

Draft concept for Launch of WHO guidelines
October 11, 2013

Concept for the Launch of the WHO Guidelines in the Caribbean

Date: October 24, 2013

Venue: Hyatt Hotel

Background:

WHO launched the new consolidated HIV guidelines in July 2013 at the International AIDS Society (IAS) Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The new publication updates 2010 WHO guidelines and provides evidence-based recommendations for clinical, programmatic and operational approach to the strategic use of drugs antiretroviral for HIV prevention and treatment. It is expected that the recommendations contained in the new consolidated guidelines will have significant implications in national HIV programmes for the achievement of the goals and objectives of Universal access, and the Elimination of vertical transmission of HIV by the year 2015.

PANCAP will be having a Caribbean meeting for National AIDS programme Managers and other officials and partners during October, 21-23, 2013. PAHO/WHO in conjunction with PANCAP and UNAIDS will utilize the opportunity provided to host an additional day meeting for the National AIDS Programme Managers and Civil Society representatives. Participants will be updated on Treatment 2.0 and the synergies between Treatment 2.0 and Treatment 2015; discuss the WHO 2013 consolidated guidelines and the implications for adoption in Caribbean countries. In addition, participants will be updated on the latest global and regional guidance on HIV Drug Resistance strategies for surveillance.

Objectives:

1. To discuss the synergies between Treatment 2.0 and Treatment 2015 and their utility in sustaining the HIV response in the Caribbean
2. To update participants on the new WHO guidelines 2013 for the strategic use of ARVS for prevention and treatment of HIV
3. Analyze the implications of the WHO 2013 guidelines for national HIV programming, capacity needs and investment for adoption
4. To present the new global (WHO 2012) and regional (2013) recommendations for the surveillance of HIV Drug Resistance (HIVDR) and plan for national adoption/implementation

Expected Results

- Better understanding of Treatment 2.0 and Treatment 2015 and adoption for sustainability
- Increased awareness and understanding of the new WHO 2013 guidelines and implications for adoption in the Caribbean identified
- Increased knowledge of the latest global and regional recommendations for HIVDR surveillance and list of technical cooperation needs identified for implementation in the Caribbean
- Country workplans and listing of technical cooperation needs for adoption of the new guidelines in Caribbean countries

Participants- Caribbean National AIDS Programme Coordinators, Civil Society representatives

Sponsors: PAHO/WHO, UNAIDS in collaboration with PANCAP