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**International Workshop**  
Innovation and development in health:  
Integration of complementary and  
traditional medicine in public health systems

**28 – 31 October 2008**

**Florence, Italy**  
***Istituto Agronomico per l'Oltremare***  
***Via A. Cocchi, 4***

The workshop is organized as a collaborative effort among the Tuscany Region, UNDP and UNOPS, within the framework of the ART Initiative and specifically, the ART IDEASS Programme and the ART Tuscany Office. Participants include representatives from the Health Ministries of those countries in which the ART Initiative or health cooperation projects of the Tuscany Region are active as well as representatives from the international cooperation organizations and the Tuscan Network of Integrated Medicine.

Workshop sponsors also include the Municipality and the Province of Florence.

***Preliminary Programme***

**Tuesday, October 28**

- 14:30** Arrival, Registration and visit to the Museum of *Palazzo Vecchio, Salone De Dugento, Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria*
- 18:00** Reception in *Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza Della Signoria*, by the Mayor of Florence, Leonardo Domenici.

## Wednesday, October 29

Istituto Agronomico per l'Oltremare, via A. Cocchi 4. Florence

8:30 Registration

### First Session

#### ***The innovative response that the complementary and traditional medicine (CTM) has generated in the public health systems***

**Chair.** Federico Gelli, Vice President of the Tuscany Region  
**Rapporteur.**

9:30 Welcome and Introduction. Leonardo Domenici; Mayor of Florence; Luigi Marroni; General Director ASL 10 Florence; Alice Perlini, Director of Istituto Agronomico per l'Oltremare,

10:00 The IDEASS Programme, the ART Initiative and the workshop objectives: planning future South-South and North-South cooperation regarding CTM. Cecile Molinier, Director of the UNDP Geneva Office.

10:15 A meeting point for the medicines. Edgar Morin.

### Break

11:00 Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property and its implications for Traditional Medicine. Dr. Precious Matsoso, Director of WHO Secretariat on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property. WHO Geneva.

11:10 The formulation and the development of public health policies with an intercultural perspective. Nila Heredia, Executive Secretariat for the Andean Health Organism.

11:20 Integrating complementary medicine in European public health systems. Stefan N. Willich. Charité University in Berlin.

11:30 Traditional medicine and protection of biodiversity. Christophe Bouvier, Director of UNEP's Regional Office for Europe

11:40 Approach of the Tuscany Region's health cooperation in supporting the integration of CTM. María José Caldés, Responsible for the Health Cooperation of the Tuscany Region.

11:50 Planned interventions and discussion

### Second Session

#### ***The main aspects of a National strategy for the inclusion of CTM in public health systems***

15:30 Main aspects that comprise a strategy to insert complementary medicine in public health systems. Presentation by the workshop's technical committee: Elio Rossi from the Tuscan Network of Complementary Medicine and Martha Perez Viñas, Director of the Centre for the Traditional and Natural Medicine of the Health Ministry of Cuba.

15.50 Operational structure and data of CTM in Cuba. Martha Perez Viñas, Director of the Centre for the Traditional and Natural Medicine of the Health Ministry of Cuba.

**16:00** Operational structure and data of CTM in the Tuscan Region. Sonia Baccetti, Representative for the Tuscan network of Complementary Medicine.

**Break**

**Third Session**  
***Implementing a national strategy for the inclusion of CTM in public health systems***

**Chair:**

**Rapporteur:**

**16:30** The National System of Sri Lanka, which integrates the Health Ministry and the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine. Dr. H.R.U. Indrasiri, Deputy Director General for Education, Training & Research, Health Ministry of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**16:40** Traditional Medicine in Iran. Dr. Majid Avijgan, University of Medical Sciences, Isfahan.

**16:50** History and successes in integrating the traditional medicine in Afghanistan. Mohammed Ali-Eshan, Director of Esteglal Hospital, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

**17:00** Validation of traditional practices and medicines for the inclusion of CTM in Mali's health system. Dr. Mamadou Namory Traoré, National Health Unit of the Health Ministry in Mali.

**17:10** Integrating traditional and natural medicine in Morocco. Health Ministry Representative. Kingdom of Morocco.

**17:20** Planned interventions and discussion.

**18:00**

**Exhibition Panel**

Complementary Medicine for mother and child health. Presentation of the Mother-kangaroo Methodology. Dr. Edi Tushe, Medical Hospital of Tirania (Albania) and Dr. Letizia Caccamo, Meyer Hospital in Florence. Presentation of the Moxibustion Methodology. Dr. Sonia Baccetti from the Fior di Prugna Center of Florence.

