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Regional Office of the
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Regional Workshop:

“Financing Health Care Systems: Macroeconomic and Fiscal Implications of Financing Universal Health Coverage”

November 8th and 9th, 2012

Venue:

PAHO/WHO HQ - Conference Room “C”.
525 Twenty Third Street, N.W., Washington D.C., USA 20037

AGENDA

Thursday, November 8th

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:15 **Opening/Welcome:** James Fitzgerald; Area Manager (a.i.), Area of Health System based on Primary Health Care – HSS PAHO

9:15 – 9:30 **Overview of Workshop Objectives**

Background document(s)/links:

- [“Health for All: Can it Be Financed? Fiscal Space and the Financing of Universal Health Care Systems: Issues and Policies”](#) FINFISC Meeting 2007.
- [The World Health Report 2010: Financing Health Care Systems](#). WHO 2010

9:30 – 10:30 **Session I:** National Health Expenditure Trends in the Americas (Demographic, Epidemiological and Nutritional Transitions)

Presentation: National Health Care Expenditures in Latin America and the Caribbean: Trends, Macroeconomic and Fiscal Challenges

Ruben M. Suárez-Berenguela; Senior Advisor Public Policies, Regulation and Health Financing; HSS-PAHO

Background document(s):

- [Health in the Americas 2012 Edition](#); PAHO pp. 14-15;
- [Health in the Americas: Basic Health Indicators 2012](#), September 2012; PAHO

Presentation: Health Care Expenditures Trends in the USA and the Fiscal Cliff: What’s ahead?

Charles Roehrig; Director, Center for Sustainable Health Spending; Altarum Institute.

Background document(s)/links:

- [Health Spending Brief](#), Center for Sustainable Health Spending, Altarum Institute 2012.
- [Altarum Institute](#) (link to website)

Chair: Cristian Morales, Focal Point-HSS, PAHO-Venezuela

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Session II:** Reforming Health Care Systems and Universal Health Coverage; Experiences.

Presentation: *Reforms of Public Health Care Systems in Advanced and Emerging Economies: Macroeconomic and Fiscal Implications*

Benedict Clements; Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund- IMF

Background document(s):

- [The Economics of Public Health Care Reform in Advanced and Emerging Economies](#). [Excerpt] IMF 2012 .

Presentation: *World Bank: The Universal Coverage Challenge Program (UNICO)*.

Daniel Cotlear; Lead Economist; The World Bank.

Background document(s):

[UNICO – The Universal Coverage Challenge Program](#)

Presentation: *Financing Universal Health Coverage: macroeconomic and fiscal dimensions*.

Joe Kutzin; Coordinator Health Financing Policy; World Health Organization – WHO

Background document(s):

[Universal health coverage: does anything go? No](#). Joe Kutzin –WHO 2012.

Chair: Eco. Matilde Pinto; Senior Advisor, Health Economics and Planning; PAHO

12: 30 – 2:00 **Lunch**

2:00 – 3:30 **Session III:** Round Table - Country Experiences: Financing Social Health Insurance Systems (SHI) in Latin America and the Caribbean: Macroeconomic and Fiscal Challenges.

Financing Social Health Insurance: Options, Progress and Challenges.

Jairo Restrepo, Profesor, Grupo de Economía de la Salud – GES, University of Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia.

Background document(s):

- [Observatorio de la Seguridad Social No. 14](#). GES
- [Observatorio de la Seguridad Social No. 5](#). GES 2002.

Financing Social Health Insurance in Costa Rica: Fiscal Challenges.

Gustavo Picado; *Director Financiero Administrativo*; Costa Rica Social Security Institution

Background document(s):

- [Universal coverage in a middle income country: Costa Rica](#) WHO 2010 Background Paper, No 11. 2010

Expanding Public Health Care Coverage in Chile: AUGÉ.

Monica Aravena; Chief; DES-MOH Chile.

Background document(s):

- [Impacto de las garantías explícitas en salud en producción y en gasto en la red asistencial de salud](#). DESAL Chile 2011.

Argentina: Country Experiences

Gaston Palopoli/Andrea Polach: Department of Health Economics MOH Argentina

Uruguay: Country Experiences

Maria Victoria Arbulo: Department of Health Economics MOH Uruguay

Chair: Giovanni Escalante; Focal Point HSS-PAHO, Bolivia.

3:30 – 4:00 **Coffee Break**

4:00 – 5:30 **Session IV:** Round Table - Country Experiences. Financing Unified and Segmented Public Health Care Services Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean: Macroeconomic and Fiscal Challenges.

Financing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in the Caribbean: The Fiscal Space Issue.

Stanley Lalta, Center for Health Economics; University of West Indies; Saint Augustine Campus; Trinidad and Tobago.

Background document(s):

- [Financing Universal Health Coverage \(UHC\) in the Caribbean: The Fiscal Space Issue](#). Prof. Stanley Lalta 2012.

Andean Countries: The Financing of Public health care services sector in Andean Countries: current patterns and fiscal challenges.

Lorena Prieto, Consultant, Lima, Peru

Análise de Conjuntura do Financiamento da Saúde no Brasil

Corah Prado; Health Economist; Dept. of Health Economics, MOH Brazil

Background document/links:

- [MOH Brazil Health Economics Department](#) (2012).

