

SIDE EVENT
DURING THE

53RD DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION/
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION,
66TH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

Violence Against Women FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2014
12:30-2:00PM



**Pan American
Health
Organization**



**World Health
Organization**
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE Americas

PANELISTS

CARISSA F. ETIENNE | Opening Remarks
Director PAHO/WHO | WASHINGTON DC

ALVINA BERTRAM REYNOLDS | Moderator
Minister of Health, Wellness, Human Services
and Gender Relations | ST. LUCIA

ALESSANDRA GUEDES
Regional Advisor, Family Violence |
PAHO/WHO, WASHINGTON DC

**Breaking the cycle: Understanding and
addressing violence against women**

JARBAS BARBOSA
Vice-Minister of Health Surveillance |
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, BRAZIL

**The role of the health sector in facing
violence against women**

KIMBERLY ELMSLIE
Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Promotion
and Chronic Disease Prevention Branch |
PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA
**Public health guidance on family violence:
equipping health professionals with
information and tools to more safely and
effectively support women and children
victimized by violence**

EDUARDO ANTONIO ESPINOZA FIALLOS
Vice-Minister of Health Policy |
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, EL SALVADOR
**El Salvador: Tackling inequalities to prevent
violence against women and children**

Evidence indicates that physical and sexual violence against women is a widespread public health problem and human rights violation affecting 1 in every 3 women in the Americas. Panelists will review the impact of violence against women on survivors' health and on the health of children in the Americas, discuss the role of the health sector in preventing and responding to such violence, and present lessons learned from specific country experiences. The panel will conclude with a discussion and questions and answers from the audience.

OBJECTIVES

Bring attention to the impact of violence against women on women's health and on the health of children in the Americas.

Learn about the evidence-based recommendations by PAHO/WHO for the provision of health care to survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence.

Encourage action by providing an overview of effective interventions and country experiences looking at strengths and challenges of current responses in selected countries.