

**PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF 8th
MEETING OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN HEALTH COUNCIL**

The Meeting of the Coordinating Committee was held in the city of Paramaribo, Suriname on March 18th and 19th 2014 with the participation of the National Coordinators and Representatives of: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela and of the South American Institute of Government in Health – ISAGS.

The list of attendees is in Annex I. The consensual agenda is in Annex II.

The meeting began with the inaugural speech of Dr. Michel Blokland, Minister of Health of Suriname, welcoming the Delegations.

The following agreements were reached:

PREPARATION OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING'S AGENDA

The Coordinating Committee debated on the draft agenda presented.

The approved agenda for the meeting is in Annex III.

ASSESSMENT OF THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN

After the presentations of the state of affairs of the activities of the Technical Group on Universal Access to Medicines (GAUMU), the Technical Working Group of Social Determinants of Health, Technical Group on Health Surveillance and Response, the Networks of Disaster Risk Management, of National Health Institutes, of Public Health Schools, of Technical Health Schools the Networks and of National Cancer Institutes, the CC recommends the prioritization of the Five Year Plan so as to suit the potential, skills and resources available (whether man hours, financial, etc.), which will necessarily involve reducing the amount and restructuring the activities planned. The PTP will prepare an assesment report for the next SHC for further action. Colombia offered to collaborate with the PTP to undertake this task.

RINC

The National Coordinators Committee recommends that the South American Health Council give the Coordinators Committee a mandate to coordinate and take the necessary steps to approve the regulations of RINC/UNASUR. RINC/UNASUR was created by the South American Health Council through the Resolution n° 04/2011 "to adopt common strategies to reduce the impact of cancer in UNASUR".



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The CC puts forward for the Ministerial Council's approval the Report of the Network of National Cancer Institutions about the acceptance by the First Lady of Peru, Ms. Nadine Heredia Alarcon, of the nomination as Leader and Social Ambassador for the Prevention and Control of Cancer, at RINC's meeting in Lima, on 7th November 2013.

ISAGS

The Coordinating Committee considers and recommends the extension of the mandate of Dr Jose Gomes Temporão as ISAGS' Executive Director for the period of 2 (two) years, as an exception, with the purpose of endorsing an open transition procedure for the election of the Executive Director.

With respect to that, the Coordinating Committee agreed to create an ad hoc Working Group with the participation of the following countries: Surinam's current PTP, oncoming Uruguay's PTP, Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador, Paraguay and Venezuela. The Terms of Reference of the ad hoc adjustment group should be based on the principles of equity and regional integration. The working group will have the objectives to:

- (i) Review ISAGS Bylaw and propose its readjustment;
- (ii) Incorporate the procedure of election of the Executive Director on the Bylaw in a transparent, open and rotating manner;
- (iii) Follow up the ISAGS's Headquarters Agreement and Bylaw approval and ratification by the Brazilian Government;
- (iv) Through the SHC's PTP, request from the General Secretariat, the stage of approval of the UNASUR's Rules of International Personnel.

The Coordinating Committee considers appropriate to put forward for consideration and approval by the South American Health Council, the ISAGS Annual Operating Plan 2014, with the observations of the Member States, particularly in relation with the interaction of other permanent instances of UNASUR.

The TOR should comprise the analysis of the possibility of the Ministries of Health to assign professionals to ISAGS in order to prepare a report that should be presented to the Coordinating Committee within the next 4 months.

WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND COLLECTIVE UNASUR ACTION POINTS

The points already agreed on UNASUR are:

1. Medicines: Biological medicines: access to medicines and ensuring safety, quality and efficacy.
2. Contributing to social and economic development: sustainable action across sectors to improve health and health equity

3. Health in the post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda.
4. Human resources for Health
5. Disability

The CC recommends the countries to highlight other points of interest on the provisional agenda of the WHA, assign level of priority from 1 to 3 (1 being the highest and 3 being the lowest) and include contact details. The PTP will use this information to prepare a listing with suggested actions for the CC to consider and prepare a roadmap to articulate UNASUR presence in the WHA.

The CC recommends the approval of two resolutions made by GAUMU: (1) Universal Coverage, Access to Medicines and problems with the shortage of essential medicines; and (2) Access to Biologicals and Guarantees of Security, Quality and Efficacy.

The CC agreed to exchange the intervention proposals in an *elluminate* meeting in order to reach a 67th WHA with collective positions.

They also agree that Uruguay delegation in Genève will coordinate with the PTP for the articulation for the 67th WHA.

FIRST MEETING OF THE HEALTH MINISTERS OF THE SUMMIT OF SOUTH AMERICAN-ARAB COUNTRIES

To facilitate the South American countries for the participation on the First ASPA Meeting of Ministers of Health, ISAGS offered to make a summarized study of the state of affairs with regards to health in the Arab Countries and distribute a book on Universal Health Systems to members of the Health Council.

Regarding the importance of a political declaration to be presented at the Meeting, the CC take note that Peru will present a draft declaration by Thursday, 27 March, to be commented on by Friday, 28 March, and elaborate a formal proposal with the support of Surinam.

COMMON INITIATIVE PROJECTS

After consideration, the Coordinating Committee recommends the approval of the two projects of the GAUMU, (1) the Mapping of the Regional Capacity in Capabilities in the Production of Medicines and (2) the Medicines Pricing Bank by the South American Health Council.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE STATUTE

The substantive changes proposed to the Coordinating Committee:



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- The HCS is not allowed to draft resolutions, but only minutes, declarations and communications and
- The participation of third parties.

After the appropriate interventions, the Coordinating Committee considers it pertinent and therefore recommends the PTP of the SHC to consult the Delegates Council about the pertinence of waiting for the results of the debate on the project on UNASUR's Global Management Model before proceeding with the approval of the adjustments of SHC's Statute, according to the Council of Foreign Affairs Ministers' mandate from July 11th 2012.

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ANNEX I

LIST OF ATTENDEES

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Country	Names	
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Peru	Victor Cuba Oré	Ministry's Representative
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