Chair: Eco. Flavia Poppe; PAHO-HSS Focal Point, PWR-Brazil

6:00 – 6:30 **Cocktail Reception:** Delegate Lounge

9:00 – 10:30 **Session V:** Macroeconomic and Fiscal Implications of Financing Universal Social Protection Programs: Health and Pensions.

Presentation: ‘Fiscal Space’ and the Financing of Universal Health Coverage
Peter Heller, Consultant.

Background document(s):

- [“The Prospects of creating ‘fiscal space’ for the health sector”](#); Health Policy Plan. (March 2006) 21 (2): 75-79. Peter Heller.
- [“Fiscal Space: What It Is and How to Get It”](#). (article on Finance and Development) Peter Heller. 2005.

Presentation: Financing Health and Social Protection in Latin America: Macroeconomic and Fiscal Challenges.
Oscar Cetrángolo; UBA, Argentina.

Background document(s):

- El Financiamiento de Sistemas de Salud en países de América Latina: desafíos para alcanzar una cobertura universal, implicaciones fiscales y su impacto sobre la equidad. Oscar Cetrángolo y Ariela Goldschmit. 2011
- [“Rigidities and fiscal space in Latin America: a comparative case study”](#) ECLAC- AEI 2010.

Chair: Manrique Sáenz; Ministry of Finance; Costa Rica.

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Session VI:** Taxation and Equality in Latin America: Who benefits from Public Expenditure in Health Care?

Presentation: Progressive and Regressive Taxation in Latin America: An overview.
Juan Pablo Jiménez, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean- ECLAC.

Background document(s):

- [Progressivity and Regressive Taxation in Latin America: An Overview](#). Juan Pablo Jiménez, ECLAC 2011.
- [Taxation and Equality in Latin America](#). Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars. Update for the Americas. 2012.

Presentation: Macroeconomic and Fiscal Challenges of Expanding Coverage of the Guatemalan, and other Central American, Public Health Care Systems.
Alejandra Contreras de Álvarez, Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Fiscales-ICEFI.

Background document(s):

- [Central American Fiscal Policy in Times of Crises](#), [English & Spanish] Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Fiscales-ICEFI

- [El remedio de nuestros males: Un análisis sobre los mecanismos, costos y formas de financiamiento para mejorar el sistema de salud pública en Guatemala, 2012-2021](#). ICEFI and UNICEF.

Presentation: *The distributive impact of public expenditures in health care related goods and services in MERCOSUR countries; Progress Report*

Prof. Camilo Cid; Catholic University, Chile.

Background document(s):

- [Problemas y desafíos del seguro de salud y su financiamiento en Chile: el cuestionamiento a las ISAPRE y la solución funcional](#)
- [Out-of-pocket health spending: the case of Chile, 1997 and 2007](#). Camilo Cid and Lorena Prieto 2012.
- [Policy tools for achieving more equitable financing of and access to healthcare services in LAC](#). Rubén M. Suárez-Berenguela; HSS-PAHO 2002.

Chair: Cynthia Arnson; Director, Latin American Program, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars

Background document(s):

- [Tax Reform and Income Distribution in Latin America and the Caribbean](#). James Mahon. Williams College 2009.
- [Taxation and Equality in Latin America](#). Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars. Update for the Americas. 2012.

12:30 – 2:00 **Lunch Break**

2:00 – 3:30 **Session VII:** Equity and Sustainability Issues: Health Systems and Fiscal Challenges of NCDs and Financing Social Protection in Health.

Presentation: *Health Systems Inequalities and Inequities in LAC: EquiLAC Project*

Gisele Almeida; Advisor Health Systems and Services Analysis; HSS-PAHO.

Background document(s):

- [EquiLAC II Project](#) (link to web site)
- [EquiLAC I](#) link to publication)

Presentation: *Aging and Chronic Diseases: Macroeconomic and Fiscal Implications*

Claudia Pescetto; Advisor, Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks, PAHO.

Background document(s):

- [Taller: Economía de la prevención de enfermedades no transmisibles y sus factores de riesgo \[2011\]](#).

Presentation: *Financing Social Protection in Health in Latin America: Fiscal Challenges*

Julio Siede; Advisor, Social Protection and Health Insurance; PAHO

Chair: Gustavo Vargas; PAHO-HSS Focal Point, Belize.

3:30 – 4:00 **Coffee Break**

- 4:00 – 5:15 **Session VIII:** Round Table/Open Discussion; Financing Health Care Systems: Addressing Macroeconomic and Fiscal Challenges.
- Chair:** Ruben M. Suárez-Berenguela; Senior Advisor Public Policies, Regulation and Health Financing; HSS-PAHO
- 5:15 – 5:30 **Closing:** James Fitzgerald; Area Manager (a.i.); Area of Health System based on Primary Health Care – HSS PAHO.
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Related Documents/Presentations

- [Working Group/Consultation: Institutional Configuration, Organization and Financing of Health Systems.](#) Pan American Health Organization; March 2012.
- *Libro:* [Sistemas de Salud en Suramérica: Desafíos para la universalidad, la integralidad y la equidad.](#) UNASUR 2012.