

Pre-RC meeting 3

Statement of the I.R. Iran on

"Developing and implementing national plans for the development and adaptation of clinical practice and public health guidelines"

**Mr./Madam Chairperson,
Excellences, ladies and gentlemen**

I appreciate WHO for its attention to the necessity to create national plans for the development, updating and use of clinical and public health guidelines. In the meeting document, the important role of evidence-based decision-making establishment and strengthening the role of the evidence-based guidelines and setting strategies by different countries for development of such guides are well mentioned.

In order to achieve the objectives of this technical meeting, it is suggested that the following points to be taken into consideration:

- The guidelines should be designed in such a way that are adapted based on the socio-economic conditions and the diversity of regional health indicators.
- In the stages of designing and finalizing the guidelines, the perspectives of PHC experts, service payers, insurers, health-related industries and the patients must be effectively obtained.
- The performance outcomes of guidelines using appropriate indicators through a monitoring and evaluation program should be measured.
- The countries of the region should share their experiences in this regard. For example, the Islamic Republic of Iran has experiences in the fields of diagnosis and medical treatment guidelines of diabetes, cancer, and musculoskeletal diseases in its PHC and higher levels.
- Considering the cultural diversity between regional countries and other regions' states, it is suggested to use new strategies for diagnosis and treatment of diseases. For example, the I.R. Iran has valuable experiences in the area of HIV/AIDS control.
- It was mentioned in the document that no country has published and adapted the guidelines at the national level. The IRAPEN program is a good experience in this field for the control of diabetes, blood pressure and cancer at the national level by the Islamic Republic of Iran and we would suggest to add that to the document.
- At the end, it is suggested that in order to ensure the institutionalization and application of evidence-based guidelines, insurance organizations and health system payers should participate more effectively in this field.

Madam/Mr. Chair

Thank you for your kind attention

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