

My Profile



A space for the user to create their individual and/or institutional profile, participate in communities and build networks of partners and contacts.

Network



A tool that allows visualization of collaborative networks within the Platform.

Innovation Forum



A collaborative space to present innovative solutions in health technology issues.

Repository



Facilitates access to information on governance and other key aspects of the health technology sector in the Region.

Communities of Practice



A tool to bring people and institutions together to work on issues of common interest, to share and generate knowledge.

Annotated Medicines List



A tool that will provide information on essential and strategic medicines that are used throughout the Region. This component will integrate information from Member States' essential medicines lists with evidence-based summaries and the regulatory status within the country.

Observatory



Provides information on the sectors and processes involved in development, production, and regulation of health technologies through the use of standardized indicators that are updated periodically.

Other tools...

The Platform provides a range of additional possibilities:

- An entry point to the innovation node of the Virtual Campus of Public Health (VCPH).
- Send and receive messages to other users.
- Locate individuals and institutions to share information and cooperate in areas of mutual interest.

Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies



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Innovation for health: A new perspective

The Pan American Health Organization/ World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) works actively to promote innovation in health technologies. Intrinsically linked with innovation is the goal to improve access to essential medicines, biologicals and diagnostics in the Region. To better achieve this goal, PAHO/WHO has developed the Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies.

This Platform is composed of a series of virtual tools designed to support and promote technological innovation, access, rational use, regulation, and governance of health technologies from the public health perspective. PAHO/WHO expects the platform to facilitate the development of linkages between stakeholders in health innovation systems to move beyond institutional, country and sector boundaries.

The Platform will also serve as an instrument to channel reliable information for the development of health products that constitute a priority for the Americas. It will support the development of enabling environments for technological innovation and facilitate the strengthening of national health and regulatory capacity to ensure access to quality health technologies.

Access and innovation for health: A regional platform

Goal

The Platform offers a series of virtual tools that will promote and support innovation, access, rational use, quality and governance in the area of medicines and health technologies from a public health perspective and to serve Regional health priorities.

Scope

- Access to essential medicines and other health technologies.
- Quality and regulation of health technologies.
- Research, development and technological innovation for health.
- Rational use of health technologies.
- Health technologies and technological innovation for health governance and policies.
- Intellectual property management in public health.

Expected results

The Platform is a dynamic instrument centered on member countries' public health needs. This tool facilitates networking, collaborative projects and the development of competencies in the health technology and innovation sector. Communication and collaboration between authorities, academia, civil society, the manufacturing sector and other parties with an interest in improving access to health technologies will:

- Strengthen the regulatory and governance functions of national health authorities in the health technologies and innovation for health sectors.
- Promote access to essential medicines and other health technologies and improve the rational use of these products based on the best available evidence.
- Facilitate the exchange of reliable information to support regulation, quality and use of health technologies.
- Promote technology transfer, manufacturing and innovation of health technologies designed to serve Regional health priorities.

A platform promoting collaboration between Member States

The Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies is linked to the tradition of cooperation between countries in the Region. The Platform was developed with the support of member countries in collaboration with regional and international partners. Framed within the priorities specified in the Health Agenda for the Americas, the Platform will support the implementation of specific mandates including:

- Access to Medicines (CD45.R7).
- Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property (GSPoA) (WHA61.21) and The Regional Perspective (CD48.R15).
- Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals (CD50.R9).

