

Invitation to the Advance-HTA Capacity Building Workshop

Mexico City, 6-7 November 2014

The London School of Economics and Political Science – LSE Health and the Escuela Andaluza de Salud Pública (EASP) have the pleasure to invite you to the upcoming Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Capacity Building Workshop that will take place in **Mexico City, on 6-7 November 2014**.

The workshop is organised by LSE and EASP, jointly with the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Centro Nacional de Excelencia Tecnológica en Salud (CENETEC-Salud).

The workshop is delivered by a consortium of 13 partner institutions, led by LSE Health, working together on Advance-HTA, a 3-year research project funded by the European Commission. The project aims to advance methods on and practices for HTA by involving the wider stakeholder community in areas actively and heavily debated, given their implications for decision-making and resource allocation.

The Rationale

In the recent years HTA has become part of the agenda of Latin American countries. Many countries have implemented legislation and institutional changes related to HTA and its application to support the decision-making process. Yet, there is a considerable heterogeneity both across but also within countries and many issues remain to be resolved.

Latin American countries are increasingly embracing HTA activities and are looking towards Europe for adaptation, knowledge and information to update their capacity and skills. The workshop is therefore an opportunity to build HTA capacity, outline the options available for decision-makers and debate the actions required for this purpose, tailor-made for the needs of the countries in this region.

The Objectives

- Introduce the principles, models and structure of HTA, including specific considerations for pharmaceuticals, medical devices and orphan medicinal products
- Showcase best practices and lessons learned from countries that already use HTA
- Provide recommendations for the strengthening and the implementation of HTA as a tool for decision-making and efficient resource allocation at national level (as well as supra-national and international levels)
- Discuss future developments in HTA and their policy implications
- Foster international collaboration and create a network for exchange of expertise

Your participation

To register for the workshop, please fill in the registration form enclosed and email it back, **no later than 15 October 2014**, to: h.hourani@lse.ac.uk. A confirmation email will be sent shortly thereafter.

If, instead, you would like to nominate delegates from your organization or from other relevant organizations in your country, please notify us with the names, roles and contact details of the delegates and forward this invitation pack to them so they can fill the registration form.

This is a time-sensitive invitation, all completed registration forms should be emailed to h.hourani@lse.ac.uk, no later than 15 October 2014.

Logistics

This workshop is funded by the European 7th Framework Programme (FP7) through Advance-HTA, with additional support from the Centro Nacional de Excelencia Tecnológica en Salud (CENETEC-Salud).

Participation is free of charge. Travel, accommodation, and subsistence are the participants' responsibility.

Additional information on the workshop, agenda, speakers and logistics will be shared closer to the workshop date.