

**THE PHARMACEUTICAL
CLEARINGHOUSE OF THE AMERICAS**

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I. CONCEPT

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I. CONCEPT OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL CLEARINGHOUSE OF THE AMERICAS

1. RATIONALE

It has been noticed that most of information on the pharmaceutical sector already exist at the local, national and international levels but :

- ✓ It is scattered through multiple and various sources
 - ✓ It is difficult to access the most current information on the pharmaceutical sector
 - ✓ Available information is limited, biased, and/or not comparable
- It may lead to a sub-optimal pharmaceutical policy formulation and an inefficient allocation of resources

As a consequence, it has an impact on health

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas are to:

- ✓ Organize and consolidate the information :
Gathering the information in a systematic way and disseminating it with a common framework
- ✓ Facilitate access to this information :
Making the information widely available
- ✓ Favor exchanges between professionals of the pharmaceutical sector :
Providing an area to share experience and knowledge

Linking people, ideas, and experiences, so that Pharmaceutical knowledge is shared and used throughout the region of the Americas

3. SCOPE

The Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas will focus on :

- ✓ The most relevant issues for the countries :
 - key components of the pharmaceutical sector
 - content targeted for the needs of the countries
- ✓ From and for all the countries of the Americas
- ✓ From a Public Health perspective

The Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas will be a “reference” source of information and a platform for exchange of information about the pharmaceutical sector in the Region of the Americas

4. TARGETED USERS

The main users of the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas are:

- ✓ **Policy decision makers within the health authorities**

But also :

- ✓ **Drug regulatory agencies**
- ✓ **Health sector institutions at national and local levels**
- ✓ **Academic institutions**

5. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- ✓ **Official sources**
 - ◆ International and National
 - ◆ Published and Unpublished

- ✓ **Unofficial sources**
 - ◆ Viewed as reliable and pertinent
 - ◆ International and National
 - ◆ Published

