



# Universal health

Access and coverage for all

## **SEMINAR:** **Health expenditure and financing: challenges for Universal Health**

### **AGENDA**

**May 4th 2016 – 10.30am – 12.30pm**  
**PAHO Headquarters, Room B**  
**Washington, DC.**



**Pan American  
Health  
Organization**



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

## **INTRODUCTION**

With the approval of the Strategy for universal access to health and universal health coverage (Res. CD53/5, Rev. 2) in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, the countries of the Americas Region manifested their commitment to advance in the direction of Universal health, adopting the right to health, equity, and solidarity, as core values. Through an integral approach, the adopted Strategy articulates the conditions that will allow countries to focus and evaluate their policies and measure progress around four simultaneous, interdependent strategic lines.

In this sense, increasing and improving financing, with equity and efficiency is essential to expand access to comprehensive, quality health services, including the expansion and sustainability of priority health programs.

## **BACKGROUND**

In December 7-8<sup>th</sup> 2015 took place the “Regional Forum Universal Health: An indispensable Investment for Sustainable Human Development” in PAHO headquarters which convened country representatives and participants from multilateral organizations and the academia. The objective was to promote increased public financing for health through greater fiscal space to improve investment in Universal health, analyzing challenges and opportunities of this policy option.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the seminar is to cover the main points of the Regional Strategy that refer to health systems financing: concepts, indicators and current situation of Member States regarding these, to generate a common vision among PAHO headquarters’ and country offices’ participants.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The activity will develop as a panel, which will include presentations and time for questions and answers at the end. Presentations will be in charge of Camilo Cid, Claudia Pescetto and Juan Pablo Pagano, economists of the Health Services and Access unit.

The activity will be in Spanish, with simultaneous translation to English. The seminar will be transmitted by WebEX on the following Link:

<https://paho.webex.com/paho/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4ae72283df7f4ab9e9761f1c2d2a4d08>

## AGENDA

### **10.30 – 10.40 am.** Opening remarks

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Amalia del Riego | Unit Chief, Health Services and Access Unit (HSS-HS)

### **10.40 – 11.10 am.** Health financing in the Regional Strategy for Universal Health

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Camilo Cid | Regional Advisor, Health Economics and Financing, PAHO/WHO (HSS-HS)

### **11.10 – 11.40 am.** Concepts and definitions for Universal Health financing

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Claudia Pescetto | Advisor, Health Economics and Financing, PAHO/WHO (HSS-HS)

### **11.40am – 12.10pm.** Relevant indicators in the road to Universal Health

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Juan Pablo Pagano | Consultant, Health Economics and Financing, PAHO/WHO (HSS-HS)

### **12.10 – 12.30pm.** Q & A

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Open panel