#### **Breakout Session 1: Track B**

### MUST Data Science Research Hub (MUDSReH) - Democratized Trusted Research Environment (dTRE)

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#### **Democratized Trusted Research Environment (dTRE) - Motivation**

Main Projects

Pilot Projects

MODRIA

Pathology

Diabetic Retinopathy

**AVEMAP** 

**Cervical Cancer** 

Dermatology

Pulmonary conditions

Pregnancy Complications 14,000 images

37,801 images

*1,109 images* 

1,784 images

\*\*400 images

\*\*250 images

**MUDSReH Local Storage** 



OPEN ACCESS

**Local Storage Limitations** 

**Access Limitations** 

Generating VAST Amounts of image + Text Data







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**Motivation for NOT-OD-23-070** 



#### **Democratized Trusted Research Environment (dTRE) - Motivation**

- Images + Bio data
- De-identified Data
- Normalised Datasets

**MUDSReH Local storage** 



Promote Research and Data Utilisation



- Images + Bio data
- De-identified Data
- Normalised Datasets

Data availed to Public

#### **Local Storage Limitations**

- Power Instability
- Network Instability
- Internet Access
- Storage capacity
- Compute()

#### **dTRE**

- Save storage space
- Reduced memory req.
- Efficient processing
- Faster data retrieval
- Improved privacy
- Reduced pre-processing
- Reduced bandwidth req.

- Access Limitations
  - Safe Projects
  - Safe People

Safe Data

- Safe Settings
- Safe Outputs
- FAIR Data principles

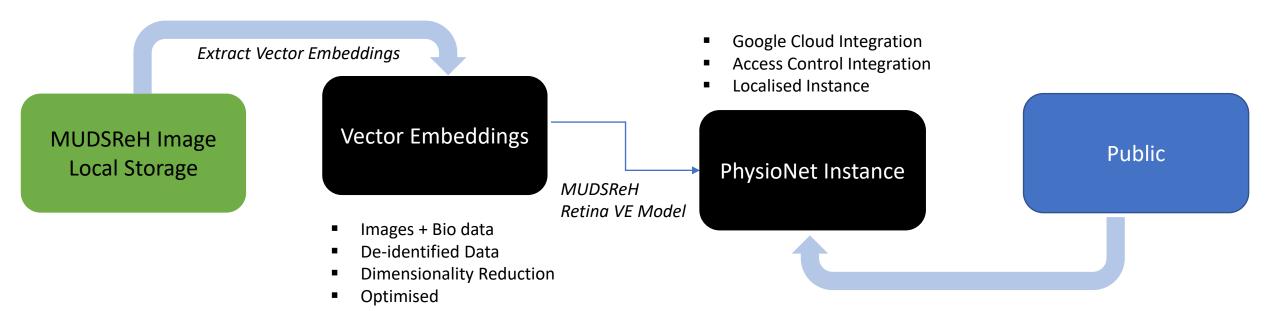








#### Democratized Trusted Research Environment (dTRE) - Design





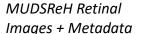






#### **Democratized Trusted Research Environment (dTRE) - Design**





MUDSReH DMAC + MIT Vector Embeddings Team



# PhysioNet

The Research Resource for Complex Physiologic Signals

- Develop a robust vector embedding model for retina images Completed
- Test the Vector embedding Model on Brazilian Dataset Completed
- ✓ Train the Vector Embedding on MUDSReH Retinal Images –
   Ongoing expected to be completed by end of February

- ✓ Create a demonstrator environment using publicly available PhysioNet Data in Google Cloud with novel access control – On Going
  - ✓ Creating MUDSReH project on PhysioNet Completed
  - ✓ GCP Integration On Going
  - ✓ Access control integration On Going
- Transfer the PhysioNet dTRE infrastructure to the MUDSReH data ecosystem –
   On Going









#### Democratized Trusted Research Environment (dTRE) – Expected Outcomes

1)An Optimized Vector Embedding Model for Retinal Images for an African Population

2) A secure African Based PhysioNet Instance

- ✓ Increase Knowledge about Vector Embeddings in Retinal Images— Through a manuscript
- ✓ Increased Utilisation of Retinal Images Through a datathon

- ✓ Increase Knowledge about Trusted Research Environments —
  Through a manuscript
- ✓ Increased Utilisation of MUDSReH Images Through a datathon
- ✓ Increased development of ML Models using MUDSReH

  Datasets Through Access to GCP Compute infrastructure







# THANK YOU

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