

First Latin American and Caribbean Forum

The HIV Continuum of Care

**"From the diagnosis to effective treatment:
optimizing the stages in the continuum of care"**

Mexico City, 26 to 28 May 2014

Hotel Fiesta Americana Reforma, Ciudad de México

Co- organizers

- Ministry of Health, Mexico
- Government of Brazil
- Horizontal Technical Cooperation Group (GCTH)
- Aids Healthcare Foundation (AHF)
- International Association of PROVIDERS OF AIDS Care (IAPAC)
- U.S. Government (PEPFAR)
- CDC
- PANCAP
- UNAIDS (RSTLA; RSTCAR)
- PAHO/WHO

Participants and Audience

As this is the first forum of its kind, participants and audience will be by invitation only. Four types of participants include:

- Representatives of the Scientific Community, Academia and Experts on HIV
- Heads of National HIV/AIDS Programs or HIV Treatment Coordinators
- Representatives of civil society organizations

General Objective

To contribute, with the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, to the expansion and sustainability of the HIV response and in particular the comprehensive care through a partnership between national programs, health services, expert clinicians in the field and representatives of civil society, based on an agreed platform of strategies and measures with the finality to reduce the number of new infections and achieve the greatest possible number of people with effective and sustained viral suppression.

Specific Objectives

- Share scientific data to support the provision of services, reduce gaps in the steps of the HIV continuum of care cascade, identify policies, regulations and other actions necessary to achieve the goals of universal access by the end of 2015.

- Share experiences in implementing an accelerated response in the continuum of care, especially in the timely diagnosis and the earlier initiation of treatment.
- Exchange ideas with representatives of civil society to strengthen the sustained participation of civil society in the care and treatment across the HIV care cascade.
- Develop and validate new targets to 2020 (regional and national) along with progress in the response to HIV treatment of the 2015 Initiative, based on the regional monitoring framework and agreed indicators for monitoring progress related to expansion and strengthening of HIV treatment programs.
- Promote dialogue between national health and finance sectors based on data and program experience, to improve the sustainability and the strategic use of available resources in the care and treatment of HIV, identifying financial issues to be addressed in the implementation of framework investment.

AGENDA

Day 1, Monday 26 th May		
8:00-8:30	Registration.	
08:30-8:50	Meeting objectives and review of the agenda Introduction of participants	Massimo Ghidinelli (PAHO) Jorge Saavedra (AHF)
08:50-09:30	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Progress and challenges for the expansion and sustainability of comprehensive care to HIV in LAC</i> (10') - <i>Treatment 2015</i> (10') - Questions and answers (20') 	Moderator: Patricia Uribe (CENSIDA) Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Massimo Ghidinelli (PAHO) - Andrea Boccardi (UNAIDS)
09:30-10:00	Coffee break	
Session 1 – How to maximize the benefits of antiretroviral therapy while pursuing expansion of early diagnosis and treatment? Objective: to share scientific data and experience on the benefits of early diagnosis and treatment to achieve the goals of universal access by the end of 2015. Rapporteur: Noreen Jack, Benjamin Young		
10:00-11:00	Panel: "The benefits of antiretroviral therapy in the context of expansion of early diagnosis and treatment" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation: <i>Treatment as Prevention: Evidence and Experience</i> (15') - <i>The benefits of viral suppression</i> (15') - Panel discussion (40') - Question and answers (20') 	Moderators: Jorge Saavedra (AHF) Marvin Manzanero (Belize) Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julio Montaner (BCCE) - Celso Ramos (IAPAC) Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marcelo Freitas (Brazil) - Marco Vitoria (WHO) - Juan Sierra (México) - Elsa Palou (Honduras) - Janet Ikeda (IDEI)
11:00-11:30	Opening Ceremony	
11:30-12:30	Continuation of Session 1	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
Session 2 - The continuum of HIV care: HIV testing and diagnosis Objective: to discuss programmatic challenges and propose solutions to fill the gaps in the cascade of the continuum of care.		

