



Human Resources for Universal Health in the Americas: Regional and Countries Perspectives

Fourth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health

Side Event (SE-18)

14 November 2017, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Royal Dublin Society, Lansdowne Suite

On 27 September 2017, the countries of the Americas committed to strengthening human resources for Universal Health by adopting the Strategy on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage at the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference in Washington, D.C. The Strategy, resulting from two years of consultative meetings at the country and sub-regional levels, clearly defines three priority lines of action that focus on governance and leadership, equitable access to quality services provided by a competent health workforce, and health and education partnerships that respond to the needs of the health system to achieve universal health.

During this parallel session (Part I and Part II), PAHO officials and health authorities from the countries and subregions will share their vision to implement the Strategy and will present successful programs such as Brazil's "Mais Medicos" that has had a positive impact on the strengthening of the health system. These presentations and discussions that follow will serve as a basis for the next step in this process--the development of an action plan for the implementation of the Strategy, ensuring that national, subregional and regional plans are aligned.



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PROGRAM

9: 00 am – 10:30 am

Part I: A Regional Perspective—Strategy on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage

Objective: Present the Strategy of human resources for universal access to health and universal health coverage and perspective for its implementation at the national, subregional and regional level.

The Strategy and its Primary Lines of Action

Moderator: Fernando Menezes, Chief of the Human Resources for Health Unit (PAHO/HSS/HR)

James Fitzgerald, Director of the Health Systems and Services Department (PAHO/HSS)

Commentaries:

Perspectives from the Subregional Level

Myrna Bernard, Director of Human Development, Caribbean Community, and Common Market (CARICOM)

Pablo Casado, Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)

Nila Heredia, Executive Secretary, Andean Health Agency–Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)

Alejandro Solís, Executive Secretary, Council of Health Ministers of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA)

Perspectives from the Country Level

Collette Adams, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health of Guyana

Pablo Casado, National Director of Human Capital and Occupational Health, Ministry of Health of Argentina

María Angela Elías Marroquín, Director of Human Resources Development, Ministry of Health of El Salvador

Coffee Break

11: 00 am –12:30 pm

Part II: A Country Initiative for Universal Health—Brazil’s “Mais Médicos” (More Doctors) program and its contribution to the strengthening of the Unified Health System (SUS) toward universal access to health: analysis and prospects

Objective: Position the Brazilian experience in the global context and present the contributions of the “Mais Médicos” Program for the equitable access of health services.

Brazilian Health System: Context and challenges

Antonio Carlos Figueiredo Nardi, Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Health of Brazil

Program “Mais Médicos:” Proposal and challenges

Denilson Campello, Director of the Department of Planning and Regulation of Provision of Health

Professionals-DEPREPS, Work Management and Health Education Secretariat-SGTES/MS/BRA

Effects of the Program “Mais Médicos” on the SUS: Contributions to Universal Health

Luis Augusto Fachini, Professor, Federal University of Pelotas

Strengthening South-South Cooperation for Universal Health: Program “Mais Medicos” in Brazil

Joaquín Molina, PAHO Representative in Brazil

Discussion, questions and answers