

High Cost and Strategic Medicines: Mechanisms to Ensure Universal Access

Official Agenda

Date: 2 - 3 September 2015

Location: Santiago, Chile

Objectives:

- Analyze the impact of the financial burden of incorporating high cost medicines into the health sector;
- Share experiences and lessons learned among different stakeholders and discuss strategies to improve access and decrease the financial impact of the incorporation of high cost medicines;
- Discuss common proposals that may be addressed through pragmatic actions to increase access to high cost and strategic medicines at global level with focus in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Agenda:

Day 1: 2 September		
Topic	Time	Presenter / Moderator
Opening ceremony	9:00 – 9:30	Minister Carmen Castillos, Ministry of Health of Chile Paloma Cuchi (PWR/PAHO/CHI) James Fitzgerald (PAHO)
Right to health	9:30 – 9:50	Jaime Burrows (Under Secretary of Public Health, Chile)
Access to high cost medicines in the context of Universal Access to Health and Universal Coverage	9:50 – 10:45	Jarbas Barbosa (Director, Chairman ANVISA/Brasil)
Coffee	10:45 – 11:00	NA
Right to health and access to high cost and strategic medicines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judicialization • Progressive access to service delivery 	11:00 – 12:00	Albín Chaves (Costa Rica Social Security Fund)

Lunch	12:00 – 1:30	NA
<p>Ensuring efficiency and quality in the access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rational use /health technology assessment (HTA) • The role of National Regulatory Authorities in improving access for high cost and strategic medicines 	1:30 – 2:30	<p>Andrés Pichon-Riviere (IECS)</p> <p>Mario Alanis (COFEPRIS)</p>
<p>Innovation, management of intellectual property and trade-related determinants of access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R&D alternative funding models • Hurdles and opportunities to improve competition • Trade-agreements and access to medicines 	2:30 – 4:00	<p>Judit Rius (MSF)</p> <p>Erika Dueñas (MPP)</p> <p>Maria Fabiana Jorge (Consultant)</p> <p>Michelle Childs (DNDi)</p>
Coffee	4:00 – 4:15	NA
<p>Ensuring Sustainable Financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pricing strategies • Financing mechanisms 	4:15 – 5:15	<p>Camilo Cid (PAHO)</p> <p>Jaime Espín (ASPH)</p> <p>Pietro Cifuentes (FONASA/Chile)</p>
<p>Alternatives for an efficient procurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool procurement • Joint negotiations 	5:15 - 6:15	<p>Analía Porrás (PAHO)</p> <p>Francis Burnett (OECS/PPS)</p> <p>Mariana Faria (ISAGS/UNASUR)</p>
Closing	6:15	Analía Porrás (PAHO)
Cocktail / Reception	7:00	NA

Day 2: 3 September		
Topic	Time	Presenter / Moderador
Opening remarks	9:00 – 9:30	James Fitzgerald (PAHO)
Cost, price, priorities: trade and public health, trade and IP-related determinants of access	9:30 – 10:30	Country Experiences Marianela Castillo (Chile)
Coffee	10:30–11:00	NA
Improving access through regulatory approach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and generics • Context of high cost and strategic medicines in the Region 	11:00–12:00	Country Experiences José Coto (El Salvador) Monica Caetano (Brazil)
Lunch	12:00 – 1:30	NA
Incorporation of high cost medicines: comprehensive cost (clinical guidelines, models and standards of care, diagnosis & patient monitoring) and HTA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence-based approach • Linkage with national health care systems needs • Rational use and consistent access 	1:30 – 2:30	Country Experiences Gisele Vasquez (Rep. Dominicana) Alicia Ferreira (Uruguay)
Equitable prices and procurement options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory framework • Pragmatic approaches to price reduction • Procurement mechanisms 	2:30 – 3:30	Country Experiences Javier Guzmán (Colombia) Tomás Pippo (Argentina)
Coffee	3:30 – 4:00	NA
Country perspectives and discussions	4:00 – 5:00	Analía Porrás (OPS)
Formulation of strategies, agreements and next steps	5:00 – 6:00	Analía Porrás (OPS)
Closing	6:00	Analía Porrás (OPS)