

# PAHO/WHO REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON THE RENEWAL OF PHC IN THE AMERICAS

*Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel  
Montevideo, Uruguay, 26-29 of July 2005*

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

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### INTRODUCTION

The year 2003 marked the 25th Anniversary of the first International Conference on Primary Health Care held in Alma-Ata in 1978. The Conference identified PHC as the principal strategy for reaching the goal of Health for All. Much has been learned from the experiences in implementing the strategy. Today, our efforts in renewing the call for PHC as a powerful means for transforming the health sector, but also for societal change have never been more relevant, as countries seek to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

During the 44th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization held in September of 2003, Member States unanimously adopted Resolution CD44.R6 - Primary Health Care in the Americas: Lessons Learned over 25 years and Future Challenges, which called for the implementation of a series of concrete recommendations to strengthen PHC. The Resolution tasked the Director of PAHO to:

- a) incorporate the principles of PHC in the activities of all technical cooperation programs at PAHO, especially those related to the Millennium Development Goals;
- b) evaluate the different systems based on PHC and identify and disseminate best practices for policy decisions and implementation;
- c) assist in strengthening country capacity in developing a cadre of health workers for PHC;
- d) support locally-defined PHC models which are flexible and adaptable;
- e) celebrate the 25th anniversary of Alma-Ata with a series of events throughout the Region that would culminate in September, 2004 and
- f) collaborate in a participatory manner in the definition of the future strategic and programmatic orientations in primary health care.

In response to the specific mandate calling for the definition of future strategic and programmatic orientations in primary health care, PAHO/WHO established in May of 2004, an inter-disciplinary working group on PHC. Its principal function has been that of advising the Organization in building a roadmap towards a reinvigorated vision of the PHC strategy which addresses the challenges posed by the new millennium, particularly those of the MDGs.

During its two sessions in 2004, the working group examined and reaffirmed the conceptual dimensions of PHC as outlined in the Alma Ata Declaration, developed key operational definitions of concepts relevant to PHC, as well as provided guidance to countries and PAHO on the reorientation of health systems and services following the principles of PHC and in the context of health sector reform. The working group further provided guidance on the drafting of a PAHO position paper and a Regional Declaration on the renewal of primary health care which reflect the current realities and the way forward.

In an effort to build consensus and establish the necessary strategic alliances for the advancement of PHC throughout the Hemisphere, a Regional Consultation is being held with the aim of fostering critical country level dialogue with relevant stakeholders, including those from civil society and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Following the Regional Consultation meeting, the final drafts of both the position paper and the Regional Declaration will be submitted at PAHO's 46th Directing Council to take place in September 2005. The Declaration will be approved by consensus by the Ministers of Health, or their representatives, during a special ceremony at the meeting of the Directing Council.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To discuss and validate PAHO/WHO's Position Paper and Regional Declaration on the renewal of PHC
- To elaborate a framework action plan for the strengthening of PHC throughout the Region
- To learn from the particular PHC experience of Uruguay, the Regional Consultation host country

## **PURPOSE**

The Position Paper will be a technical reference for supporting the renewal of PHC in the countries of the Region and the Declaration will be the expression of the political and institutional commitment of the Member States to this renewal.

## **METHODOLOGY**

There will be plenary sessions for the opening and closing, and the review of the work done by small working groups.

Small work groups will discuss and analyze the drafts of the position paper, Regional Declaration on PHC and action plan for the strengthening of PHC in the Americas. Each working group will have a designated moderator, rapporteur and presenter. The discussions of the working groups will follow pre-established guidelines.

The plenary sessions will be simultaneously translated in Spanish-English and English-Spanish.

**1<sup>ST</sup> DAY TUESDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2005**

- 16:00- 18:30 hrs. **Participant's Registration**
- 18:30 hrs. **Departure to Parliament from Hotel' Lobby**
- 19:00-19:30 hrs. **Opening ceremony / Legislative Palace**  
Dr. Maria Julia Muñoz, Public Health Minister of Uruguay  
Dr. Carissa Etienne, PHC Working Group Chair and PAHO Assistant Director  
Dr. Rodolfo Nin Novoa, Vice President of Uruguay
- 19:30-20:30 hrs. **Welcome cocktail**

**2<sup>ND</sup> DAY WEDNESDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2005**

- 8:30-8:50 hrs. *Plenary Session: Introduction of participants and review of the objectives and methodology of the Regional Consultation meeting.*  
Dr. José Luis di Fabio, Technology and Health Services Organization, Area Manager, PAHO/WHO.  
Chair: Dr Carissa Etienne
- 8:50-9:10 hrs. *Plenary Session: Presentation of the PHC renewal position paper.*  
Dr. Hernan Montenegro, Health Services Organization, Unit Chief, PAHO/WHO.  
Chair: Dr Carissa Etienne
- 9:10-9:30 hrs. **Coffee break**
- 9:30-11:30 hrs. *Group work: Discussion on the position paper*
- 11:30-13:00 hrs. *Plenary Session: Presentation of results of the group work*
- 13:00-14:30 hrs. **Lunch**
- 14:30-14:50 hrs. *Plenary Session: Presentation of the PHC Regional Declaration.*  
Dr. Carissa Etienne, PHC Working Group Chair and PAHO Assistant Director
- 14:50–17:00 hrs. *Group work: Discussion on the Regional Declaration*
- 19:00-21:00 hrs. **Social event at the Uruguayan Medical Association** (to be confirmed)

