

Presentation delivered during the Second Technical Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS/STI

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New recommendations of TAC 2006

Recommendations

- Supportive legal frameworks, effective leadership, and sound policies are required for scaling up prevention and care
 - Evidence-based policy making
 - Utilization of clear and relevant indicators
 - Importance of adherence to treatment

Recommendations

- **NEW**
- **That PAHO encourage member countries to use modern information technology to improve program performance**
 - **For example, a database for standardized clinical and epidemiological information and for management of supplies/commodities**

Recommendations

- **NEW**
- **That PAHO commission a critical review of**
 - **barriers to adherence**
 - **barriers to access to comprehensive prevention, care, treatment and support**

Main Conclusions of the 2nd General TAC Meeting

- **NEW RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **That PAHO promote**

- **harmonization of case definitions in relation to HIV infection and disease**
- **standardization of valid diagnostic algorithms in cases of HIV infection and disease, as well as in conditions related to HIV.**
 - **This includes clinical and laboratory algorithms**

Recommendations

- **NEW**
- **That PAHO develop a comprehensive communication strategy that includes all relevant stakeholders and that leads to wide adoption of the health sector plan**

Recommendations

- **NEW**
- **That PAHO, through its national representatives, advocate for elimination of double standards, including the use of sub-optimal prevention strategies, treatment practices and monitoring.**

Recommendations

- **REFINED**
- **That PAHO demonstrate progress in promoting the establishment of national ethics committees (where these do not exist now) and that the terms of reference of these committees should include review and monitoring of issues related to HIV/AIDS/STI.**
 - **These include issues related to prevention, care, treatment and support**