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Pan American Health Organization

- The oldest international public health agency in the world. Founded in 1902.
- Provides technical cooperation and mobilize partnerships to improve health and quality of life in the countries of the Americas.
- 48 Member States and territories.
- It serves as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- WHO and PAHO are member of the United Nations System (UNS).

Health Information and Analysis Unit (CHA/HA)

- Coordinate PAHO efforts to collect, manage, analyze and disseminate data and health statistics from Member States and the PAHO technical areas.
- Contribute to strengthen Health Information Systems (HIS) and health statistics through technical cooperation.



What is RELAC SIS?

- RELAC SIS is a component of the PAHO Regional Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics.
- Community of practices for the development and strengthening Health Information Systems (HIS) in Latin America and the Caribbean, through technical cooperation with government and non-government institutions in the countries to build capacity in the region, share and dissemination of best practices and strengthening Health Information Systems.

Purpose

- Coordinate regional and horizontal efforts to promote South-South cooperation.



How RELAC SIS work

- Exchange of best practices. Countries and international agencies share their practices, and other countries evaluate them to give them a Regional approach. 50 different practices were available.
- 12 working groups, comprised of teams from the Ministries of Health, Statistical Institutes and other institutions involved in strengthening health information systems.
- About 5,000 members registered.



How RELAC SIS work

Virtual component on www.relacsis.org

- Share experiences in the implementation and use of the SIS for decision-making; research results, reports, etc.
- Forums (public and private) discussion to exchange lessons learned and best practices implemented by countries.
- Working groups organized on topics of interest.



