The WHO initiative on ‘Information and communication technologies (ICTs) for improving performance of the health workforce’ [28]. It is aimed at planning, organizing, supporting, promoting, coordinating and implementing activities focused on the use of ICT for improving the performance of human resources for health. Contact Dr Alena Petrakova (e-mail: petrakovaa@who.int) for more information.

The ‘HIV/Knowledge management electronic medical records project’ [29]. This project’s mission is to support antiretroviral treatment (ART) and scale up in sub-Saharan Africa and strengthen primary health care systems. Contact Chris Bailey (e-mail: baileych@who.int) for more information.

The ‘Public-private partnership on ICTs for health’, whose aim is to provide a framework that describes the workings of public-private partnerships in the ICT field, including guidelines for policy, accessibility, quality and best use requirements [30]. Contact Phillipe Boucher (e-mail: boucherp@who.int) for more information.

The ‘Portuguese language e-health network initiative (ePort)’, whose mission is to establish and maintain an alliance of health-related institutions in Portuguese-speaking WHO Member States for promoting better health in these countries through the development of Portuguese language communities and the sharing of Portuguese language knowledge and information resources within and among the countries [31]. Contact Dr S. Yunkap Kwankam (e-mail: kwankamy@who.int) for more information.

The ‘Global observatory for e-health (GOE)’, whose key objective is to provide timely and high-quality evidence and information to support national governments and international bodies in improving policy, practice and management of e-health services [32]. Contact Dr Misha Kay (e-mail: kaym@who.int) for more information.