

## International Women's Day Dialogue

### **"Women's Access to Social Protection in Health"**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**PAHO HQ, Washington DC, Room C**

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The United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March during International Women's Year 1975. This year the UN will reflect on how to accelerate the 2030 Agenda under the theme of Women in the Changing World of Work, Planet 50:50 with attention to women's employment and empowerment. Alongside these global commitments and specifically framed within its mandate on gender mainstreaming in health, universal access to health and universal health coverage and related objectives of the Sustainable Development Agenda, **PAHO will celebrate International Women's Day 2017 under the theme – "Women's Access to Social Protection in Health"**. The Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit (GD), in close coordination with the Department of Health Systems and Services (HSS), will coordinate PAHO's observation of IWD, focusing upon how the realities and conditions of women's participation in the formal and informal labor market affects their ability to benefit from social protection in health.

#### **Agenda**

Moderator – Anna Coates: Chief, FGL/GD

15:00pm Welcome remarks – Carissa Etienne: Director PAHO

15:10pm Moderated question and answer session:

- Julio Bango: Secretary for the National Care System, Uruguay
- Gina Lagomarsino: President of Results for Development Institute
- Ernesto Bascolo: Advisor, Health Governance, Leadership, Policy, and Planning, HSS/HS

15:40pm Comments and questions from audience (online and present)

15:55pm Closing: Francisco Becerra, Assistant Director PAHO

16:00pm Convene in Lobby

- Video on sex parity in the UN
- Light refreshment

**Simultaneous translation: English and Spanish**

**Webex will be available:** <http://bit.ly/2m974xR>