

Two subregional meetings on legislation capacity of the IHR (2005) were held in July 2012 in Marrakesh, Morocco, and in September 2012 in Cairo, Egypt. The meetings aimed to: identify gaps in country legislation capacities; identify appropriate mechanisms and solutions to address these gaps; and propose a set of recommendations.

IHR national focal points and legal advisers in the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Justice from most countries of the Region participated in the meetings. The meetings also discussed the global and regional situation of IHR implementation, legal and legislative aspects, countries' experience in the implementation of the IHR legislation capacity and existing toolkits to assist countries to review and amend their legislation.

The legislation meetings were followed by two subregional meetings on laboratory capacity. The meetings aimed to: identify gaps in laboratory capacities; identify appropriate mechanisms and solutions to address the gaps; and propose a framework to establish a link between IHR national focal points and laboratory specialists. IHR focal points and one laboratory expert from the Ministry of Health from the same countries participated in the two meetings.

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