AGENDA

23 al 25 de mayo de 2017
Managua, Nicaragua

VIII REUNIÓN
RELAC SIS
RED LATINOAMERICANA Y DEL CARIBE
PARA EL FORTALECIMIENTO DE LOS
SISTEMAS DE INFORMACIÓN DE SALUD

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The Latin American and Caribbean Network to Strengthen Health Information Systems (RELACSIS) is a component of the PAHO Regional Plan for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics (PEVS), and working with the Leadership, Management, & Governance Project (LMG), implemented by Management Sciences for Health (MSH) and financed by USAID under the PAHO/USAID agreement, it has been disseminating and implementing the practices of the LAC countries and the project in a participatory manner since 2010.

RELACSIS has announced the network’s VIII Plenary Meeting, scheduled for 23-25 May 2017 in Nicaragua, in which the results of the 2017 work plan, drawn up in Mexico at a special meeting of the network’s coordinating group, held 9-11 November 2016, will be presented.

The Mexico gathering, devoted to analysis and evaluation, was conceived as preparatory to the VIII Plenary and examined several aspects, bearing in mind the finalization of the framework agreement between PAHO and USAID (2011-2016); the proposed new agreement (2017-2021); the need to evaluate the results of the stage that ended in 2016; and the need to identify new lines of work and modalities of technical cooperation among countries under the new agreement.

The meeting concluded with the work plan for 2017, which can be found on the web portal, and identified activities whose roadmaps were negotiated with the heads of the different working groups and invited guests in January and February 2017.

### Objectives of the VIII meeting

1. Summarize the progress made by RELACSIS since its creation in 2010.
3. Present the preliminary results of the survey on satisfaction and the sustainability of RELACSIS.
4. Propose the lines of work for RELACSIS, a component of the PEVS (2017-2021) for the period 2017-2018.

### Nature of the meeting

This activity is being organized by the Department of Communicable Diseases and Health Analysis (CHA), through its Health Information and Analysis Unit (CHA/HA), and the LMG project, implemented by MSH, with the collaboration of the PAHO/WHO Representative Office in Nicaragua.

The plenary meeting will be preceded by virtual forums and sessions with the nominees of each country, who will describe the activities of the network’s working groups in 2017, contributing to the preparation of the final agenda for the VIII Meeting.

Parallel plenary and special sessions will be held during the meeting to discuss topics of importance to the network. Furthermore, as is customary, there will also be poster presentations by invitees and spontaneous proposals by network members. All sessions will be streamed in real time through virtual classrooms for other RELACSIS members who cannot attend in person. The meeting will have an official website in the network’s portal, where all pertinent information can be accessed. The meeting will provide simultaneous interpretation into English.

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1 For background, meetings, the composition of RELACSIS working groups, forums, and meetings, visit [www.relacsis.org](http://www.relacsis.org)
Participants

The participants will be country representatives connected with the health information systems of Latin America and the Caribbean and members of the coordinating group from PAHO (CHA/HA), LMG, and the RELACSIS Secretariat, as well as a few special guests who are regular collaborators.

Representatives from other regions of the World Health Organization (WHO) interested in learning how RELACSIS works will also be invited, as will international agencies and nongovernmental organizations associated with the project.

Other members of the network can participate in person, following the procedures indicated in the meeting's portal (www.relacsis.com).

Pre-meeting survey on practices for strengthening health information systems

As is customary, access will be provided to a survey on new national practices through the meeting's official website. Completion of the survey will help expand the array of practices and ultimately select some for dissemination through the 2017-2021 plan as part of South-South cooperation. In addition, participants will be consulted beforehand about which parallel sessions they are interested in attending.

Poster presentation

The preparation of posters includes presentation of the results of the 2016-17 plan, as well as a summary of activities in the countries that the presenters wish to share.

There will be two types of posters, which should follow a standard format: those presented by the working groups and network forums to report on experiences in 2017, which are required; and those spontaneously submitted by network members and non-members interested in presenting experiences in strengthening health information systems, which will be chosen by a selection committee.

