

Flour Fortification with Iron, Folic Acid, and Vitamin B₁₂ in the Americas

Regional Meeting
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Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology, University of Chile (INTA)

Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) • March of Dimes (MOD) • United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

AGENDA

DAY ONE: Thursday, October 9

SESSION 1: OPENING REMARKS AND MEETING FRAMEWORK

8:30 – 8:50	Welcome remarks	Sr. Dr. Pedro García Aspillaga, Minister of Health, Chile Dr. Carissa Etienne, Assistant Director, PAHO Dr. Jorge Litvak, Pro-rector, University of Chile
8:50 – 9:05	Meeting background and objectives	Dr. Wilma Freire, PAHO
9:05 – 9:25	Institutional perspectives	Dr. José Cordero, CDC Dr. Christopher Howson, MOD
*9:25 – 9:45	Registration	

SESSION 2: NUTRITIONAL OVERVIEW IN TERMS OF IRON, FOLIC ACID, AND VITAMIN B₁₂, AND SITUATION OF FLOUR FORTIFICATION IN THE AMERICAS

9:45 – 10:00	Global problem of deficiencies in iron, folic acid, and vitamin B ₁₂ , and food fortification as a key public health intervention	Dr. William Dietz, CDC
10:00 – 10:30	Situation of deficiencies in iron, folic acid, and vitamin B ₁₂ , and flour fortification in the Americas	Dr. Wilma Freire, PAHO
10:30 – 10:40	Discussion	
10:40 – 11:00	Break	

SESSION 3: EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM NATIONAL WHEAT FLOUR FORTIFICATION PROGRAMS

	Country experiences – 3 examples	
11:00 – 11:20	United States and Canada	Dr. David Erickson, CDC
11:20 – 11:50	Chile	Dr. Eva Hertrampf, INTA/ University of Chile
11:50 – 12:05	Industry perspectives on food fortification	Mr. Jorge David Lebon, Consultant, Latin American Association of Industrial Millers (ALIM)
12:05 – 12:20	Discussion	

SESSION 4: SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS ON THE RECOMMENDATION FOR FOOD FORTIFICATION WITH IRON, FOLIC ACID, AND VITAMIN B₁₂ IN THE AMERICAS

(Conclusions of the PAHO/ILSI/USAID/INACG technical consultation on “Iron Compounds for Food Fortification” and the PAHO/MOD/CDC consultation on “Recommended Levels of Folic Acid and Vitamin B₁₂”)

12:20 – 12:50	Guidelines for food fortification with iron, folic acid, and vitamin B ₁₂	Dr. Wilma Freire, PAHO
12:50 – 13:00	Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	

SESSION 5a: PROGRAMMATIC SOLUTIONS TO OPTIMIZE FLOUR FORTIFICATION IN THE AMERICAS

14:00 – 14:30	Regulatory monitoring of food fortification (Quality control/quality assurance, inspection, and food labeling)	Dr. Omar Dary, MOST/USAID
14:30 – 14:40	Question & Answer session	
14:40 – 14:45	Guidelines for working group session #1	Dr. Wilma Freire, PAHO
14:45 – 15:30	Working group session #1	
15:30 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 16:30	Working group session #1 (continued)	
16:30 – 17:30	Working group presentations – session #1	

DAY TWO: Friday, October 10

SESSION 5b (continued)

8:30 – 9:00	Household monitoring of food fortification (Monitoring and evaluation)	Dr. Omar Dary, MOST/USAID
9:00 – 9:10	Experience of Central American countries	Dr. Ana Victoria Román, INCAP
9:10 – 9:20	Question & Answer session	
9:20 – 9:25	Guidelines for working group session #2	Dr. Eva Hertrampf, INTA/ University of Chile
9:25 – 10:30	Working group session #2	
10:30 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Working group session #2 (continued)	
12:00 – 13:00	Working group presentations – session #2	
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 15:00	Social marketing and consumer education	Ms. Gridvia Kúncar, UNICEF
15:00 – 15:05	Guidelines for plenary session	Dr. Michael Katz, MOD
15:05 – 15:30	Plenary session	
15:30 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 16:30	Plenary session (continued)	

SESSION 6: CLOSING SESSION

16:30 – 17:00	Meeting conclusions	Ms. Sunny Kim, PAHO
17:00 – 17:15	Next steps	Dr. Wilma Freire, PAHO
17:15 – 17:30	Closing remarks	Dr. Osvaldo Legón, UNICEF