











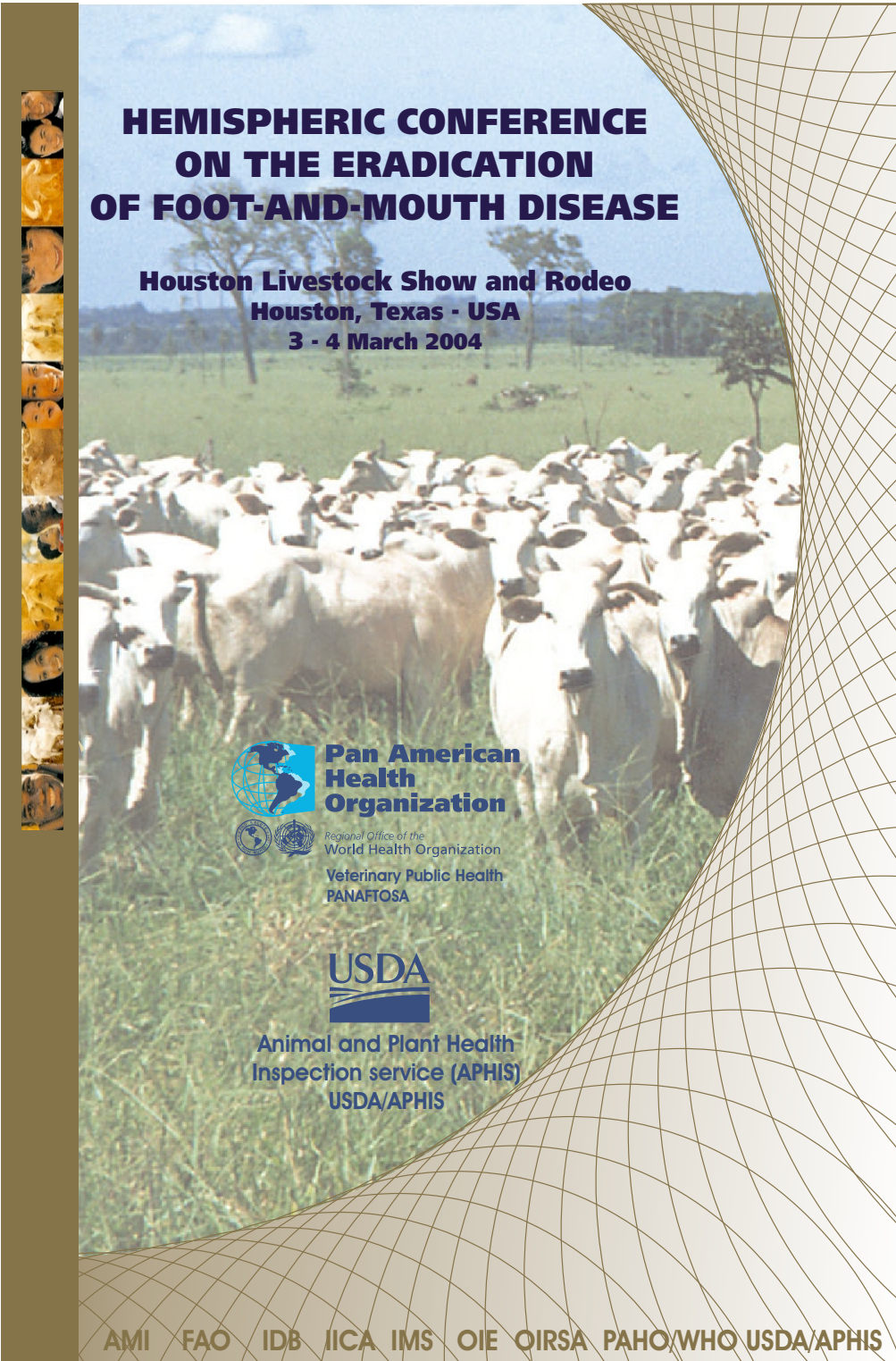
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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The process towards eradication of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) from the Western Hemisphere has progressed significantly. Today there are only a few remaining areas in South America where FMD is endemic. To complete the final stages of FMD eradication from this Hemisphere will require the concerted joint efforts of the public and private sectors.

In response to Resolution RIMSA13.R5 of the 13th Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Health and Agriculture (RIMSA 13), endorsed by Resolution CD44.R7 of the Directing Council, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), will hold a Hemispheric Conference on the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, in which all stakeholders in the livestock and agricultural production chain, public and private sectors, at the regional and global levels, will be able to express their commitment to completing the final stages of FMD eradication.

A meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Conference was held at the Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization on 25 November 2003 to review the provisional agenda proposed by the Secretariat and to make recommendations on the speakers and logistic aspects of the Conference.

## OBJECTIVE:

### General:

To increase awareness and generate support among the public and private sectors to enable the final stages of FMD eradication from the Western Hemisphere.

### Specific:

- a) To demonstrate institutional and commercial commitment towards a strategic approach to eradicate FMD from the Western Hemisphere.
- B) To identify potential contributions that the various stakeholders can make toward the final stages of FMD eradication.
- C) To promote effective methods for independent evaluation and support for the progress towards eradication of FMD from the Western Hemisphere.

## PARTICIPANTS:

Delegates from countries of the Americas and other Regions representing public and private sectors, international organizations for technical and financial cooperation, scientists, trade representatives, and consumers.

## METHODOLOGY:

1. Panel presentations and interactive discussions with participants (summaries of the presentations will be distributed)
2. Poster displays
3. Formulation of a resolution of commitment to complete hemispheric eradication of FMD

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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA

## 1st DAY

### Morning Session

#### Inauguration

- Video Overview: Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the Americas.
- Remarks by Hon. Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America.
- Remarks by Dr. Mirta Roses Periago, Director of the Pan American Health Organization
- Election of the President, Vice President, and Rapporteur.
- Election of Moderators for Each Session.

#### Panel 1: Foot-and-Mouth Disease Barriers to Trade

1. Situation of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Latin America and the importance of the Animal Health Code for the Trade of Animals and Animal Products.
2. Chain of Meat Production and the Importance of the Integration of All Stakeholders in the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.
3. World Trade of Meat: Situation and Prospects
4. Economic and Social Impact of Reintroduction of Foot-and-Mouth Disease
5. Economic and Social Impact of Endemic Foot-and-Mouth Disease
6. Discussion.

### Afternoon Session

#### Panel 2: Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the Western Hemisphere: The Challenge Ahead.

1. Impact of Foot-and-Mouth Disease on the Meat Industry and Trade Sectors .
2. Protection of Foot-and-Mouth-Disease-free Areas.
3. Role of Local Organizations and the Participation of Small Producers in the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.
4. Role of Regional Cooperation in the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

#### Panel 3: Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease from the Western Hemisphere: Opportunities for Success.

1. Challenges and Problems Surrounding the Control and Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in South America.
2. Intergovernmental Cooperation for Disease Control Programs.
3. Need for Bilateral and International Support to Strengthen Domestic Programs.
4. Strategic Options for Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.
5. Discussion.

## 2nd DAY

1. Morning session Resolution of Commitment by All Sectors Involved in the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease from the Western Hemisphere.
2. Other Matters.
3. Closing of the Conference.

### Afternoon Session

#### Guided visit to the Houston Livestock Show.