

# MULTI-PARTNERS DIALOGUE FOR HEALTH IN THE AMERICAS

**7-8 October 2008. Washington, D.C.  
Room B 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor PAHO's Headquarters.  
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## **Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)**

PAHO/WHO is an international public health organization with more than 100 years of experience, leading strategic collaborative efforts among the Member States and other partners, in order to promote equity in health, to combat diseases, and to improve the quality of life and the well-being of the peoples in the Americas. During all these years, and for the fulfillment of its mission, PAHO/WHO has forged alliances with key actors who have considered it a strategic partner for the achievement of health objectives and goals in the Region.

The Americas harbors high levels of poverty and inequality, even within its many middle-income countries, in addition to being quite vulnerable to natural disasters and political crisis. At the same time, south-to-south cooperation is a hallmark of this Region while many of the countries play an active role in the definition of the instruments and conditions of their cooperation with international partners.

Thus within the framework of the commitments made in the high level forums on aid effectiveness of Rome and Paris, the partners and allies who have been working with PAHO/WHO, have expressed the need for having a systematic dialogue that would facilitate a more effective work in cooperation on health. With the recent adoption of the *Health Agenda for the Americas* and the approval of the PAHO/WHO Strategic Plan 2008–2012 by its Member States, we have the opportunity to open a broader dialogue through a permanent mechanism that we have called the "Multi-partner Dialogue for Health in the Americas."

This space for dialogue and exchange of experiences on cooperation in health in the Region will support new partnerships and associations may be explored and strengthened in order to facilitate a joint effort for the achievement of common objectives. In the construction and development of this dialogue, this initiative will facilitate face-to-face and virtual meetings, systematic analysis on international cooperation in health, and the sharing of experiences and lessons learned in this joint effort.

The expected outcomes of this meeting are as follows:

1. Present to partners PAHO/WHO's strategic framework for the next 10 years.
2. Share PAHO/WHO's experience and lessons learned on its technical cooperation work in order to receive contributions and suggestions to implement a better response in achieving its strategic framework objectives; and
3. Promote an open dialogue between partners for health in the Americas, using the framework of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and The Health Agenda for the Americas.

## Tuesday, 07 October

- 8:00 – 8:30     **Registration**
- 8:30 – 8:45     **Welcome and Introductory remarks**  
Mirta Roses Periago  
Director, PAHO/WHO
- 8:45- 9:45     **PAHO/WHO Strategic Framework for Technical Cooperation in the Americas**  
*The strategic framework that guides PAHO/WHO work: Health Agenda for the Americas and the Strategic Plan 2008 - 2012*  
Participants: PAHO's Area Manager of Planning, Budget and Resource Coordination
- 9:45 - 11:45   **Strategic Approaches for Alignment and Harmonization Issues**  
*What is the experience of developed countries efforts to increase the effectiveness of aid?  
What is the experience of developing countries dealing with Official Development Assistance for Health?*  
Participants: bilateral agencies
- 11:45 – 12:00   Coffee break
- 12:00 – 13:00   **Achieving Health MDGs in the Region**  
*What are the joint efforts to achieve the MDGs in the Region and the challenges that we must face?*  
Participants: United Nations' Agencies
- 13:00 – 14:00   Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30   **Philanthropic Foundations' Role in Achieving the Health Agenda for the Americas**  
*What is the importance of the increased profile of philanthropic foundations the international cooperation on health?*  
Participants: main philanthropic foundation representatives
- 15:30 – 15:45   Coffee break
- 15:45 – 17:45   **PAHO's experience with International Cooperation on Health**  
*What is PAHO's experience working with partners for health development, at regional, sub regional and country level? Which are the achievements, difficulties, and lessons learned?  
How do partners see the work developed by PAHO?*  
Participants: PAHO's technical areas and selected country representatives

## Wednesday, 08 October

- 08:30 – 10:30 **National efforts to improve the effectiveness of international cooperation**  
*Which are the actions undertaken by the Latin America and the Caribbean countries in order to improve the effectiveness of the assistance?*  
Participants: Latin America and Caribbean selected countries
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45 – 12:45 **Technical Cooperation among Countries in Latin American & the Caribbean**  
*What is the role of technical cooperation among developing countries in Latin America and the Caribbean? What are the experiences of the main actors of this aid modality in the Region?*  
Participants: Latin America selected countries
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Global Health Partnership: Issues and Challenges**  
*How can we increase global and regional health partnership alignment with national priorities in health? How can we best contribute to identify health priorities at country level that can benefit from multiple partnerships?*  
Participants: global health partnership's representatives
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45 – 17:30 **Partnerships to promote Health Agenda in the Americas**  
*Conclusions and recommendations of the Multipartner Dialog*  
Participant: PAHO's Assistant Director and Deputy Director