



The Uniqueness of INAHTA

INAHTA POSITION

INAHTA is the global network of publicly-funded HTA agencies and shall remain as an exclusive and sustainable network of not-for-profit agencies that assess health technologies in support of regional or national governments.

INAHTA Strapline (also referred to as a tagline): *Connecting evidence and policy for better health.*

SUPPORTING STATEMENTS

The uniqueness of INAHTA can be best described by understanding its role, its relevance to INAHTA members, and its importance in the broader HTA ecosystem.

The **ROLE** of INAHTA:

- Facilitating networking and information sharing among all levels of agency staff at and between meetings.
- Strengthening relationships and trust amongst member agencies and fostering open discussions in a safe environment.
- Fostering collaboration to progress HTA principles, methods and processes across different countries and HTA specialties.
- Providing peer-support for independent, unbiased assessments of health technologies to inform policy development.
- Cooperating to reduce duplication of effort, standardize approaches, develop consensus on issues and realise economies of scale.

The **RELEVANCE** of INAHTA:

- Providing a unique environment created by our members for our members.
- Creating a forum to share challenges and identify opportunities to advance the science and practice of HTA through the creation of committees and task groups.
- Responding to member needs by examining “hot topics” and developing common solutions in consultation with our members and with the broader HTA community.
- Providing opportunities for agency-to-agency peer support regarding controversial HTA matters.
- Building capacity through knowledge exchange and continuous learning, while helping to develop the next generation of HTA professionals.

The **IMPORTANCE** of INAHTA:

- Sharing the public agency perspective from all corners of the world.
- Being the voice for public HTA agencies in the international HTA community, particularly in areas of the world that are new to HTA or are dominated by other stakeholder voices.
- Collaborating with international partners through formal and informal means to address global health system challenges.
- Providing opportunities for all members to engage and contribute to advancing the field of HTA, including the impact of HTA.
- Maintaining important international resources such as the HTA Database and HTA Glossary.

WHY INAHTA HAS ISSUED THIS POSITION STATEMENT

- INAHTA is important to its members and the constituencies that they represent. This position statement articulates the uniqueness of the network so that members better understand the contributions and value of INAHTA.
- The position statement can be shared with government officials and other stakeholders to inform them of the network and how INAHTA membership can help support achievement of their health care priorities.
- The position statement presents a clear message describing the role of INAHTA, its relevance to members, and its importance in the broader HTA ecosystem.

CALL TO ACTION

INAHTA is the global network of HTA agencies and it acts as the voice of public agencies regarding the science and practice of HTA. INAHTA has deep roots in the HTA ecosystem, and its role, relevance, and importance will continue to evolve.

Membership in INAHTA is the best way to connect your HTA agency with others, to learn more about the public agency perspective, to discuss common issues, and to receive support and guidance from your peers.

In order to maximize the influence of INAHTA, we need to pursue broader and deeper engagement between INAHTA members. This will enhance the value of the network to its members and society at large.

References:

INAHTA website: <http://www.inahta.org/>

INAHTA Strategic Plan 2017-2020: <http://www.inahta.org/about-inahta/>

Review cycle for statement:

- This statement is to be reviewed by the INAHTA Board (or a task group established by the Board for this purpose) at the 1-year point since the release date.
- After the year 1 review, the statement is to be reviewed every three years by the Board (or task group designated by the Board) and whenever the INAHTA Strategic Plan is updated.
- The objective of the review is to assess the value of the statement relative to the INAHTA strategic plan and any issues that have been raised by members in the use of the statement.

For more information about the INAHTA Position Statement Process, contact the INAHTA Secretariat at INAHTA@ihe.ca.