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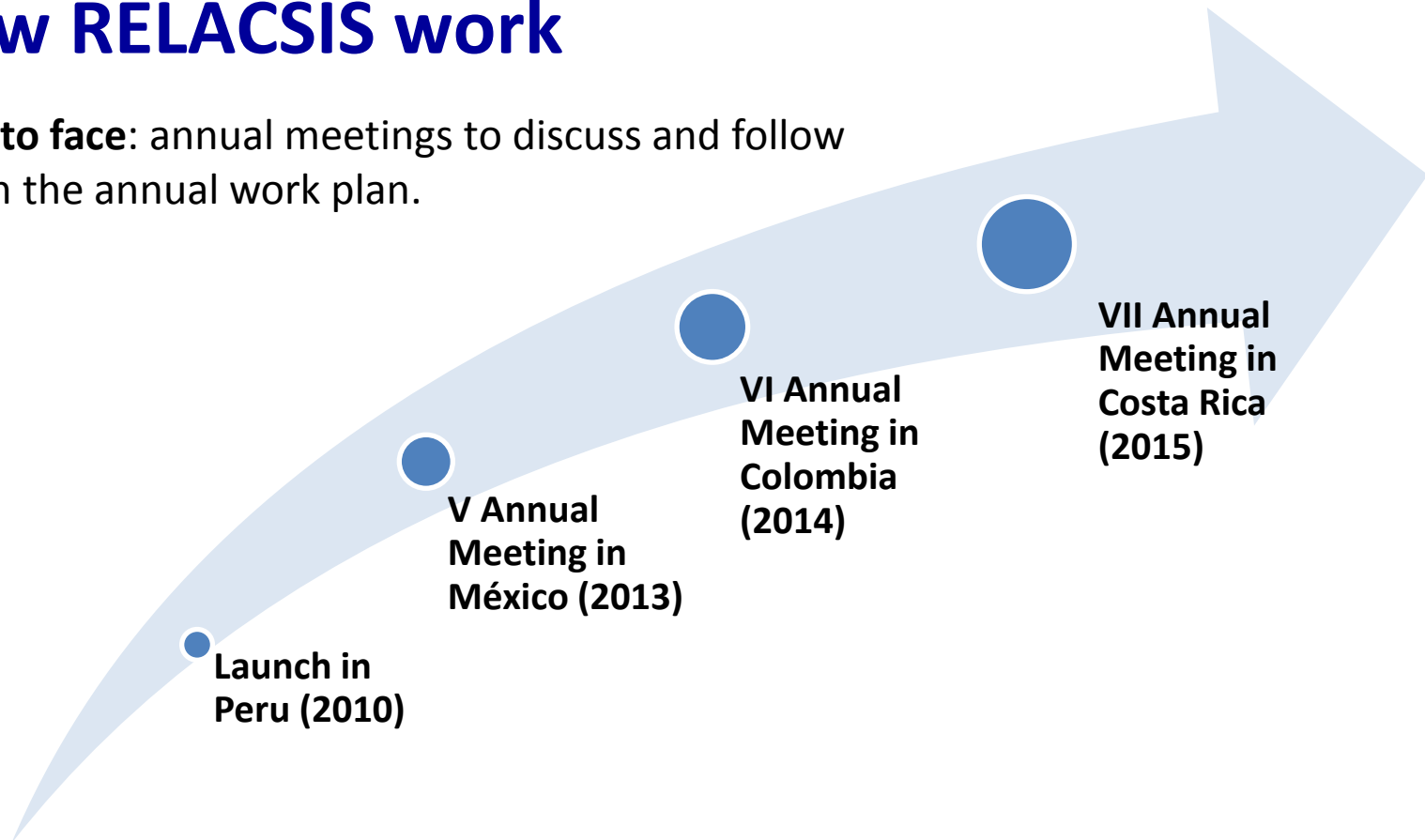
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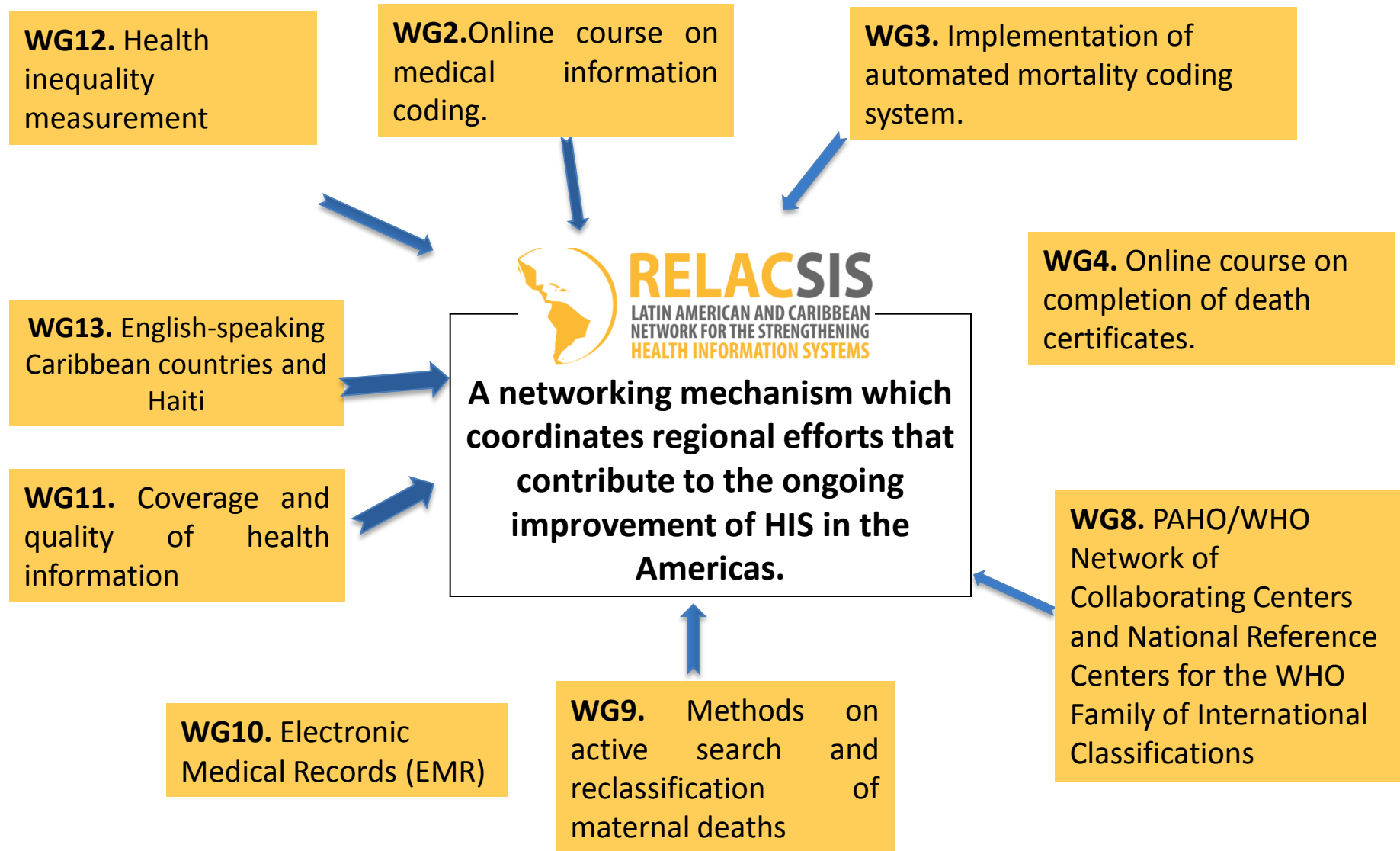
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How RELAC SIS work

Face to face: annual meetings to discuss and follow up on the annual work plan.



