

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, November 17 (Infosplusgabon) - The third annual conference of planning directors from World Health Organisation (WHO) member countries on the strengthening of health systems for universal health coverage and sustainable development goals (SDGs), which ended Saturday in Abidjan, has recommended the speeding up the establishment of a regional health coverage programme.

The 500 participants recommended to WHO to continue offering opportunities to share experiences between countries on the progress towards universal health coverage and SDGs.

They also proposed to accelerate a regional programme on Universal Health coverage and SDGs, in a bid to establish common understanding and application of concepts, and see to it that all documents are available to be published in all countries, in specific languages.

During the five-day conference, participants examined the progress made in the health systems in the region and the recommendations on the publication and distribution of the production of an Atlas on African health statistics (2018).

Participants also shared lessons learnt and progress made by countries towards the universal health coverage and SDGs.

The Abidjan conference was organized by WHO regional office for Africa, in collaboration with the Ivorian ministry of Health.

It brought together WHO experts from country offices, inter-country support teams, the regional office of Brazzaville, Congo, and the Headquarters in Geneva, and about 150 participants from the 47 member countries of the Africa region, health partners and sub-regional organizations.

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