**20:30** Evening reception hosted by the President of the Florence Province, Matteo Renzi.

**Thursday, October 30**

**Istituto Agronomico per l'Oltremare, via A. Cocchi 4. Florence**

**Fourth Session**  
***Implementing a national strategy for the inclusion of CTM in public health systems***

**Chair:**

**Rapporteur:** Julio Portieles, International Coordinator of UNDP ART Programme in Ecuador

- 9:00** Inclusion of CTM in the primary health care programs and in health network services of Bolivia. Dr. Juan Alberto Nogales. Vice Health Minister of Bolivia.
- 9:10** Inclusion of CTM to strengthen pluralistic and intercultural approach for public health in Ecuador. Dr. Edgar Godoy, Special Advisor of the Health Ministry. Ecuador.
- 9:20** The art of healing in the world view of indigenous peoples. Noli Coromoto Fernandez, President of Andean Commission of Intercultural Health, Andean Health Organization and Director of Intercultural Health of Ministry of the Popular Power of Health of Venezuela.
- 9:30** Integrating indigenous medical practices in Chile. Dr. Barbara Bustos B. Indigenous health and population Unit. Undersecretary of Assistance Networks. Health Ministry of Chile
- 9:40** Inclusion of CTM in the Colombian health system. Susanna Helfer-Vogel, Ethnicity and Gender Issues Group Coordinator, Health Ministry of Colombia.
- 9:50** Integrating traditional medicine in the health system of El Salvador. Dr Patricia Martines Aparicio, Chief of drugs and medical supplies Unit, Ministry of Health and Social Assistance, El Salvador Republic.
- 10:00** Inclusion of CTM in the Paraguayan health system. Dr..Esperanza Martinez, Health Minister of Paraguayan Republic.
- 10:10** Planned interventions
- Natural medicine and improvement of health indicators in Tinguipaya Municipality (Potosi Department, Bolivia). Piero Brunod, ONG COOPI
  - The European Union support initiatives for inclusion initiatives. Luca Citarella, European Union
- Break**
- 11:30** Integrating natural medicine in the Lebanon health system. Dr. Rasha Hamra, Director of Public Relation and Health Education Unit, Lebanon Ministry of Health.
- 11:40** Inclusion of CTM in the Serbian health system. Health Ministry Representative of Serbia.
- 11:50** Inclusion of CTM in the Macedonian FYR health system. Dr. Jovanka Kostovska, Representative of Prevention and Primary Medicine Department, Macedonian FYR Ministry of Health.
- 12:00** Integrating CTM in the Albanian health system. Dr. Arben Ivanaj, Vice Minister of Health of Albanian Republic.
- 12:10** Planned interventions and discussion

#### **Fifth Session**

***Specific topics related to the implementation of a national strategy for the inclusion of CTM in public health systems***

**Chair:** Fabio Roggiolani. President of the Health Commission of the Regional Council of Toscana.  
**Rapporteur:**

**15:00** Traditional Medicine, value of biodiversity and patent protection. Dr. Verghese Samuel, Deputy Secretary AYUSH Department of Health Ministry of India and Dr. Eswara Das, Director of the National Institute of Homeopathy, Kolkata. India.

- 15:10** Medicinal plants production to strengthen local resources and the role of women. Rita Cassisi, UNIFEM Regional Office, Mexico
- 15:20** Security issues in natural medical products, clinical risks and surveillance of natural medicines. Dr. Fabio Firenzuoli, *Servizi di Fitovigilanza* of the Tuscany Region and the National Higher Institute of Health.
- 15:30** Training human resources and natural medicine to face epidemic disease. Dr. Lourdes Acosta, Teaching and Research Vice Director, Centre for the Traditional and Natural Medicine of the Health Ministry of Cuba.
- 15:40** Use of CTM in veterinary medicine. Dr. Marco Verdone, European Lycopodium-Homeopathia Association.
- 15:50** Planned interventions
- Urban and peri-urban forest strategic management for the medicinal plant production in Central Africa and Peru. Fabio Salbitano, University of Florence.

**Break**

**17:00**

### **Exhibition Panel**

Mental Health, Cultural Diversity and International Cooperation. Dr. Pakuy Mounkoro, Regional Center of Traditional Medicine of Bandiagara (Mali). Dr. Piero Coppo, ORIS Pisa, Dr. Luciano Carrino, ART Scientific Committee.

- 19:00** Drafting of the final workshop document "Recommendations for the integration of CTM in public health systems" by the group of Rapporteur.

## **Friday, October 31**

**Palazzo Medici Riccardi, Sala Luca Giordano, Via Cavour 1, Florence**

### **Sixth Session**

***Building concrete cooperation prospects for the inclusion of CTM in public health system***

**Chair:**

**Rapporteur:**

- 9.30** Presentation of the workshop's draft final document: "Recommendations for the integration of the CTM in public health systems".
- 9:45** Presentations of requests from countries interested in receiving cooperation on CTM issues. One country representative to be delegated.
- 10:00** UNDP support to future cooperation activities through the ART Initiative and the IDEASS Programme, Giovanni Camilleri, UNDP Geneva.
- 10:10** IDEASS International Secretariat support to the transfer of CTM methodologies in interested countries. Bernhard Schlachter, Head of the UNOPS Office in Geneva

**Break**

10:30

### Round Table

Support of national and local cooperating governments to the countries interested in receiving methodological support on CTM issues. Representatives from the national and local governments supporting the ART Initiative. President: Enrico Rossi, Regional Minister for the Health Rights of the Tuscany Region.

### Closing Event

**12:30** Promoting a culture of human development and challenges for international cooperation. Dr. Luciano Carrino, Executive Representative of the ART Scientific Committee

**13:00** The choice of the “natural” in Tuscany and its proposal for international cooperation. Claudio Martini, President of the Tuscany Region.



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