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# INSPIRE

Interoperability and  
Standards in Practice:  
Innovation, Readiness, Education



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# Power of Collaboration

with **Herko Coomans**

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# Connected care for everyone



**Why interoperability matters**



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IEEE Fellow



A vintage-style photograph of a person walking away from the camera on a wide, unpaved dirt road. The road curves slightly to the right. On the left side of the road, there is a large, leafless tree. The landscape is flat and appears to be a rural or agricultural area with fields. In the distance, there is a line of trees and a utility pole stands on the right side of the road. The overall tone is sepia or aged, suggesting a historical or philosophical context.

**Standards**

**make us *more* human**

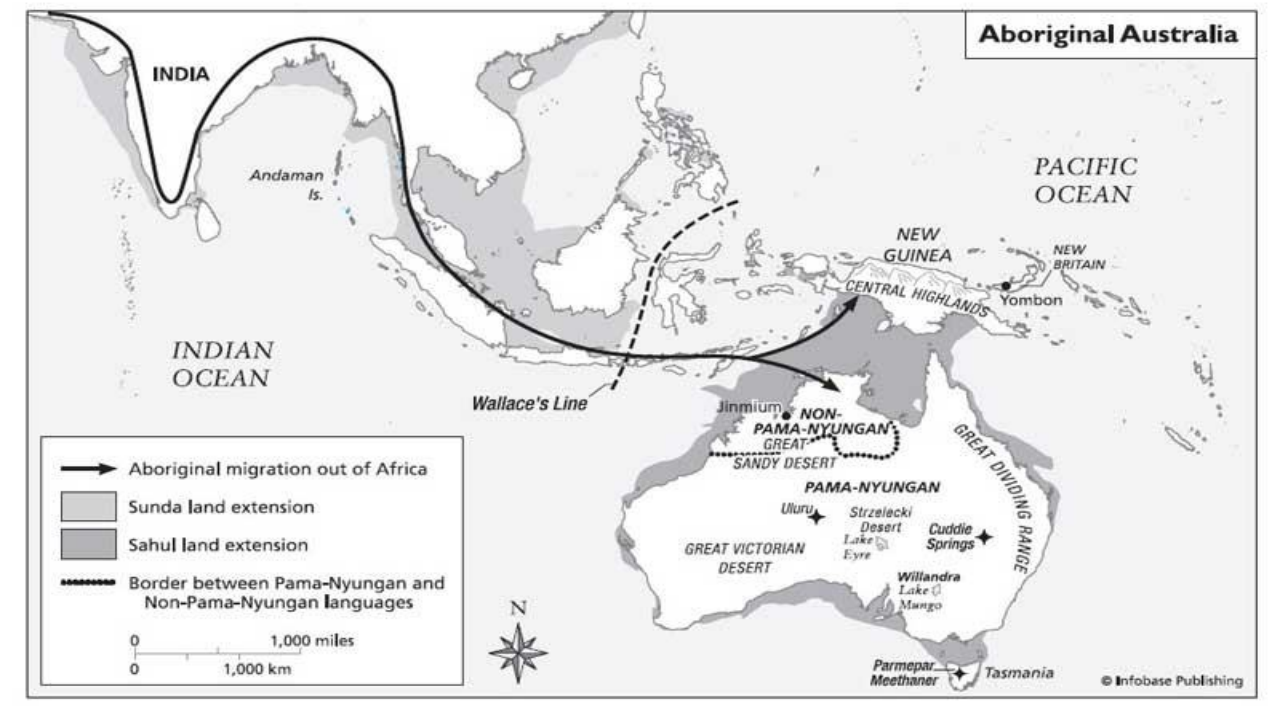
**Autonomy  
Freedom  
Privacy  
Solidarity**

**Technology** shapes **Society**









**Similar health challenges +  
Extend beyond country  
borders +  
Technology breaks down  
borders +  
Data is ubiquitous +**