**3<sup>RD</sup> DAY THURSDAY, JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2005**

- 8:30-10:00 hrs. *Plenary Session: Presentation of results of the group work.*
- 10:00-10:30 hrs. **Coffee break**  
**Travel Agency for ticket's confirmation**
- 10:30-10:50 hrs. *Plenary Session: Presentation of the Regional Action Plan for the strengthening of the PHC.*  
Dr. Juan Manuel Sotelo, Representative of PAHO/WHO in Chile.  
Chair: Dr Carissa Etienne
- 10:50-13.00 hrs. *Group work: Discussion on the Regional Action Plan.*
- 13:00-15:00 hrs. **Guided stroll through Montevideo Old City**  
**Lunch**
- 15:00-16:30 hrs. *Plenary Session: Presentation of results of the group work.*
- 16:30-17:30 hrs. *Closing Regional Consultation session: Looking forward. Closing remarks.*  
Dr. Carissa Etienne, PHC Working Group Chair, PAHO Assistant Director  
Dr. Fernando Dora, PAHO/WHO Representative in Uruguay  
Representatives of Uruguay (to be defined)

**4<sup>TH</sup> DAY FRIDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2005**

- 8:30-10:00 hrs. PHC in Uruguay (First part)
- 10:00-10:30 hrs. **Coffee break**
- 10:30-12:00 hrs. PHC in Uruguay (Second part)
- 12.00-12.30 hrs *Closing Uruguay session: Looking forward. Closing remarks.*  
Representatives of Uruguay (to be defined)

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE SMALL WORKING GROUPS**

These guidelines are provided only as a reference to starting the discussions of the small working groups. Small groups should feel free to address and discuss other topics that are not included in these guidelines. Whenever possible, please make specific and tangible contributions/suggestions to the proposed position paper, regional declaration and action plan on the renewal of PHC, including alternative ways of writing certain messages or concepts.

### **Key issues to discuss regarding the Position Paper on PHC**

1. In your opinion, this initiative should be named the “renewal of PHC” or the “recovery of Alma-Ata”?
2. Do you agree with the concept and definition of PHC-based health systems?
3. Do you agree with the links of PHC-based health systems with the rest of the social determinants of health and the overall socioeconomic development strategy?
4. Are there any core values, principles and elements of PHC that are missing from the paper?
5. Are there any core values, principles and elements that should be modified or eliminated from the paper?
6. Do you agree with the concepts/definitions of the core values, principles and elements of PHC?
7. Other issues/topics.

### **Key issues to discuss regarding the Regional Declaration on PHC**

1. Do you agree with the overall structure, headings, and written style of the declaration?
2. Are there any elements that should be added to or deleted from the declaration?
3. Do you agree with the concepts/definitions that are presented in the declaration?
4. Other issues/topics.

### **Key issues to discuss regarding the Action Plan on PHC**

1. Do you agree with the main strategies proposed for the strengthening of PHC in the Americas?
2. In your opinion, which are the key players that should be engaged during the process of the renewal of PHC in the Americas?
3. Do you agree with the main lines of action proposed in the action plan for the country, sub-regional, regional and global levels? Are there lines of action that are missing from the proposal?
4. Please develop a timeframe for the proposed lines of action of the action plan.
5. Other issues/topics.

## DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE SMALL WORKING GROUPS

Group number	1	2	3	4	5
Language	Spanish	English	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
Room					
Group Moderator	Juan Manuel Sotelo, PAHO	Jean Jacob, Dominica	Alvaro Salas, Costa Rica	Enrique Tanoni, Argentina	Socorro Gross, PAHO
Group Rapporteur	Carme Nebot, PAHO	James Macinko, USA	Hernan Montenegro, PAHO	Rodrigo Soto, Chile	María Magdalena Herrera, PAHO
Group Presenter(s)	TBD by the group	TBD by the group	TBD by the group	TBD by the group	TBD by the group
Participants	Miguel Melguizo, consultant PAHO	Carissa Etienne, PAHO	Gina Tambini, PAHO	Monica Brana, PAHO	Yves Talbot, Canada
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		Bheri Ramsaran, Guyana			
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## LOGISTICS

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**Hotel:** The hotel where the meeting will be held is:

**Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel** - Plaza Independencia 759, Montevideo 11100  
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*The Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel is located in the heart of Montevideo's financial and commercial district. It is close to many of Montevideo's museums and historic landmarks.*

Your individual reservation is made upon your confirmation to participate in the meeting. This reservation includes the payment of your lodging, breakfast and lunch.

**Per Diem:** You will receive from PAHO/WHO a per diem AD-HOC of US\$ 252 total. This per diem should cover the costs of your evening meals that it is not including in the hotel package that PAHO will pay for all the participants, and transportation while in Montevideo, Uruguay .

**VISA for entering into Uruguay:** Each participant to the meeting is responsible for obtaining his/her VISA for entering into Uruguay. You can check this information through the following Link: <http://www.uruwashi.org/Consular.htm#Information%20On%20Visas>

**Transportation while in Uruguay:** *To be determined*

**Coffee and snacks:** 2 coffee breaks will be offered during working sessions.

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