...because the risk factors of today are the diseases of tomorrow.

CARMEN BIENNIAL MEETING
2009
A network of countries and partner organizations working together to reduce the burden of chronic diseases, their risk factors, and determinants

Objective: To promote comprehensive NCD prevention & control policies and programs at national and sub-regional levels, to support achieving the *Regional Strategy on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, including Z*. 

Four lines of action:
- Health policy and advocacy
- Health promotion
- Surveillance
- Integrated management of chronic diseases and risk factors

CARMEN Network of countries… and Partners Forum
CARMEN Network 2009

**30 Members**

Argentina, Anguilla, Aruba, **Bahamas***, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, BVI, **Canada***, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Chile, Dominica, **Ecuador***, El Salvador, **Guatemala***, Grenada, Guyana, Nicaragua, **Panama***, **Paraguay***, Peru, Puerto Rico, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay

* CARMEN management committee member

**Collaborating members**

InterAmerican Heart Foundation
NHLBI, CDC, PHAC, AMNET, RAFA
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE IN THE CARMEN NETWORK?

For Country Ministry of Health:

• declare chronic disease priority public health issue
• create national chronic disease program, with plan, budget, manager
• designate focal point for CARMEN network and maintain communication with the CARMEN network and secretariat (PAHO).
• conduct a situation analysis in the country and provide information to the CARMEN network and secretariat.

For Collaborating Organizations:

• appoint a focal point to maintain communication with the CARMEN Network and Secretariat.
• provide technical cooperation to the CARMEN Network.
• provide update of activities to the Network and Secretariat.
PAHO’s role in CARMEN Network

Secretariat for CARMEN network, serving managerial and technical role

**James Hospedales**  Coordinator
**Silvana Luciani**  CARMEN Network, cancer
**Alberto Barcelo**  Disease management, diabetes
**Enrique Jacoby**  Diet and physical activity
**Branka Legetic**  Surveillance, CVD, Escuela CARMEN
**Enrique Perez Flores**  Surveillance, disease management
**Pedro Ordunez**  Health services for CVD management
**Silvia Scopelliti**  Partners Forum manager
• **Purpose:** take stock and review progress with implementation of the Regional Strategy for Chronic Diseases

• **Expected Results:**
  - defined projects, activities and products for the CARMEN Network for 2010-2011
  - deeper commitments towards implementing the Regional Strategy for Chronic Diseases
CARMEN Meeting Structure

Monday:
Review status of implementation of Regional Strategy
Health promotion, including diet and physical activity

Tuesday: Disease Management
Surveillance

Wednesday: Policy & Advocacy
Field visits

Thursday: Working groups to define joint activities
Partners Forum initiative