**=**

**Digital health is international**

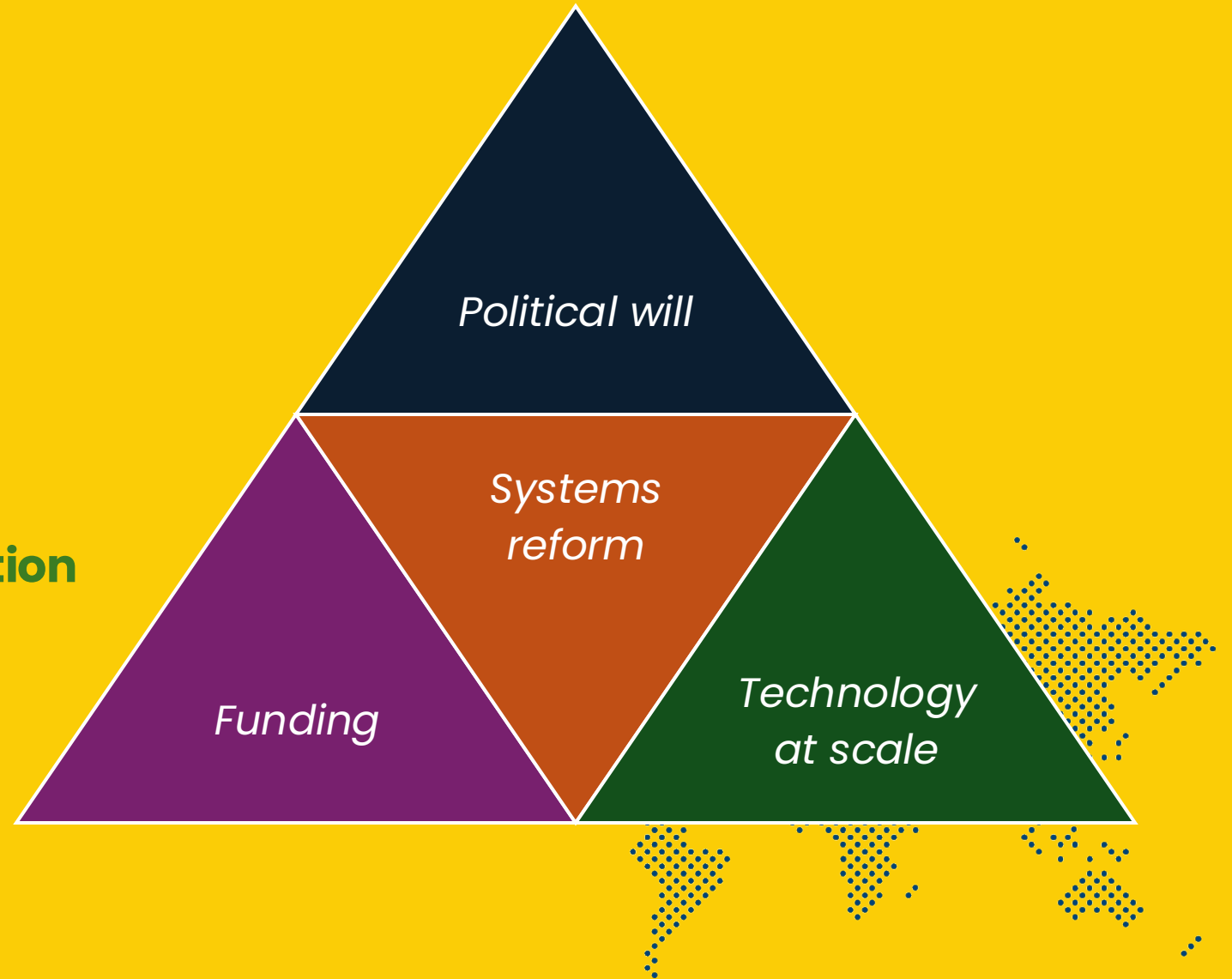




# Unique window of opportunity

## For Global Digital Health Collaboration

Never before in time have we had all these ingredients for sustainable change at the same time. But, the window is closing fast.





Global  
Collaboration  
is **key**







**Established 2018**

A collaboration of **national digital health authorities** and **international organizations** formed to support the executive implementation of **worldwide digital health services**



*Australia*

**Australian Digital Health Agency ADHA**



*United States of America*

**Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT ONC** (now Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy of the Department for Health and Human Services ASTP)



*United Kingdom*

**National Health Service NHS Digital**



*Hong Kong, China*

**Hong Kong Hospital Authority HKHA**



*World Health Organization WHO*

**Digital Health and Innovation Department DHI**

# GDHP members

**42 countries + WHO**

National Digital Health  
Authorities (Ministries of Health,  
Government Agencies)

**>40% of the world population**



World Health  
Organization



# Leadership

## GDHP Chairs

*Australia (2018-2019)* 

*India (2020-2021)* 

*USA (2022-2023)* 

*The Netherlands (2024-2025)* 

## GDHP Vice-chairs

*The Netherlands (2022-2023)* 

*Portugal (2024-2025)* 

## Organization

- ✓ *GDHP is by the member countries, for the member countries.*
- ✓ *There is no legal entity, the Chair represents the collective in GDHP business.*
- ✓ *The Secretariat is run by the Chair so it also rotates.*
- ✓ *The GDHP Chair position rotates between member states with a 2-year term.*





