HTAi experience to support HTA in Africa

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Overview

• HTAi and what it promotes
• HTAi actions
• Value and values
• HTA
• Priority setting, what, where and by whom
• How HTA, HTAi can help in the subsaharian region
• HTAi is the global, non-profit, scientific and professional society for all those who produce, use or encounter HTA
• 82 organizations and over 2,500 individual members from 65 countries around the world.
• HTAi is a member-driven organization, representing a variety of stakeholders (researchers, policy makers, industry, academia, health service providers, agencies and patients,...)
• Neutral forum
Value of HTAi networking

- The opportunity to interact and network with various stakeholders (i.e. HTA bodies, leaders of health system payer/coverage bodies and industry market access)
- The opportunity for open discussion of relevant and pertinent topics
- Group discussions and informal networking
- Direct impact on HTA country-level policies

The opportunity for stakeholder collaboration and discussion is highly valued.
HTAi actions

- Annual meeting
- Interest groups (10)
- Side events
- Journal
  - IJTAHC
- Policy Fora
  - Global
  - Latin America
  - Asia
Policy Fora

Current and future fora

Global Policy Forum: 27-29 January 2019
Barcelona, Spain

Asia Policy Forum (HTAsiaLink): 29 -30 October 2018
Jakarta, Indonesia

Latin America Policy Forum (REDELSA-PAHO): 29-30 April 2019
Buenos Aires, Argentina

HTAi fora a unique opportunity for industry and senior HTA agencies and payer representatives to discuss key HTA issues.
Spending more does not mean..
...obtaining better results
In fact…

3.2. Life expectancy at birth and GDP per capita, 2013 (or latest year)

StatLink http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/88933280727

3.3. Life expectancy at birth and health spending per capita, 2013 (or latest year)

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What is technology?

«the systematic application of scientific and other organized knowledge to practical tasks»

HTA, the fourth guarantee

• Health technology assessment (HTA) is a multidisciplinary activity that systematically examines the safety, clinical efficacy and effectiveness, cost, cost-effectiveness, organisational implications, social consequences, legal and ethical considerations of the application of a health technology – usually a drug, medical device or clinical/surgical procedure.
When HTA could act
Priority setting

- Where I live
  - Population characteristics and
  - Workforce
  - System characteristics
- Which “my” principles (values) and “my priorities” are
- How much money I have
Value and values not all the methods are valid

• Both are context dependent
• Both depend on stakeholder perspective
• Value of solutions (technologies) depend on life cycle
• Values could vary along time
Motives for HTA implementation

HIGH INCOME COUNTRIES
• To support decision making in health care and promote appropriate resource allocation
• Credibility, transparency and accountability at different decision making levels
• To achieve better quality of health services
• Sustainability of the health system
• Interest of the managers to produce a credible process

LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES
• To support decision making in health care and promote appropriate resource allocation
• Credibility, transparency and accountability at different decision making levels
• To achieve better quality of health services
• To reduce and/or control healthcare costs
• Sustainability of the health system
HTA models. Enablers

High Income countries

• Availability of financial resources to perform/run HTA
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HTA models. Barriers

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How to link this in SubSaharan countries

- Context analysis
  - Problems and values
- Stakeholders involvement
  - Values and priorities definition
- Capacity building
- Legal framework
- HTAi role:
  - Promoting capacity building
  - Creating a neutral forum for discussion
  - Sustaining a Subsaharan HTA network
HTAi offers scholarships and travel grants to support individuals working in HTA in low and middle income countries:

- **HTAi Educational Scholarships**
  To benefit individuals from developing countries studying HTA

- **The Jill Sanders Memorial Scholarship**
  To benefit individuals from Africa studying HTA

- **HTAi Travel Grants**
  To support individuals from low and middle income countries and to support representatives from non-profit patient organizations to attend HTAi Annual Meetings
Thank You