

A light blue map of Central America and the Dominican Republic is overlaid on a dark blue background. The map shows the outlines of the countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic. The text is centered over the map.

# HEALTH AGENDA FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

2009 - 2018

Approved in the XXIX Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Health Ministers  
of the Central American Integration System,  
Tegucigalpa, 30-31 January 2009



I.

# The Process

AGENDA DE SALUD  
DE CENTROAMÉRICA  
Y REPUBLICA DOMINICANA





# Land-marks in the process of elaboration of the Agenda

2001 • COMISCA establish its constitutional regulations.

**2007**

26-27 de noviembre • XXIII RESSCAD y la XXVII Reunión del COMISCA: set the bases for the process of elaboration of the Health Agenda

7-8 de diciembre • First workshop to form the COTESAS Group. Definition of a time-table and the way forward

**2008** • XXVII COMISCA meeting. Time-table is approved

28-29 de febrero • Second COTESAS workshop. Content definition and separation of the Health Agenda and Plan

mayo, junio • Consultas nacionales

2-3 de julio • Third COTESAS workshop with participation of SISCA, Executive Secretary of COMISCA, COMMCA y FOCARD/APS



# Land-marks in the process of elaboration of the Agenda

- 1 de Octubre • Sixth Virtual COTESAS meeting. Text of the last Agenda draft is approved and agreed on the process of regional consultations.
- 25 de octubre • Last draft Agenda is shared with the participating countries, methodology for regional consultations is approved and a presentation is prepared on the Agenda and its contents to be utilized in each country.
- 30 octubre - 15 noviembre • Countries sensitization  
Regional Consultation
- diciembre • The Health Agenda is approved by COMISCA
- **Process of Launching of the Agenda starts.**



# The Process





## Health Agenda for Central America and The Dominican Republic National Consultations dates in 2008

| Country            | Dates      |
|--------------------|------------|
| El Salvador        | May 15th   |
| Panamá             | May 15th   |
| Belize             | May 20th   |
| Honduras           | May 23rd   |
| Dominican Republic | May 23rd   |
| Guatemala          | May 30th   |
| Nicaragua          | June 6th   |
| Costa Rica         | July 23rd. |



# **ACTORS FOR REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS**

**October 20th to November 7th 2008**

1. Organizations for integration of Central America and Dominican Republic
2. Social Sector Organization in the Region
3. International Cooperation

## II.

# THE CONTENT







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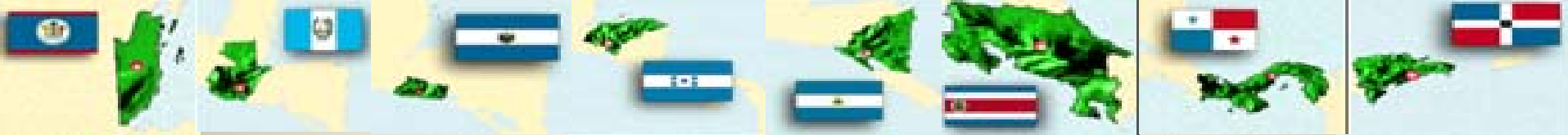
# What is the Agenda?

- Regional Political Instrument
- It compliments and aligns with the Health Agenda for the Americas
- Seeks to strengthen the regional integration and its political and institutional organizations
- It is designed to achieve an effective harmonization and cooperation between national and international partners
- Period 2009-2018
- It guides the corresponding Action Plan



# PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

- Integration
- Right to the highest attainable level of health
- Solidarity Participation
- Equality between men and women
- Respect for the ethnic and sociocultural diversity
- Primary Health Care



# DECALOGUE IN HEALTH

1. Strengthen the social integration of Central America and the Dominican Republic by defining and implementing regional health policies
2. Strengthen the steering role of the National Health Authority within the framework of Central American integration
3. Strengthen and extend social protection in health, guaranteeing access to quality health services
4. Reduce inequalities and inequities, and social exclusion in health within and among countries
5. Reduce the risks and burden of communicable and noncommunicable diseases, domestic and social violence, and risks related to the environment and lifestyles

6. Strengthen health worker management and development
7. Promote scientific research, and health science and technology developments as well as the use/application of scientific evidence in public health policies
8. Strengthen nutrition and food security and reduce malnutrition with support from the region's specialized institution - the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP)
9. Establish mechanisms to increase coverage in the provision of safe drinking water and protect and improve the human environment, with support from the regional entity the Water and Sanitation Forum for Central America and the Dominican Republic (FOCARD-APS)
10. Reduce the vulnerability to natural disasters, anthropic emergencies, and the effects of climate change



Thank you, Gracias.