South-South Cooperation to Strengthen Health Information Systems in the Americas: the RELACSYS experience



WG2. On line course for ICD 10 mortality coders (led by Argentina and Mexico).

- 3 month course with tutoring. Available in the PAHO virtual campus.
- Participants: Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Peru, Cuba, Colombia and Panama.
- Courses in 2014-2015: 204 students from different countries.
- Courses in 2016: 120 students from different countries.

WG2. Strengthen ICD 10 mortality use (led by Argentina and Mexico).

- 1 month face-to-face course for tutors in ICD-10: 2016, in Mexico, about 35 participants.
- Cloning the virtual course ICD-10 for the national level to Colombia and Chile.

Print version of the 3 volumes of ICD-10 2015, update to the 2014 (Mexico contributed to the translation of the update)

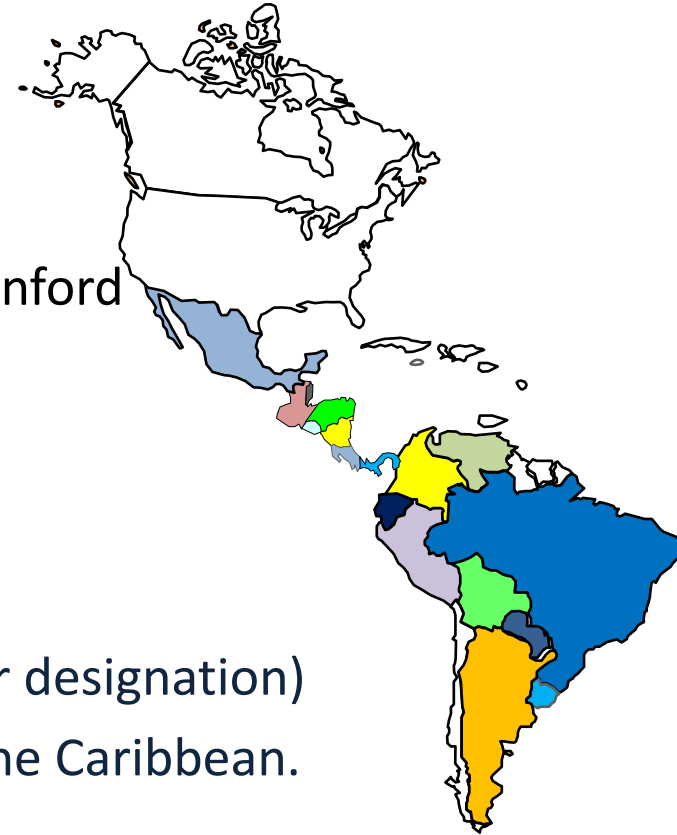
WG3. Implementation of a computer-assisted mortality coding system (led by Mexico).

- Purpose: to improve the quality of mortality statistics in our region.
- Mexico developed a Spanish version of the MMDS (system developed by the US).
- Participants: Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay, Colombia, Panama, Peru and Dominican Republic.
- Mexico was trained in IRIS by the IRIS Institute and they are developing a proposal to change from IRIS to MMDS.

WG8. PAHO/WHO-FIC Network

Collaborating Centres (CC) and National Reference Centres (NRC):

- CC in Argentina (CACE)
- CC in Mexico (CEMECE)
- CC in Venezuela (CEVECE)
- CC in the United States (NACC, Mayo Clinic & Stanford University),
- CNR in Chile
- CNR in Colombia
- CNR in Cuba (under designation)
- In 2013 CC Barcelona joined the Network (under designation)
- CARPHA , Sub-regional health public agency to the Caribbean.



WG4. Virtual course on properly completing death certificate

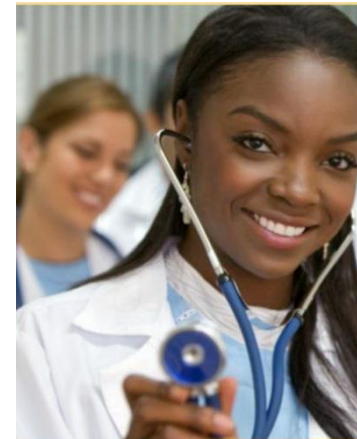


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Logos: Pan American Health Organization, World Health Organization, USAID, MEASURE Evaluation, Canada, UNICEF, CARPHA

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Course

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- The course is available in Spanish, English and French on the PAHO Virtual Campus:

<http://cursos.campusvirtualesp.org/?lang=en>

WG4. Virtual course on properly completing death certificate

- The course is available on the Virtual Campus of PAHO: more than 30,000 medical doctors participated in 2014-2016.
- The database of exercises for the Spanish online course has been updated in October 2015.
- It was translated into English and French.
- Participants: all countries of the Americas and other regions of the world.



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Many thanks

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