6. PARTNERS (1/2)

FIOCRUZ

Fundação Oswaldo Cruz

<http://www.fiocruz.br>

ICF

Fundacio Institut Catala de Farmacologia

<http://www.icf.uab.es>

IDB

Inter-American Development Bank

<http://www.iadb.org>

ISALUD

Fundación Instituto de la Salud

<http://www.isalud.com>

PAHO/WHO

**Pan American Health Organization
/World Health Organization**

<http://www.paho.org>

MSH

Management Sciences for Health

<http://www.msh.org>

6. PARTNERS (2/2)

OSU

The Ohio State University

<http://www.osu.edu>

SOIKOS

**Centro de estudios en economía de la salud y
de la política social**

<http://www.soikos.com>

USAID

US Agency for International Development

<http://www.usaid.gov>

USP

United States Pharmacopoeia

<http://www.usp.org>

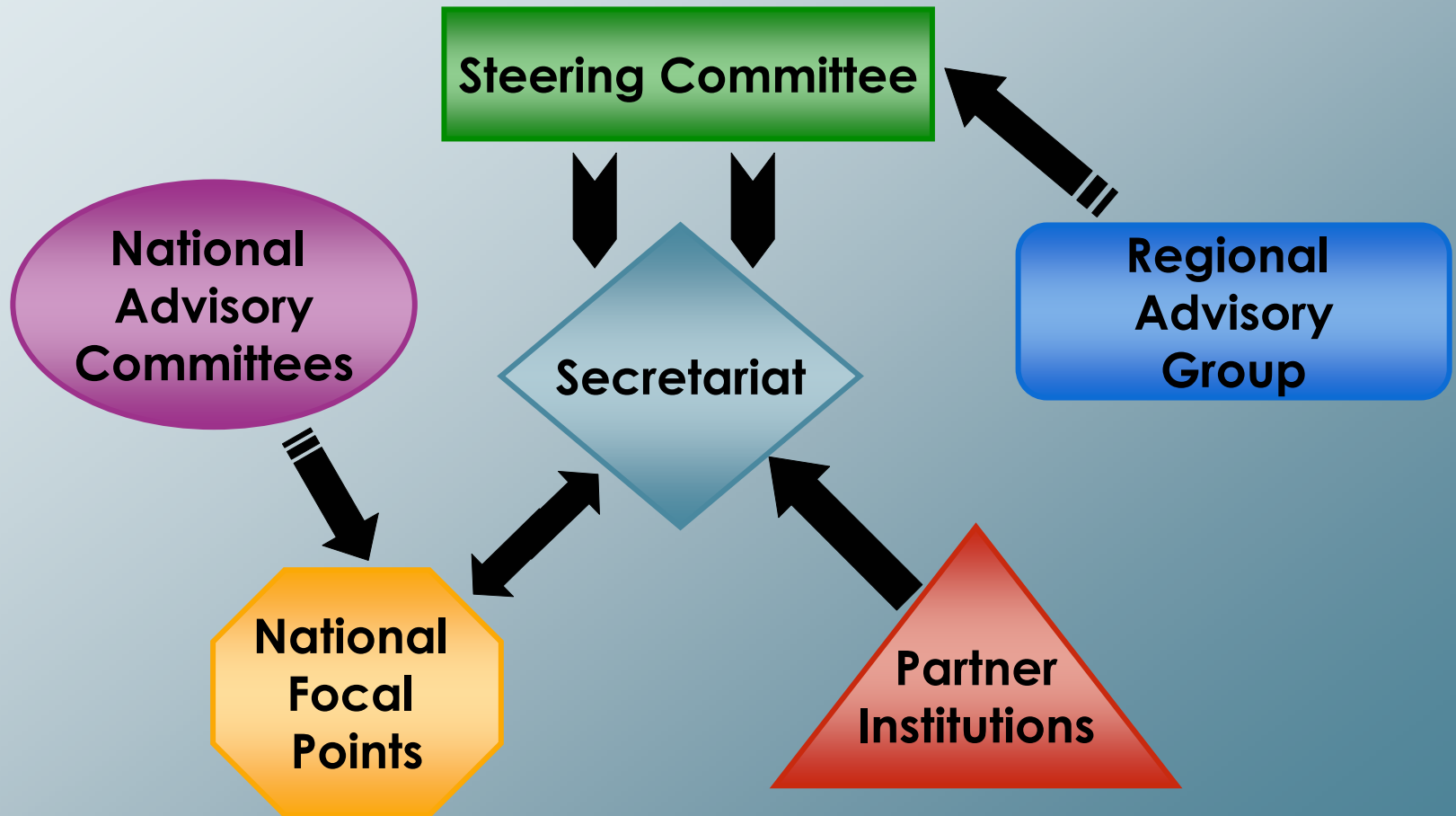
WB

World Bank

<http://www.worldbank.org>

II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL CLEARINGHOUSE OF THE AMERICAS

1. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



2. SECRETARIAT

ROLE

To manage and coordinate the execution of the project

COMPOSITION

Personnel from institutions and organizations participating

3. NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

ROLE

- ✓ To provide information for the Thematic Blocks and the Pharmaceutical Sector Profile with the technical support of the Secretariat
- ✓ To participate in the other components of the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas

COMPOSITION

A group of people from national organizations or institutions in a given country, that has the support of the national health authority

4. PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

ROLE

To provide the Secretariat with advice and support on technical issues

COMPOSITION

Partner institutions willing to participate in the PCA activities

5. STEERING COMMITTEE

ROLE

To decide the developmental and operational strategies of the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas

COMPOSITION

One representative of each institution that contributes in kind and/or in cash to the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas

6. ADVISORY BODIES

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

ROLE

To advise the National Focal Points on the collection of the information pertaining to the Thematic Blocks and the Country's Pharmaceutical Sector Profile

COMPOSITION

Multiple stakeholders of the pharmaceutical sector in the country

REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

ROLE

To provide strategic guidance to the Steering Committee on the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas

COMPOSITION

Multiple stakeholders of the pharmaceutical sector in the Region

III. COMPONENTS OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL CLEARINGHOUSE OF THE AMERICAS

1. OVERVIEW OF THE COMPONENTS



Thematic
blocks



Cyber
library



Pharmaceutical
sector profile



Links



Knowledge
exchange



Upcoming
events



News



Satisfaction
survey

2. THEMATIC BLOCKS (1/2)

Dynamic Databases on the Pharmaceutical Sector

Which :

- ✓ Provides current and relevant data
 - ◆ Up to date information
 - ◆ Focused on strategic areas and targeted to users' needs
- ✓ Allows regional comparisons
 - ◆ Common methodology to gather information
 - ◆ Common framework to disseminate data

⇒ Facilitate the development of regional and sub regional action plans to improve the performance of the pharmaceutical sector

2. THEMATIC BLOCKS (2/2)

Six Thematic Blocks

- ♦ 1 : Pharmaceutical market
- ♦ 2 : Drug supply
- ♦ 3 : Drug use
- ♦ 4 : Pharmaceutical regulation
- ♦ 5 : Economic regulation
- ♦ 6 : Price database

3. PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR PROFILE (1/2)

A characterization of the pharmaceutical sector
in a given country of the Americas

- ✓ To provide current and concise description and analysis of the pharmaceutical sector
 - ◆ Based on information pertaining to the Thematic Blocks

- ✓ To support countries in defining, self-monitoring and self-evaluating National Drug Policies

⇒ Understand the national Pharmaceutical Sector of each country, facilitate regional and sub regional comparative analysis and assist policy decision making

PCA'S THEMATIC BLOCKS & PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR PROFILE

Thematic Blocks
Databases of data
& information

Subset of data
& information



Pharmaceutical
sector profile

Description and analysis of
the Pharmaceutical Sector

4. CYBER LIBRARY

A pool of documents related to key areas of the pharmaceutical sector contained in the Thematic Blocks

It encompasses:

- ✓ Grey literature and selected publications
- ✓ Thesaurus on the pharmaceutical sector

⇒ Facilitate access to relevant literature on the pharmaceutical sector

5. LINKS

A pool of web sites related to the Pharmaceutical Sector

Selection of web sites that contain valuable pharmaceutical resources :

- **Web sites related to the key components identified for the PCA**
- **Links to the web sites of organizations and institutions , either national or international, involved in the Pharmaceutical Sector**

⇒ Accelerate access to relevant sources of information

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

A calendar of events that are going to take place

Selection of events (workshops, trainings, seminars, conferences, meetings) related to the pharmaceutical sector activities

⇒ Inform people, organizations or institutions about events related to their activities

7. NEWS

A periodic report of the pharmaceutical sector's news

It encompasses:

- ✓ **Worldwide selected news of the current months**
- ✓ **Links to daily news web sites**

⇒ Provide timely information on significant developments and changes within the pharmaceutical sector

8. KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

A platform of discussion

It encompasses:

- ✓ Forum Area ♦ “Live” discussions on determined topics guided by a moderator

- ✓ Expert’s consultation ♦ Experts’ answers on some specific issues published on the web site

⇒ Favor and facilitate the sharing of experience and knowledge

9. SATISFACTION SURVEY

A continuing assessment of the audience satisfaction

- ✓ **Assessment of the content, format and user-friendliness of the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas**
- ✓ **Feedback from the audience gathered through “on line” questionnaires**

⇒ Help the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas to achieve its objectives