Rapporteur: Miguel Pedrola, Marcelo Vila		
13:30-15:00	<p>Panel: " HIV Testing and diagnosis"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations: <i>HIV testing in Brazil (10')</i> <i>The AHF model of rapid testing (10')</i> - Panel discussion (40') - Question and answers (30') 	<p>Moderators: Massimo Ghidinelli (PAHO) Ana Isabel Nieto (El Salvador)</p> <p>Presenters: - Orlando Ferreira (Brazil) - Patricia Campos (AHF)</p> <p>Panelists: - Carola Valencia (Bolivia) - Bárbara Venegas Gómez (Cuba) - Ayanna Sebro (Trinidad and Tobago) - Andrea Gonzalez (México) - Beto de Jesus (Brazil)</p>
15:00-15:30	Coffee break	
Session 3 - The continuum of HIV care: linkage and retention in care. Objective: to discuss programmatic challenges and propose solutions to fill the gaps in the cascade of the continuum of care. Rapporteur: Giovanni Ravasi, Miriam Chipimo		
15:30-17:00	<p>Panel: "Linkage and Retention in care"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation: <i>Linkage and retention in care (15')</i> - Panel discussion (45') - Question and answers (30') 	<p>Moderators: Jose Zuñiga (IAPAC) Marcelo Freitas (Brazil)</p> <p>Presenter: - Shane Deikman and Martine Chase (PEPFAR/CDC)</p> <p>Panelists: - Tomasa Sierra (Honduras) - Anton Best (Barbados) - Geoffrey Barrow (Jamaica) - Mike Kahane (AHF) - Yolanda Simon (Trinidad y Tobago)</p>

Day 2, Tuesday 27th May		
Session 4 - The continuum of HIV care: treatment, adherence and viral suppression. Objective: to discuss programmatic challenges and propose solutions to fill the gaps in the cascade of the continuum of care. Rapporteur: Imane Sidibe, Bertha Gomez		
8:30-10:00	<p>Panel: "Treatment, adherence and viral suppression"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations: <i>Regional progress towards optimization of antiretroviral treatment (10')</i> <i>Presentation (10')</i> - Panel discussion (40') - Question and answers (30') 	<p>Moderators: Miguel Pedrola (AHF-Argentina) Susana Cabrera (Uruguay)</p> <p>Presenters: - Giovanni Ravasi (PAHO) - Carlos del Rio (Emory University)</p> <p>Panelists: - Patricia Uribe (CENSIDA) - Julie Frampton (Dominica) - Rolando Cedillos (El</p>

		Salvador) - Bayardo Gómez (Dominican Republic) - Blanca Samayoa (Guatemala)
Session 5 - New regional and national targets for 2020/2030 Objective: develop and validate new targets for 2020/2030 (regional and national) considering the progress in the HIV response and the Treatment 2015 framework. Rapporteur: Enrique Gil, Patricia Campos		
10:00-11:00	- Methodology for the definition of regional targets (15') - Proposal of regional targets for 2020 (15') - Questions and answers (30')	Moderators: - Simon Casal (Paraguay) - Miriam Chipimo (UNAIDS) Presenters: - Monica Alonso (PAHO) - Carlos Falistocco (HTCG)
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
Session 6 - Sustainability of comprehensive HIV care and treatment Objective: Promote sustainability of comprehensive HIV care and treatment and more strategic use of resources. Rapporteur: Ricardo Garcia, Carlos Magis		
11:30-13:00	Panel: "Investment cases and sustainability of national response for HIV care and treatment" - Making a Sustainability and Investment case for Treatment (15') - Panel discussion (45') - Question and answers (30')	Moderators: Carola Valencia (Bolivia) Derek Springer (PANCAP) Presenter: - Ernest Massiah (UNAIDS) Panelists: - Paloma Marroquin Lerga (Global Fund) - Bill Conn (PEPFAR) - Fernando Lavadenz (World Bank) - Carolyn Gomes (Jamaica) - Alejandro Brito (Mexico) - Arantxa Colchero (INSP)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
Session 7 - New regional and national targets for 2020/2030 (work group) Objective: Validation of methodology, regional targets and country targets.		
14:00-15:30	Work groups (countries will be divided according to dependency on external funds for ART)	Work groups
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-17:00	Continuation	Work groups

Day 3, Wednesday 28 th of May		
Session 7 – New regional and national targets for 2020/2030 (work group) - continuation Rapporteur: Monica Alonso, Andrea Boccardi		
9:00-10:00	Feedback from groups Plenary discussion	Moderator: Cesar Nuñez (UNAIDS)
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30-12:00	Revision of the Forum consensus document	Moderator: Massimo Ghidinelli (PAHO)
12:00-13:00	Next steps and closing remarks	Co organizers (5' each)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	

