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## **AGENDA**

### **“Regional Meeting on the Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) Persons and Human Rights”**

**Office of the Legal Counsel,  
Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit,  
HIV, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Infections Unit  
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)  
525 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20037**

**9-10 December, 2014 (Washington D.C.)  
Room B**

**DAY ONE: Tuesday, 9 December, 2014**

**Chair:** Ms. Maeve McKean, Senior Advisor for Human Rights  
Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator  
U.S. Department of State

**Co-chairs:** Dr. Heidi Jimenez, Legal Counsel, PAHO  
Dr. Massimo Ghidinelli, Chief, HIV/STI and Hepatitis Unit, PAHO

**8:00 – 8:30 Registration**

**8:30 – 8:50 Welcome**  
Dr. Heidi Jiménez, Legal Counsel, PAHO  
Dr. Marcos Espinal, Director, Department of Communicable Diseases and Health Analysis, PAHO  
Dr. Cuauhtemoc Ruiz, Director (a.i.), Department of Family, Gender and Life Course, PAHO

**8:50 – 9:00 Opening Remarks**  
Dr. Carissa Etienne, Director, PAHO (presented by video)

**9:00 – 9:30 Presentation of Participants**



REAL EMBAJADA DE NORUEGA

- 9:30 – 9:50      **“Discrimination, inequality and human rights of LGBT persons in the health care sector”**  
Dr. Javier Vásquez, Human Rights Advisor, PAHO
- 9:50 – 10:10    **“Gender, diversity and universal access to care for LGBT persons”**  
Dr. Anna Coates, Chief, Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit, PAHO
- 10:10 – 10:30    **Q and A for PAHO Presenters**  
Moderated by the Chair
- 10:30 – 10:45    **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:45 – 12:00    **Panel # 1:**  
**“National experiences in health sector reform addressing disparities in access to and utilization of health service by LGBT persons: Discussions with Experts from North and Central America and the Caribbean”**  
Dr. Julio Oscar Robles Ticas, Vice Minister of Health Services, Ministry of Health, El Salvador  
Ms. Tienieke Sumter, President of LGBT Platform, Ministry of Health, Suriname  
Ms. Eda Quirós, Strategic Planning and Evaluation Advisor, Ministry of Health, Costa Rica  
US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) TBD  
  
Moderated by Ms. Cathy Cuellar, Gender and Health Advisor, PAHO
- 12:00 – 12:30    **Q and A**
- 12:30 – 1:30      **LUNCH**
- 1:30 – 1:50      **“Understanding the range of barriers to health care access and LGBT health disparities”**  
Dr. Rafael Mazin, Senior Advisor HIV/STI and Hepatitis, PAHO
- 1:50 – 2:10      **Q and A**  
Moderated by the Chair
- 2:10 – 3:30      **Working Group Sessions:**  
**“Brainstorming: LGBT health, available information, evidence on barriers to health care access, and good practices on access to health service and utilization”**  
Coordinated by Dr. Javier Vásquez, Human Rights Advisor, PAHO  
Ms. Silvia García-Livelli, Program Officer, PAHO

- 3:30 – 3:45      **COFFEE BREAK**
- 3:45 – 5:00      **Working Group Sessions Continue**
- 5:00 – 6:00      **Presentation by Working Groups and Discussion**  
Moderated by the Chair
- 7:00 – 9:00      **Dinner at Restaurant “Notti Bianche”**  
George Washington University Inn  
824 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20037



**DAY TWO:     Wednesday, 10 December 2014**

- 9:00 – 9:20     **“Universal access to health and universal health coverage in the context of health service access and utilization for LGBT persons”**  
Dr. James Fitzgerald, Director, Health Systems and Services Department, PAHO
- 9:20 – 9:50     **Q and A**  
Moderated by the Chair
- 9:50 – 10:10     **“Challenges and opportunities in collecting data about access to health care and health facilities for LGBT populations in the context of sexual orientation and other emerging variables”**  
Mr. Jim Scanlon  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (Science and Data Policy)  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning  
United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- 10:10 – 10:30     **Q and A**  
Moderated by the Chair
- 10:30 – 10:45     **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:30     **Panel # 1:**  
**“Perspective of other International Organizations and Programs on addressing the causes of disparities in health care access for LGBT persons and other related forms of discrimination and inequalities: Discussions with experts from the Organization of American States (OAS), World Bank, UNAIDS and UNDP”**  
Ms. Fanny Gómez, Human Rights Specialist, LGBT Rights Unit, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS  
Mr. Fabrice Houdart, Senior Country Officer and Coordinator of the Project on Sexual Minorities and Development, Nordic Trust Fund on Human Rights, the World Bank  
Ms. Shirley Eng, Community Mobilization and Networking Advisor, UNAIDS Regional Office for the Latin America Region, Panama  
Ms. Karin Santi, Policy Advisor, UNDP, Regional Office for the Latin America Region, Panama  
  
Moderated by Dr. Esther Corona, Sexual and Reproductive Health Advisor, World Association for Sexual Health (WAS)
- 11:30 – 11:45     **Q and A**

- 11:45 – 12:30 **Panel # 2:**  
**“The View from Academia: Discussions with experts from American University, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University and Catholic University Andrés Bello”**  
Ms. Daniela Kriem, Associate Director, Women and the Law Program, Washington College of Law (WCL), American University (AU)  
Dr. Steve Forssell, Program Director, LGBT Health Policy & Practice Graduate Certificate Program, George Washington University  
Dr. Tonia Poteat, Assistant Professor, Center for Public Health and Human Rights, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University  
  
Moderated by Ms. Julie Dorf, Senior Advisor, Council for Global Equality, Washington D.C.
- 12:30 – 1:30 **Q and A**
- 1:30 – 1:45 **LUNCH**
- 1:45 – 3:30 **Working Group Sessions:**  
**“Developing initiatives, strategies and actions to implement, with PAHO support, Resolution CD52.R6 regarding: strategic data collection, good national practices, policies and health-related law reform and human rights”**  
Coordinated by Dr. Javier Vásquez, Human Rights Advisor, PAHO  
Ms. Silvia García-Livelli, Program Officer, PAHO
- 3:30 – 3:45 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 3:45 – 4:25 **Working Groups Sessions Continue**
- 4:25 – 5:25 **Presentation by Working Groups and Discussion**  
Moderated by the Chair
- 5:25 – 5:40 **Wrap-up**  
Moderated by the Chair
- 5:40 – 5:50 **Closing Remarks**  
Dr. Merle Lewis, Chief of Staff, Office of the Director, PAHO

## CELEBRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2014

5:50 – 6:20 **Presentation of 2014 Human Rights video: “A Tribute to Dr. Marijke Velzeboer-Salcedo”**

Dr. Heidi Jiménez, Legal Counsel, PAHO

Dr. Javier Vásquez, Human Rights Advisor, PAHO

6:20 – 7:30 **“Kite Ceremony”**

- Presentation of the “kite” to Mr. Daniel Salcedo  
Dr. Merle Lewis, Chief of Staff, PAHO
- Remarks by Dr. Anna Coates, Chief, Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit
- Recognition of a PAHO Technical Unit  
Dr. Heidi Jiménez, Legal Counsel, PAHO
- Recognition of a PAHO Country Office  
Dr. Merle Lewis, Chief of Staff, PAHO

Moderated by Dr. Javier Vásquez, Human Rights Advisor, PAHO

**END OF MEETING**