

London Model WHO Day 3: Committee Sessions, Press Conference and Panel Discussion

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The third day of the conference saw opening speeches from the delegates of Portugal, Jamaica, Malaysia, and China, amongst others, in Committee B. A few alliances seem to have formed - let's find out more from the delegates themselves!

One draft resolution in Committee B focuses on enhancing digital literacy and skills in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs), with BMGF and PATH giving their seal of approval and Health AI partnering to offer certificates and accreditation, courses, and technical support in the form of pre-marketing assessments. Sponsored by Nepal, Indonesia, Jamaica, China and Brazil, they aim to highlight gender equity, seeing as 70% of women work in the healthcare yet many of their needs often go unmet. As such, forming international cooperations via cross-border partnerships between lower income countries like Nepal, and more developed countries such as China and Brazil, are welcome to help one another achieve digital literacy.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change were both looking to approve resolutions that align with their principles of health equity, and digital infrastructure, respectively.

Following our press conference that took place this morning, we heard from member state delegates from both committees elaborate on their proposals and progress, ranging from the implementation of their plans to the countries involved in the alliances. Non-State Actors such as Google also had the opportunity to speak. The second Panel Discussion of the conference also saw Molly Pugh-Jones, Advocacy manager for Digital Health and Rights at STOPAIDS, and also Brian Wong, founder of the LonWHO Conference, discuss human rights in relation to global health and international policymaking, as well as the conference sub-themes.

As we near the final plenary session of the conference, we eagerly anticipate the resolutions and proposals by various groups.