**Presentation 4: The process of developing a Health Technology Assessment system: Report on the WHO Stakeholder Meeting**

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At the 67th World Health Assembly in 2014, resolution WHA67.23 called on WHO to develop global guidance on methods and processes for health technology assessment (HTA) in support of universal health coverage, and to provide technical support to countries to implement HTA processes in decision making. HTA is not a static concept or single approach, but is a decision making framework that must evolve in the context of a country or regional systems.

In 2015, the World Health Organization held a stakeholder meeting to establish the needs of member states in responding to this WHA resolution. The stakeholder consultation identified that *Supporting the development of appropriate principles to use HTA in health systems and decision-making* and d*efining the components required for health systems to use HTA effectively and appropriately to support universal health coverage* were two priorities for WHO to address.

To respond to these identified priorities, in September 2016 WHO, supported by the International Decision Support Initiative, will hold a consultation on process issues in developing an HTA system, focussing on the following key questions:

1. What are the steps of a generic mechanism/procedure to determine the inclusion of a health intervention/package of health interventions in a country for reimbursement and what are the guiding principles for the generic procedure?

2. What are the criteria and indicators being used by countries for determining priorities for reimbursement ?

3. What are the processes for a country planning to set up or improve its HTA mechanisms/procedure that will take into consideration the country context, encourage ownership and establish legitimacy among key stakeholders?

4. What are the minimum requirements for legal frameworks, technical and procedural capacity and financial resources that are needed to set up HTA mechanisms/procedures ?

This presentation will report on the WHO consultation, communicating the findings of commissioned reports and the stakeholder meeting.