



International steering committee 2017 of the project SPHaïtiLab

The International Steering Committee (ISC) of SPHaïtiLab was held on October 11th and 12th, 2017 at Best Western Hotel in Pétiön-Ville. The objectives of this annual meeting were to present the results of the activities realized during the past year, discuss specific topics, identify the opportunities of synergy with other initiatives and especially to plan the fourth year of the project.



The Director General of MSPP, Dr Lauré Adrien, in the center with the partners of implementation of the project and the stakeholders of the Healthcare sector. Dr Lauré Adrien made the opening speech of this year's ISC.

The Director General of the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP), Dr. Lauré Adrien, presided over the official opening of this meeting. In his welcoming speech, Dr. Adrien wished success to this project which aims to support the development of the laboratory sector in Haiti. He particularly appreciated the South-South cooperation with the African Institute of Public Health (IASP) in Burkina Faso proposed within the framework of the project. According to Dr. Adrien, this will allow a better understanding and evaluation of the Haitian situation. He asked the beneficiaries to make the most of this opportunity to exchange experiences to benefit the system.

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This important meeting brought together about ten institutions, in particular the technical and funding partners of the project as the National Laboratory of Public Health (LNSP), the Direction of the Epidemiology, of the Laboratory and the Research (DELR), the Haitian Group of Study of the Sarcoma of Kaposi and Opportunist Infections (GHESKIO), the African Institute of Public Health (IASP) in Burkina Faso and the Mérieux Foundation in France (FMx) and the European Commission represented by the GFA consulting group. Other partners were invited as observers, namely members of the Cabinet of the Minister of Health and the General Directorate of the MSPP, the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO / WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Accreditation Canada.

The ISC was followed by a field visit on the 13th of October in one of the sites of the pilot study on the molecular epidemiology of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis undertaken by the GHESKIO centers as part of the project. It was the Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM).

Record and perspectives of SPHaïtiLab

SPHaïtiLab has taken many steps this year. The project team was able to finalize the National Laboratory Policy and submit the document to the highest authority of the Ministry of Public Health and Population for approval. Meetings, workshops and forums led to the development of the "Strategic Plan of the National Laboratory System 2018-2022". This tool will allow the implementation of the National Laboratory Policy.

In addition, two trainings, one on "Advocacy and Knowledge Application" and the other on "Project Management", were organized to strengthen the skills of certain members of MSPP and GHESKIO.

In terms of perspectives, SPHaïtiLab fourth year will focus mainly on the adoption and implementation of the National Laboratory Policy. Other important actions are planned, in particular the elaboration of the 2018 and 2019 biannual operational plan, which will encourage the implementation of the "Strategic Plan of the National Laboratory System 2018-2022" and the search for funding. The development of a National Applied Research Policy is an equally important goal, according to the project partners.

A mid-term evaluation of the project is scheduled for the end of 2017. Its objective is to formulate recommendations to improve the attainment of the project goals and optimize its impact. It should also advise on potential partnerships to be developed with others laboratories initiatives.

As a reminder SPHaïtiLab is a project co-financed by the European Commission and the Mérieux Foundation. SPHaïtiLab is a 5 year project implemented by five institutions: the National Laboratory of Public Health (LNSP), the Direction of the Epidemiology of the Laboratory and the Research (DELR), the Haitian Group of Study of the Sarcoma of Kaposi and the Opportunist Infections (GHESKIO), the Mérieux Foundation in France and the African Institute of Public health (IASP) in Burkina Faso. Its International Steering Committee is composed of two members of each partner except IASP, which is represented by one member only.

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