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Preliminary programme

Meeting the special challenges facing social security schemes in small countries: The advantages of pooling

Small schemes face greater constraints in view of their size, as well as the limited resources available to them. They frequently have to pool resources and share possible solutions.

Thursday, 23 October 2008

08:30 – 09:30

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09:30 - 10:30

OPENING SESSION

THEME 1: HOW TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES IN SMALL COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING ADEQUATE HEALTH COVERAGE

11:00 - 12:30

1.1. EXTENDING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Access to health care for the whole population is at the heart of the problem. Solutions have to be found that are adapted to the specific population groups, particularly in rural areas. Can small countries or developing countries which do not yet have one avoid a health policy? What is the feasibility of this approach in small countries? What are the benefits and difficulties of implementation? An overall policy offers the opportunity to rationalize costs and administration. The new needs and new requirements expected by populations are being reflected increasingly widely by public authorities in the context of national policies.

Main report and panel discussion

14:00 - 17:00

1.2. ENSURING THE PROVISION OF HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE

The development of adequate health care coverage requires new and costly health care measures: Technical equipment in hospitals, the use of advanced diagnostic equipment such as MRI and scanners, etc. Solutions should therefore be sought through agreements or contracts with institutions in other countries, etc. Pooling and partnership between organizations and structures in the same country as well as between countries make it possible to develop lasting solutions. How can a high quality service be provided to the whole population in the context of small countries? This will be the main concern of the session.

Main report and national experiences

Friday, 24 October 2008

THEME 2: POOLING ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES

09:30 - 12:30

2.1. HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: IMPROVING PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

The human and financial resources and often expertise capacities of social security schemes in small countries are limited. Pooling would appear to be necessary in the field of human resource management, as well as the acquisition of knowledge and the transfer of expertise and competence, which requires high quality training for personnel. An approach involving the pooling of resources offers promising solutions: Common training centres, partnership with industrialized countries with greater resources.

Main report and national experiences

14:00 – 16:30

2.2. THE POOLING OF TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Over the past decade, the general development of society has been characterized by the transition to the information society. Ever more efficient tools, technologies and applications are coming onto the market. This is particularly true of information and communication technologies (ICT), which are now essential for all management in the field of providing services to the population, such as social security. The pooling of solutions would appear to be increasingly vital in view of the cost of technology.

Main report and panel discussion

16:30 - 17:00

CLOSING SESSION

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