

Countries' Working Group meets to review PAHO Strategic Plan Indicators



The Countries' Working Group (CWG¹) for the PAHO Strategic Plan 2014-2019 met in Brasilia, Brazil, from 28 to 30 April 2014 to work with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) on the following:

- Refine the definition and measurement of Strategic Plan's impact and outcome indicators;
- Review the programmatic prioritization framework for PAHO's Strategic Plan and make recommendations for its improvement; and
- Provide recommendations on the joint monitoring and evaluation process for PAHO's Strategic Plan.

The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Health (MOH) of Brazil and coordinated by the Department Planning and Budget (PBU) in collaboration with the PAHO/WHO Country Office in Brazil. The meeting was successfully conducted with participation of representatives from 11 members of the CWG (including senior public health experts, health managers, planners and external relations officials from the countries), and PASB staff, representing each of the six categories of the Strategic Plan from the technical, and planning and budget departments.

¹ The CWG is composed of 12 Member States: Bahamas, Brazil (Chair of the Group), Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador (Co-Chair of the Group), Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and the United States of America and was established by the 153rd session of the PAHO Executive Committee, in October 2013 pursuant to Resolution CD52.R8 (approval of the PAHO Strategic Plan 2014-2019).

The meeting was characterized by enthusiasm, collaboration and commitment of Member States' representatives to improving the work of the Organization. The meeting objectives were fully met and the CWG members provided clear guidance and technical input to the PASB to complete the work ahead. In particular, the compendium of outcome indicators was substantially refined and improved and a sub-working group was established to update the programmatic prioritization stratification methodology. The CWG also endorsed the methodology for defining and measuring the impact indicators, and the proposed joint monitoring and evaluation system for the Strategic Plan.

NEXT STEPS

The CWG will have a follow-up virtual session in May and June and hold a second face-to-face meeting on 22 -24 July 2014 in Washington D.C. to complete the tasks requested by the PAHO Executive Committee. The CWG will present its final report, including recommendations for necessary amendments to the PAHO Strategic Plan 2014-2019, to the 53rd Directing Council in September 2014.



First face-to-face Meeting of the Countries' Working Group - Brasilia Brazil, from 28 to 30 April 2014



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