



12th National Epidemiologists and Laboratory Directors meeting

Laboratory Directors sub-meeting

September 18th, 2014

AGENDA

1. Planned new activities 2015

- Monitoring and support for quality control in diagnosis of HIV, STI, congenital syphilis, TB and *Plasmodium*.
- Status of diagnostic tests and algorithms of TB and congenital syphilis.
- Status of drug resistance patterns of circulating HIV, STI and TB strains.

2. Sample transportation

- Shipment agreement with LIAT close to be established. Present cost per country?
- Free sample transportation for CMSs being established for emergency situations e.g. Ebola (to complement PAHO support).

3. Caribbean Public Health Laboratories Network and Lab TAG meeting

- Priorities questionnaire
- 1st TAG, 2012 : rationale, vision, mission, objectives and structure
- 2nd TAG, 2014 :
 - o governance and administration of financial resources
 - o categorization of Labs into 3 levels according to capacity and capability to provide laboratory services
- 2014 Situation Analyse Survey. Preliminary results and need for completeness
- Adoption of the WHO-CARPHA tool for assessment of member Laboratories capacities and gaps and for their monitoring
- Next steps before the 1st CPHLM meeting:
 - o CPHLN TORs endorsed by CARPHA's authorities
 - o CPHLN distribution to MOH for sensitization
 - o Identification of 2 focal points per country
 - o completeness of CARPHA Lab Survey from the countries, analyze and individual feed-back
 - o Environmental Lab survey distributed and analyzed
 - o Call for 1st CPHLN meeting in Q1 2014