

## OBJECTIVES

To promote policy dialogue on policy options and best practices in developing health financing systems that support moving towards UHC in the Caribbean and identify main challenges and way forward to guarantee its sustainability.

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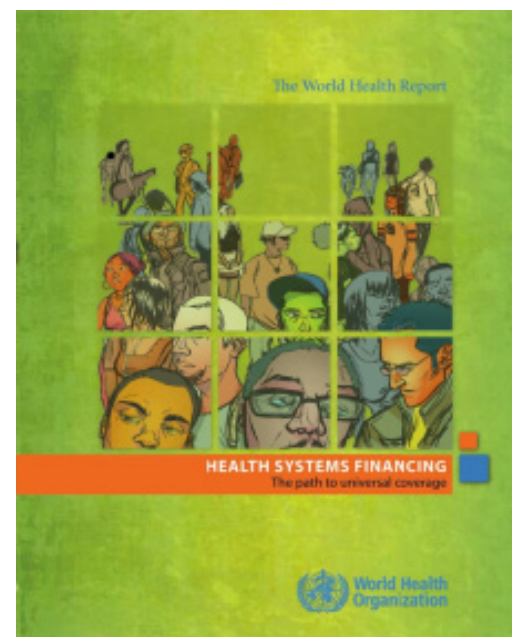
- To promote health financing system reviews as an essential step in the process of shaping national health financing systems and strategies towards achieving UHC and social health protection under the challenges presented by population aging and the increasing burden of NCDs.
- To promote research on feasible measures for tracking progress on all UHC objectives: financial risk protection (catastrophic and impoverishing expenditure), access (reduce gap between need and utilization) and quality.

# AGENDA

## The Universal Health Coverage Agenda in the Caribbean: Challenges and Options

October 22 - 23, 2012

St. Philip, Barbados



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
Area of Health Systems Based on Primary Health Care

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

**08:30 - 09:00** Registration

**09:00 - 10:00** Opening session

**10:15 - 10:30** Coffee break

### Session I. Universal Health Coverage

**10:30 - 11:00** Universal health coverage: concepts and principles

*David Evans (Director, HSF/WHO Geneva)*

**11:00 - 12:00** Round Table: Country experiences with UHC (presentations by Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica followed by discussion)

**12:00 - 12:30** Questions / comments

*Chair: Dr Joy St John, Chief Medical Officer, Barbados*

*Facilitator: Eco. Claudia Pescetto, PAHO/WHO, Advisor Health Economics and Financing, WDC*

**12:30 - 14:00** Lunch break

### Session II. Health Financing for UHC: Improving Efficiency

**14:00 - 14:30** i. The role of PHC and integrated health networks to reach UHC

*Dr. Reynaldo Holder (PAHO/HS)*

**14:30 - 14:45** ii. The burden of NCDs in the Caribbean and what does it mean for health services

*Dr. James Hospedales (PAHO-HSD)*

**14:45 - 15:00** iii. Economic and development dimensions of NCDs

*David Mayer (CIDE - Mexico)*

Questions / comments

*Chair: Elijah K. Silcott, Permanent Secretary, Montserrat*

*Facilitator: Dr. Francoise Barten, PAHO/WHO HSS Advisor, Surinam*

**15:30 - 15:45** Coffee break

### Session III. The Sustainability Issue: Economic and Human Resources Aspects

**15:45 - 16:15** i. Financing UHC in the Caribbean: the fiscal space issue

*Stanley Lalta (University of West Indies -UWI)*

**16:15 - 16:30** ii. Sustainable UHC in the Caribbean: building sustainable workforce

*Don Ferguson (PAHO/WHO CPC HRH Advisor)*

**16:30 - 17:30** Questions / comments

*Chair: Mr. Edson Joseph, Permanent Secretary, Antigua & Barbuda*

*Facilitator: Dr. Victor Zamora, PAHO/WHO HSS Advisor, Bahamas*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

### Session IV. Health Financing for UHC: Measuring Financial Protection and Equity

**09:00 - 09:30**

i. Measuring total health expenditure – Using indicators of National Accounts / Health Satellite Accounts

*Eco. Federico Dorin, ECLAC*

**09:30 - 10:00**

ii. Financial risk protection and equity to access: Equilac studies

*Dr Giselle Almeida (PAHO/HS)*

**10:00 - 10:30**

Questions / comments

*Chair: Dr. Akenath Misir, Chief Medical Officer, Trinidad & Tobago*

*Facilitator: Dr. Marilyn Entwistle, PAHO/WHO HSS Advisor, Jamaica*

**10:30 - 11:00**

Coffee break

### Session V. Health Financing for UHC: Prepayment Mechanisms and Pooling

**11:00 - 11:30**

i. Feasibility of Regional Health Insurance in CARICOM: Organization of health services on a UHC environment

*Raphael D. Barrett*

**11:30 - 12:00**

ii. Round Table: National Health Insurance - National Experiences (Presentations by British Virgin Islands and Belize followed by discussion)

**12:00 - 12:30**

Questions / comments

*Chair: Mrs. Helen Royer, MOH Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Dominica*

*Facilitator: Dr. Karen Sealey, PAHO/WHO CFS Senior Advisor, New York*

**12:30 - 14:00**

Lunch break

### Session VI. Towards UHC in the Caribbean: Next Steps

**14:00 - 14:15**

Introduction of the topic for Working Groups

*Rasul Baghirov, PAHO/WHO CPC HSS Advisor*

**14:15 - 15:30**

Working Group Session

**15:30 - 16:00**

Coffee break

**16:00 - 16:30**

i. Reporting by Working Groups

**16:30 - 17:00**

ii. Reflections and building consensus on the priorities, mechanisms, research agenda

*Chair: Dr Peter Allen, Chief Executive Officer, MOH Belize*

*Facilitators: Dr. Baghirov, PAHO/WHO CPC HSS Advisor;*

*Dr. Ramon Figueroa, PAHO/WHO HSS ECC Advisor*

**17:00 - 17:15**

Closing