

CARIBBEAN CONFERENCES (I—XV) ON NATIONAL HEALTH FINANCING INITIATIVES: PROGRESS AND WHAT NEXT

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Learning from Chaos Theory—Ripples of Change

Edward Lorenz(1972) : On Predictability:

Can a Butterfly Flapping its Wings in **the Amazon**

Set Off a Hurricane in **The Caribbean?**



‘the sensitive dependence on initial conditions in which small changes in one state of a system can cause a chain reaction leading to large changes in a later state’

1. Main Objectives of Conferences

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

2. Participation

Items	TCI '06	ARB '07	T&T '08	SXM '09	BZE '10	BER '11	CUR '12	JAM '13	TOB '14	TCI '15	BON '16	SUR '18	ANG '19	AGA '22	COL '23
Countries	16	18	19	16	13	16	17	18	18	22	24	16	16	14	19
Organisations (non-SSO/MOH)	3	3	10	9	22	27	10	27	14	11	14	10	10	10	14
Participants (most of the time)	48	60	65	70	80	106	80	91	86	90	110	85	82	68	80
Ministers as participants	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1

3. Plans, Papers, Panels

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a) Country data-plans	7	9	10	7	9	9	8	8	7	8	11	9	8	9	2
b) Country data—cases & progress	5	6	4	5	2	4	3	4	4	1	3	3	6	1	7
c) Feature papers	6	4	17	8	10	5	9	5	7	17	14	11	8	12	8
d) Panel Papers	4	7	9	6	4	7	5	7	7	6	6	6	7	6	6

6. Issues for Next Meeting(s)

- *Financial 'Toxicity' and Protection*
- *Costs and Benefits of IT-Digitisation in Health*
- *Revenue Generation Options—'sin taxes'; 'bonds';*
- *Defining Benefit Packages*
- *Patient Compliance*
- *Efficiency Measures*

WHERE (HOST) IN 2024???



HOST COUNTRY/INSTITUTION IN 2024



MILLENIUM HEIGHTS MEDICAL COMPLEX (MHMC)

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CHANGE ..BE PREPARED

“ And not by eastern windows only

When daylight comes—comes in the light

Above the sun climbs slow—how slowly

BUT INWARD LOOK---THE SOUL IS BRIGHT”