# GDHP Summits: semi-annual meetings





*Why  
does this  
matter?*



# International Patient Summary IPS



- A standardized set of basic clinical data
- Includes most important health and care related facts
- A summarized version of a patient's clinical data provides health professionals the essential information needed for care

## What makes the IPS so special?

- ✓ It is truly a global set of standards
- ✓ Citizen/patient/consumer included
- ✓ Trust infrastructure
- ✓ Cross-border use cases
- ✓ National use-cases

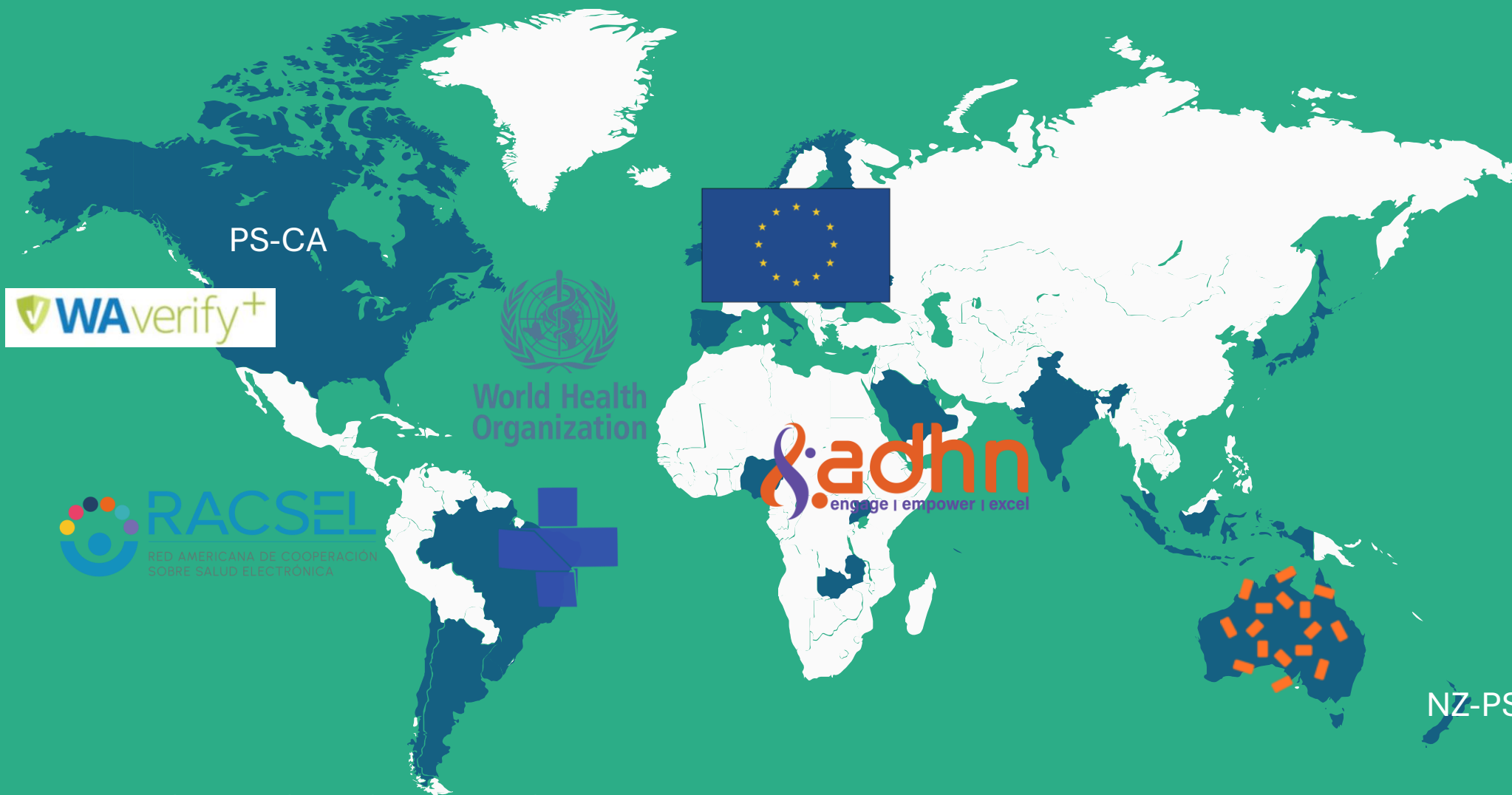




# IPS & Hajj (Saudi Arabia)







# IPS initiatives



# What I tried to say:

- ✓ We **shape** technology to fit our **values** through **standards**
- ✓ We cannot shape technology alone
- ✓ We are **more alike** to others than we think
- ✓ **International collaboration** works

**Bonus:** it is also a lot of fun!



*Thank you*







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