

## **Latin America Sub-regional Meeting on Cervical Cancer Prevention: “New technologies for cervical cancer prevention: from scientific evidence to program planning”**

Panama City, Panama  
2-3 June 2010

### **Purpose**

To review current scientific evidence and discuss country experiences regarding new approaches and technologies for cervical cancer prevention; and to plan collaborative activities that will strengthen national cervical cancer programs.

### **Objectives**

1. To showcase available scientific evidence regarding new technologies for cervical cancer screening (HPV DNA Test, Care HPV Test, VIA test, etc ) and discuss various approaches for screening according to different resource levels.
2. To review currently available scientific evidence regarding HPV vaccines in terms of cost-effectiveness and discuss delivery strategies, monitoring and evaluation strategies.
3. To share successful experiences carried out in Latin American countries on testing and incorporating new technologies for cervical cancer prevention into public health programs.
4. To plan collaborative activities with partner organizations in order to strengthen cervical cancer prevention programs and support introduction of new approaches and technologies.

### **Expected Results**

1. Deepened knowledge of the available scientific evidence regarding new technologies for cervical cancer prevention, including new screening tests and HPV vaccines.
2. Awareness of available tools and useful resources for program managers to strengthen cervical cancer prevention programs and aid decision making regarding the introduction of new approaches and technologies.
3. Plan of activities to support country program managers on how to strengthen cervical cancer programs and incorporate new approaches and/or technologies for cervical prevention.
4. Strengthened partnerships and alliances that help promote synergies between public health program managers and partner organizations working in the area of cervical cancer prevention.



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Preliminary Agenda  
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**Wednesday, 2 June 2010**

8:00 am PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

9:00 am OPENING CEREMONY

*PAHO/WHO Representative in Panama*  
*PAHO/WHO Washington*  
*PATH Representative*  
*Minister of Health, Panama*

9:30 am INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS

- World Health Organization’s work in Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control. *Nathalie Broutet.*
- Regional Strategy on Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control for Latin America and the Caribbean. *Silvana Luciani.*

9:45 am REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE ON NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND APPROACHES:

- The evidence on HPV vaccines. *Rolando Herrero.*  
*Questions and Answers*
- The evidence on new screening technologies. *Eduardo Franco.*  
*Questions and Answers*

- 11:00 am COFFEE BREAK and view Posters in the Poster Gallery
- 11:30 am ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATION ON COUNTRY EXPERIENCES:
- Panama: experience of the national program to introduce HPV vaccines as part of cervical cancer prevention. *Dr Julio Santamaría.*
  - Mexico: experience of the national program to incorporate HPV testing and HPV vaccines. *Susana Cerón.*
  - Demonstration project on HPV vaccines in Peru. *Irma Ramos, Maria Ana Araujo.*
- Questions and Answers*
- 12:30 am Discussion on challenges and opportunities for improving programs
- 1:00 pm LUNCH
- 2:00 pm REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE CONT'D:
- Cervical cancer screening scenarios for various resource levels. *Raul Murillo.*
  - Communication strategies to improve women participation in cervical cancer screening programs. *Silvina Arrossi.*
- Questions and Answers*
- 2:30 pm ROUND TABLE PRESENTATION ON COUNTRY EXPERIENCES:
- Chile: experiences from the national cervical cancer program. *Marta Prieto.*
  - STARTUP project, using CareHPV in Nicaragua. *Juan Jose Amador, José Jerónimo.*
- Questions and answers*

- 3:30pm COFFEE BREAK and view Posters in the Poster Gallery
- 4:30 pm Discussion on challenges and opportunities for improving programs
- 5:00 pm Adjourn
- 7:00 pm Launching of the Panama National Program for cancer prevention and control and the Panama National Program of Palliative Care.  
*Marina Grand Salon*

**Thursday, 3 June 2010**

- 8:30 am REVIEW OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES: Roundtable presentation
- PROVAC initiative and tools. *Barbara Jauregui.*
  - Action Planner for Cervical Cancer Prevention. *Scott Wittet.*
  - Latin American Consortium on Cervical Cancer.  
*Maribel Almonte.*
  - UICC capacity building in Latin America. *Stella de Sabata*
- 9:30am PLANNING JOINT PROJECTS: Introduction to work group objectives and tasks
- 9:45am WORKING GROUPS:
- Group A. Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Perú
  - Group B. Costa Rica, Guatemala, México, Panamá
  - Group C. Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua
- 11:00 am COFFEE BREAK and view of posters
- 11:30 am WORKING GROUPS cont'd
- 1:00 pm LUNCH

2:00 pm BRIEF PRESENTATION FROM EACH WORKING GROUP

- Group A. Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Perú
- Group B. Costa Rica, Guatemala, México, Panamá
- Group C. Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua

Discussion on working group reports

3:30pm COFFEE BREAK and view Posters in the Poster Gallery

4:00 pm Summarize Agreements on plans for countries to improve their cervical cancer programs, with support from partners

4:45 pm Closing remarks on the 2010 Sub-regional Meeting on new technologies for primary and secondary prevention of cervical cancer

5:00 pm ADJOURN