

12th GHTF Conference

Implementing GHTF Guidance in Latin America and Caribbean Region

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Outline

- **1999 – 2009**
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1999 - 2009

- **Before 1999 Individual countries attend GHTF**
- **1999 LA& C invited to attend GHTF**
- **From 4 to 16 countries**
 - **Different stages of development**
 - **10 years to have a MD regulatory program**
 - **Country profile**

Milestones

- **PAHO Directive Council Resolution on MD (2000)**
- **World Health Assembly Resolution on Health Technologies (2007)**
- **Pan American Cooperation on Medical Equipment (PACME)**
 - **5 PACME Meetings**
- **Virtual Network MED-DEVICES**
- **Translation into Spanish the SGs Final Documents**
- **Technical Cooperation Among Countries**
- **Training**
 - **4 Seminars on regulatory issues sponsored by APEC**
 - **1 NCAR workshop**

Update Since 11th GHTF Conference

- **Visit of GHTF Chair to Mexico**
- **Update SG1 & SG2 Final Documents in Spanish**
- **Translate SG2 Final Documents in Portuguese**
- **Postpone the 5th Seminar sponsored by APEC scheduled in Mexico**
- **Organize the participation of LA&C to the 12th GHTF Conference**
- **Encourages the countries to organized the LAHWP**
- **Encourage countries to select representation to GHTF SG and/or attend as Observers**
- **Inform/ Encourage to comment SG in-process documents**

Challenges

- **High rotation of regulatory authorities**
- **Training Regulators**
- **Continuity of the MD Regulatory Programs**
- **Financial limitations to attend GHTF activities**
- **Implement Post-Market Surveillance Systems**
- **Transfer the conduction of the programs to countries**
- **PAHO as facilitator an not as leader**
- **Organize the LAHWP**
- **Barrier language**

Opportunities

- **Political Support**
- **Growing number of trained Staff**
- **Road Map – Work Plan**
- **PAHO Support**
- **WHO work on MD**
- **GHTF invitation to SGs**
- **APEC Support**
- **Interest of Industry Association to organize the LAHWP**
- **AHWP Experience**