**Letter of Application using the Transitive Trust Process to join**

**WHO’s Global Digital Health Certification Network**

WHO Global Digital Health Certification Network (GDHCN) Secretariat  
World Health Organization  
by email only to: tng-secretariat@who.int

To: GDHCN Secretariat

With the recognition that:

* the EU established a framework and a system for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 certificates entitled ‘EU Digital COVID Certificate’ (EU DCC);
* WHO has established a freely available global certification system for its Member States that is based on the EU DCC trust framework, principles and open technologies under its own structure, the WHO Global Digital Health Certification Network (GDHCN);
* the EU DCC and GDHCN systems are based on a common set of open technologies and open-source projects to ensure the compatibility of the GDHCN with systems currently connected to the EU DCC system; and
* WHO will not store, process, transmit or otherwise have access to personal data (including COVID-19 Certificate Revocation lists) through the operation of the GDHCN.

As a duly authorized representative of the WHO Member State indicated below, I hereby confirm the will and intent of that WHO Member State to participate in and join the GDHCN for COVID-19 Certificates. I hereby confirm the Member State’s readiness and intent to:

* comply with Ethical principles and data protection considerations outlined in Section 2 of:

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Digital_certificates-vaccination-2021.1> and in particular ensure that the personal data contained in the certificates issued shall be processed only for the purpose of accessing and verifying the information included in the certificate, shall be limited to what is strictly necessary for the intended use case, and shall not be retained longer than is strictly necessary (it being reminded that WHO will not have access to such personal data);

* comply with standards, security requirements and technological systems and processes for the WHO GDHCN as described in:

<https://worldhealthorganization.github.io/smart-trust/index.html>;

* ensure that COVID-19 certificates issued can be verified for their authenticity, validity and integrity utilizing the WHO GDHCN;
* follow the Transitive Trust Onboarding Process which may be found at:

<https://worldhealthorganization.github.io/smart-trust/concepts_onboarding.html>;

* authorise the transfer to and utilization by WHO of the Transport Layer Security (TLS) public key certificate used for the national backend connection with the EC DCC Gateway; and
* provide additional information, feedback and organizational support as needed to ensure successful connection to and utilization of the GDHCN as part of the uptake of the EU DCC Gateway.

With this application we acknowledge that the terms and conditions under which the GDHCN operates may evolve and which may necessitate future agreement to those terms and conditions.

**Representative submitting this application form**

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**Accountable entities**

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