Information on poster formats and selection criteria will be disseminated through the meeting's official website. All working group and spontaneous posters accepted will be discussed in a parallel session during the course of the meeting and submitted to a vote by the plenary, which will select the best four.

Table for presenters

Parallel space will be provided for groups, countries, and professionals to present their practices through documentation in different formats (pamphlets, reports, videos, photos, etc.). Requests for space should be made through the meeting’s official website.
# Eighth Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Network to Strengthen Health Information Systems (RELACSIS)

**Managua, Nicaragua—23-25 May 2017**

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(Subject to review in virtual sessions prior to the meeting)

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<th>Tuesday, 23 May 2017</th>
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<td>Registration and exchanges among participants,</td>
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<td>Welcoming remarks by authorities from Nicaragua, PAHO, and international agencies. National authorities; PAHO-Nicaragua and agencies (TBD)</td>
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<td>Objectives and expected results of the meeting. Work session dynamic. <strong>Presenter:</strong> Patricia L. Ruiz, PAHO/HAS</td>
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<td>10:00-11:30</td>
<td>Presentation on RELACSIS progress since its creation in 2010. Discussion. <strong>Presenter:</strong> Alejandro Giusti, MSH</td>
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<td>Presentation on the PAHO Mortality Data System. A proposal to add variables. Plenary discussion. <strong>Moderator:</strong> Bruno Ribotta, U. of Córdoba. <strong>Presenter:</strong> Gerardo de Cosio, Chief HA/HQ. <strong>Rapporteur:</strong> (TBD)</td>
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| 2:00-3:30 | **WG9.** Deliberate Search for and Reclassification of Maternal Deaths.  
- Short video  
- Data on MM and deliberate search for and reclassification of MM in LAC countries  
- Proposed steps to follow ([document](#)) **Moderator:** (TBD), Dominican Rep. **Presenter:** (TBD), DGIS-Mexico. **Rapporteur:** TBD Paraguay |
| 3:30-4:30 | **WG4.** Online course on proper completion of death certificates.  
- Status of the courses: No. of certifications, strengths, and weaknesses; modifications and needs  
- Discussion/contributions to promote making it compulsory ([document](#))  
- App-discussion/opinion poll **Moderator:** Giselle Tomasso, Uruguay. **Presenter:** (TBD) CEMECE-Mexico. **Rapporteur:** CEMECE-Cuba TBD |
| 4:30-5:30 | **WG11.** Local vital statistics coverage.  
- Subnational coverage: current initiatives and joint projects  
- Partnerships with other networks  
- Discussion (document) **Moderator:** TBD, PAHO-Brazil. **Presenter:** Bruno Ribotta, CIECS-Argentina. **Rapporteur:** (TBD), MPH-Colombia |
| 5:30 | Review and preliminary selection of posters |

