CARMEN Policy Observatory on NCD

Overview
Outline

• What is the CARMEN NCD Observatory?

• What are the key objectives?

• What are the five functions?

• What are the activity highlights?

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What is the CARMEN NCD Observatory?

- A joint initiative between PAHO and the WHO Collaborating Center on Noncommunicable Disease (NCD) Policy since 2004, located within the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

- A platform for the network of American countries and institutions engaged in the systematic analysis and monitoring of noncommunicable disease (NCD) policies

- A support to the implementation of the Policy and Advocacy’s line of action of the Regional Strategy for Chronic Diseases Prevention and Control
What are the Key Objectives?

- Provide a knowledge-base and analytical support to policy-makers in the Americas and serve as a dissemination point.

- Support the development of effective integrated NCD prevention policies.

- Assess the effectiveness of policy interventions for chronic disease.

- Strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration in the adoption of complementary policies that maximize NCD prevention.

- Place NCD prevention higher on the agenda of policy-makers.
What are the Five Functions?

1. Monitoring CNCD prevention and control policy and strategies

2. Participating in collaborative research to better understand the processes of policy development and implementation to develop integrated approaches in CNCD prevention and control

3. Providing training and capacity building in CNCD prevention policies

4. Coordinating/documenting international policy dialogue related to CNCD’s

5. Enhancing partnerships in CNCD prevention and control
HIGHLIGHTS:

Policy Monitoring

• Developing a *M&E framework (incl. performance measures)* to ensure readiness for the *evaluation strategy* of the impact of document the PAHO’s Partners Forum for Prevention and Control of CNDC’s in the Americas

• **Monitoring** health initiatives through *policy tools* (e.g. Guide to Document Health Promotion Initiatives in the Americas)

• **Expanding surveillance analysis** to include a variety of data sources and indicators (e.g. Index on effectiveness of policy action)
Call To Action
Intersectoral Collaboration to Fight Chronic Disease

Partners Forum
PAHO Guide for Documenting Health Promotion Initiatives

Health Promotion Effectiveness Working Group

Guide for Documenting Health Promotion Initiatives

Pan American Health Organization

Regional Office of the World Health Organization
HIGHLIGHTS:

Policy Research

• **Analyzing chronic disease policy** development and implementation related to diet and physical activity (e.g. CARMEN Report on nutrition labeling; Mapping of surveillance, prevention and control initiatives for CNCD in Brazil, 1998-1985; Formulation of Policy o Fortify What Flour with Folic Acid in Costa-Rica; Cross Case Comparison (Canada, Brazil, Costa Rica); Costa Rica; and Implementation of nutrition labelling case study in Canada)

• **Documenting inter-sectoral approaches** in CNCD (e.g. ActNowBC)

• **Participating in the development of evidence** to further the economic and social case for investment in CNCD’s
CARMEN Pilot Canadian Case Study
Final Report
Stakeholder Convergence On Nutrition Labelling:
Building Consensus On A Complex Issue
Mobilizing Intersectoral Action to Promote Health

The Case of ActNowBC in British Columbia, Canada
Regional Workshop on the Economic, Fiscal and Welfare Implications of Chronic Diseases in the Americas

November 23-24, 2009
HIGHLIGHTS: Policy Training/Capacity Building

- Training in collaboration with academic institutions on *policy analysis* and *decision-making* to adopt feasible, cost-effective policies and strategies for the prevention and control of CNCD.

- Building capacity in *global health diplomacy* for CNCD’s.

- Building capacity to further *social and economic returns* in CNCD prevention and control.
HIGHLIGHTS:

Policy Dialogue

- Caribbean CNCD Summit implementation

- Canada-Chile policy dialogue

- Technical and Strategic consultation in preparation/evaluation of the Partners Forum on CNCD
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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Partnerships**

- **Knowledge exchange** to improve the use of an integrated approach to CNCD prevention and control

- **Enhance in collaboration with academic institutions** the capacity of decision-makers to influence the policy process related to CNCD’s

- **Provide technical support** in the development of the Global Network in CNCD and Partners Forum
• Technical and Strategic consultation in preparation/evaluation of the Partners Forum on CNCD
Any Suggestions On?

- *Tools to enhance the monitoring* of policy and strategies
- *Subject for collaborative research* to better understand the processes of policy development and implementation
- *Gaps in training and capacity building* in CNCD prevention policies
- *Ideas future policy dialogue* related to CNCD’s in the Americas country
- *Steps to increase partnerships* in CNCD prevention and control
¡Muchas Gracias!
Obrigada!
Thank you!
Merci!

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