infrastructure supports reliable, secure health system connectivity.
Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Council (UMDPC)	Oversees ethical and professional conduct of medical personnel including digital record keeping and data handling standards.
Uganda Pharmaceutical Society (UPS)	Supports pharmacists in digital literacy, medicine data governance, and promotes ethical pharmacy integration in EMR systems.

Evaluation and Commitments

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