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3 **Note:** Coffee will be available throughout the sessions. Sessions will be streamed in real time.
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| 8:30-10:00   | **Roundtable.** Health Information Systems: Renewed PAHO/WHO framework for action ([document](#)) | **Moderator:** Gerardo de Cosío, HA/PAHO  
**Presenter:** Marcelo D’Agostino, HA/PAHO and staff from three invited countries  
**Rapporteur:** Damián Borbolla, U. of Utah |
| 10:00-11:30  | **Special session WG8.** Ibero-American Network for the WHO ICF: ICD-11.  
- What is the ICD-11 and what are its implications?  
- Conceptual and operational approach  
- Main concerns ([document](#)) | **Moderator:** WIlma Gawryszewski, HA/PAHO  
**Presenter:** Nenad K, WHO (via Webex)  
**Rapporteur:** TBD-Spain |
| 11:30-1:00   | **WG2.** Improve ICD-10 coding through virtual courses.  
- Progress/constraints  
- Proposal  
- Distribution of ICD-10, 2015 edition sets | **Moderator:** TBD, MPH-Dominican Republic  
**Presenters:** (TBD) CACE-Argentina and (TBD) CEMECE-Mexico  
**Rapporteur:** (TBD), MPH-Chile |
| 1:00-2:00    | **LUNCH**                                                                 | **Moderator:** TBD  
**Presenter:** Gabriel La Vallee, MSH  
**Rapporteur:** TBD |
| 2:00-3:00    | **RELACSIS portal.** Use of forums and networks.                     | **Moderator:** TBD  
**Presenter:** TBD  
**Rapporteur:** TBD |
| 3:00-4:30    | **WG12.** Measurement of inequalities in health.  
- Current [APR, TN: ?] situation and the measurement of inequality in countries  
- Methodology: availability and use  
- A country experience (country to be defined)  
- Next steps | **Moderator:** TBD  
**Presenter:** Antonio Sanhueza, HA/PAHO and a country to be defined  
**Rapporteur:** TBD, MPH-Honduras |
| 4:30-5:30    | **WG3.** Implementation of an assisted e-system for mortality coding. (MMDS and IRIS)  
- Current MMDS system ([document](#))  
- What is IRIS?  
- Outlook | **Moderator:** (TBD), Panama  
**Presenter:** (TBD) Mexico  
**Rapporteur:** (TBD), Honduras |
| 5:30-6:30    | **Review and preliminary selection of posters**                       | **Moderator:** TBD  
**Presenter:** TBD  
**Rapporteur:** TBD |
| 7:00         | **Social event (Tentative -/to be confirmed)**                        | **Moderator:** TBD  
**Presenter:** TBD  
**Rapporteur:** TBD |
**Thursday, 25 May 2017**

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| 08:30–10:00  | **Roundtable 1:** New data and information needs under the new PAHO Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics (PEVS); Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); Montevideo Consensus; and other related international commitments.  | **Moderator:** Patricia L. Ruiz or international agency  
**Presenters:** Socorro Gross, PWR/NIC-PAHO; Gerardo de Cosio, Chief, HA/PAHO; Alejandro Giusti, MSH  
**Rapporteur:** Bruno Ribotta, U. of Córdoba-ARG |
| 10:00-11:00  | **WG8.** Ibero-American Network for the WHO ICF. International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health, ICF. Work proposal ([document](#)).  | **Moderator:** (TBD), Venezuela  
**Presenter:** Karina Revirol, SNR-Argentina  
**Rapporteur:** (TBD), Chile |
| 11:00-12:00  | **Roundtable:** International classifications. Critical topics: ICD-11 and the use of classifications in Electronic Medical Records (RME)  | **Moderator:** (TBD) CECUCE-Cuba  
**Presenters:** Damián Borbolla, University of Utah and (TBD) CEMECE-Mexico |
| 12:00-1:00   | **Poster awards**                                                       |                                                                                               |
| 1:00-2:00    | **LUNCH**                                                               |                                                                                               |
| 2:00-3:00    | **WG8 (1).** Ibero-American Network for the WHO ICF. Annual meeting of the WHO-ICF Network, Mexico. October, 2017  | **Moderator:** (TBD), Paraguay  
**Presenter:** (TBD), CEMECE-Mexico  
**Rapporteur:** (TBD) Vilma Gawrszewski, HA/PAHO |
| 3:00-4:00    | **Special Session.** 2017-2018 RELACSI Plan. Proposals and discussion. Plenary.  | **Moderator:** (TBD), Paraguay  
**Presenters:** Alejandro Giusti and Patricia L. Ruiz  
**Rapporteurs:** (TBD), DGIS/Mexico and (TBD), INE-Costa Rica |
| 4:00-5:00    | Agreements and commitments.  
Adjournment of the meeting.  | **Presenters:** Gerardo de Cosio, Chief HA/PAHO  
Socorro Gross-Galiano, PWR/Nicaragua |