

**CARIBBEAN SSO's MEETINGS
(I—IX) ON NATIONAL HEALTH
FINANCING INITIATIVES:
PROGRESS AND WHAT NEXT**

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Tobago
November 4-6, 2014**

1. Main Objectives

- **Share knowledge, increase understanding and enhance expertise in design and implementation of health financing initiatives.**
- **Test ideas and proposals for strategies and action plans to respond to current and projected challenges.**
- **Explore scope for sharing of expertise and closer collaboration**

2. Participation

Items	TC '06	AR '07	TT '08	SM '09	BZ '10	BM '11	CU '12	JM '13	TO '14
a) Countries (SSO's/MOH)	16	18	19	16	13	16	17	18	18
b) Organs. (non- SSO/MOH)	3	3	10	9	22	27	10	27	14
c) Participants (most of the time)	48	60	65	70	80	106	80	91	86
d) Ministers as participants	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0

3. Plans, Papers, Panels

Items	TC '06	AR '07	TT '08	SM '09	BZ '10	BM '11	CU '12	JM '13	TO '14
a) Country data-plans	7	9	10	7	9	9	8	8	7
b) Country data--proposals	5	6	4	5	2	4	3	4	4
c) Feature papers	6	4	17	8	10	5	9	5	7
d) Panels	4	7	9	6	4	7	5	7	7

4. Main Themes (b)

Themes	TC '06	AR '07	TT '08	SM '09	BZ '10	BM '11	CU '12	JM '13	TO '14
8. Politics of change management	■								
9. Health reforms		■	■	■	■	■	■		
11. CSME and health implications			■						
12. Cost of Aging								■	■
13. Care for migrants, non-nationals, rural residents			■						
14. Private insurers and providers			■			■			
15. Costing of services			■						■
16. Benefit packages			■	■					
17. Fraud and Abuse				■	■				
18. Nat'l health planning				■					
19. Efficiency actions					■	■			■

5. Documents and Expertise (a)

Items	Available
1. Documents to be shared	Belize, Cayman Is, Jamaica, Bahamas; Turks and Caicos; Bermuda; Aruba. Also documents available on websites of health financing organisations.
2. Expertise:--	
a) Cost and economic analysis	Health Economics Unit, UWI
b) Actuarial analysis	Derek Osborne; Laurens Keesens; Hernando Montas;
c) Research and evaluation	Health Economics Unit, UWI;
d) Overseas care	Carole Appleyard; Rudolfo Croes; Kevin Bowe; Lex de Jong
e Health promotion-wellness	Leslie Walwyn; Jennifer Attride-Stirling; Javier Asin;
f) IT systems choice and establishment	Rae Barrett; Granville Gayle;

5. Documents and Expertise (b)

Items	Available
g) Performance based pay	Ramon Figueroa
h) Rural health care	Cynthia Alendy
i) Benefit packages	Collin Anderson; Jorien Wuite; Lex de Jong
j) Political analysis	George Gough;
k) Designing prescription drug plans	Rae Barrett; Cecil White; Anne Logan; Tami Francis
m) Managing establishment of NHI	Ramon Figueroa; Rudolfo Croes
n) Policy design	Irad Potter; Anton Cumberbatch; Jennifer Attride-Stirling
o) Value-based health care	Javier Asin. Ashley Duits

6. Issues for Next Meeting(s)

- **Results of Results-based Financing for NCDs**
- **Regional collaboration in procurement of health supplies and services**
- **Best practices in cost containment by health financing institutions**
- **Financing options given fiscal space constraints**
- **Design of essential package of health services**
- **Private health insurance coverage**

7. Planned Publication (a)

- **Title:-Re-shaping Health Financing Initiatives in the Caribbean: Patterns, Projections and Case Studies.**
- **Objectives:-**
 - **To define key challenges, influences and policy options in Caribbean health financing systems**
 - **To distil data, evidence and lessons of experience from country case studies on approaches adopted and performance of health financing initiatives**

8. Planned Publication (b)

- **Content:-**
 - **Part I—5 chapters on International health financing developments; Caribbean health financing patterns; Experiences with social health insurance; Alternative health financing methods and Regional health insurance.**
 - **Part II—Case studies with health financing plans: Antigua; Aruba; Belize; Bermuda; Cayman Is; Curacao; St Maarten; Surinam and Turks & Caicos**
 - **Part III—Case studies with chronic disease drug plans: Bahamas; Barbados; Jamaica; T'dad & T'bgo**
 - **Part IV—Conclusions and Lessons of Experience.**

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