

PAHO/USAID/CIDA-Canada/MSH

Sixth Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Network
to Strengthen Health Information Systems (RELACSIS)
10-12 November 2014

Meeting of the RELACSIS Secretariat and Steering Committee
13-14 November 2014

Bogotá, Colombia

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Background

The Latin American Network to Strengthen Health Information Systems (RELACSIS) is a component of the PAHO Regional Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics (PEVS as its acronyms in Spanish). Together with the Leadership, Management & Governance (LMG) project, implemented by *Management Sciences for Health (MSH)*¹ and within the framework of PAHO/USAID and PAHO/CIDA-CAN agreements, it has been disseminating, using participatory methods, practices provided by countries and the Project since 2010, the results of which are available at www.relacsis.org.

On 10-12 November, RELACSIS will hold its sixth plenary meeting, and on 13-14 November, its secretariat and steering committee will meet to draft the network's 2014-2015 work plan.

This activity is organized by the Communicable Diseases and Health Analysis Department (CHA) through its Health Information and Analysis Unit (CHA/HA), with collaboration from the PAHO/WHO Representative Office in Colombia.

1. Arrangements for the Sixth Meeting of RELACSIS, 10-12 November 2014

The plenary meeting will be preceded from October by several online sessions with network working groups and the participating countries in general to discuss several topics that will provide guidance for the on-site meeting's content.

In different sessions will be presented all derivable from working groups according its 2013-2014 biennium work plan, virtual forum discussions on medical records and disparities and inequalities, and special meetings defined in the plan.

At the meeting, results of network working group activities in the 2013-2014 biennium will be presented and addressed and guidelines for the 2014-2015 network work plan will be discussed.

It is also expected that all sessions will be streamed online simultaneously to participants from countries that will not be attending the on-site meeting.

Previous survey

Results are expected from a prior survey of the countries, which will offer the possibility of making new national practices available to the network. These practices will help expand the range

¹ For more information from the LMG Project see <http://www.lmgforhealth.org/> and for information of MSH see <http://www.msh.org/>.

of offers and ultimately one will be selected to be disseminated as part of the 2014-2015 plan. In addition, a consultation will be held through the network on the topic preferred by the community of practices, leading to a special session.

Participants

Network counterparts: Ministry of Health Statistics Offices and National Statistics Offices and, as in the 5th meeting in Mexico, representatives of these offices from English Speaking Caribbean countries and Haiti.

Furthermore, other members of the network who cannot attend in-person can participate online.

Likewise, international agencies with ties to the project are also invited.

Poster presentation arrangements

As it was implemented from 2013, different sessions will include poster presentations. In addition, the network has issued an invitation to present posters on different topics that will be exhibited in a special session and will be voted on by the plenary, which will select the eight best posters. A parallel venue is planned where groups, countries, and professionals can present their practices through posters or additional documentation (pamphlets, documents, videos, photos, etc.)

2. Meeting of the Secretariat and Steering Committee, 13-14 November 2014

As is customary, during the meeting, this group will draft the 2014-2015 work plan, following the guidelines contributed by the preceding plenary meeting and the priorities that emerge from the different sessions.

On this occasion, the Steering Committee is made up of the members of the Network Secretariat, which has been expanded during the current year to be able to provide greater support to the working group and country work, which has been increasing in recent years. The meeting will also include two representatives from the 2013-2014 working groups (Argentina and Mexico)-

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Coffee will be available throughout the sessions. It will be simultaneously disseminated on line from all sessions. The time estimated for each presentation will be not more than 20 minutes.

Sunday, 9 November 2014		
17:00-19:00	Registration	
Monday, November 10 2014		Moderator/Speaker
8:30-9:30	Opening and welcoming remarks by authorities from Colombia, PAHO, and donor agencies.	National Authorities PWR-Colombia Susan Thollaug, USAID
9:30-10:00	Objectives and expected results. Introduction of Participants.	Moderator: Patricia Ruiz, PAHO
10:00-10:30	General report on the 2013-2014 Work Plan. Explanation of working group sessions.	Presenter: Alejandro Giusti, PAHO
	WORKING GROUP SESSION. Activities report. Scope and limitations. Recommendations for the 2014-2015 WP.	
10:30-11:15	WG1. Training "information producers" to raise manager awareness (led by Paraguay).	Moderator: TBD Nicaragua Presenter: Nimia Torres, Paraguay Rapporteur: Vilma Gawryszewski, PAHO
11:15-12:00	WG2. Online courses to strengthen ICD-10 coding (led by Argentina and Mexico).	Moderator: TBD Ecuador Presenter: Amanda Navarro, México Rapporteur: Patricia Ruiz
12:00-12:45	WG3. Implementation of a computer-assisted mortality coding system (led by Mexico).	Moderator: TBD Chile Presenter: Arturo Barranco, Mexico Rapporteur: Alejandro Giusti
12:45-13:30	WG4. Online course to raise physician awareness about proper recording of cause of death (led by Uruguay with the collaboration of Argentina and Mexico).	Moderator: TBD Uruguay Presenter: Humberto Rocha, México Rapporteur: Andrea Gerger, PAHO
13:30-14:30	Luncheon	
14:30-16:00	Session 1. Ibero-American Network for the WHO-FIC. Activities report. Scope and limitations. Proposal for the future.	Moderator: Cassia Buchalla, CC BRA Presenter: Elida Marconi, CACE ARG Rapporteur: (TBD) - CEVECE
16:00-17:30	Session 2: Forum Discussion: Electronic Medical Records. Recommendations for the 2014-2015 plan.	Moderator: TBD Presenter: Damián Borbolla, (Virtual) Rapporteur: Gabriela Fernández, PAHO

18:00-19:30	Opening of Practices and Poster Fair. Cocktail.	All together
Tuesday, November 11 2014		Moderator/Speaker
9:00-10:00	Session 3. For the English-speaking Caribbean and Haiti TBD	Moderator: Vilma Gawryszewski Presenter: TBD Rapporteur: Andrea Gerger
10:00-11:00	Session 4: Roundtable. TBD Subject selected by RELAC SIS members in consultation, through the website.	Moderator: Olga Araya, Costa Rica Presenter: TBD Rapporteur: Gabriela Fernández
11:00-12:00	Session 5: Forum Discussion: Inequality Measurement.	Moderator: Karla Schwarzbauer, MSH Presenter: Arachu Castro (Virtual) Rapporteur: Pauline Stockins, CEPAL
12:00-13:00	Sesion 6. Milenium Goals and Post 2015: challenges for the national statistical offices.	Moderator: Verónica Valdivieso, USAID Presenters: Pablo Durán, PAHO/CLAP; Daniel Taccari, ECLAC Rapporteur: Dionne Patz, PAHO
13:00-14:00	Luncheon	
14:00-16:30	New practices. Presentation of selected countries. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immunization Program (PAHO). Vaccination electronic registration (RNVi as its acronyms in Spanish) 2. México. Intencional search and reclassification of maternal deaths (BIRMM as its acronyms in Spanish) 3. Brasil. Coverage and under-registration adjustment at the local level. 	Moderator: Alejandro Giusti Presenter: Gabriela Fernandez. Rapporteurs: Andrea Gerger Presenter: Aline Jimenez, Mexico Rapporteur: Patricia Ruiz Presenter: Juan Escalante, Brasil Rapporteur: Vilma Gawryszewski
16:30-18:00	Guidelines for drafting the 2014-2015 Work Plan. Plenary Session.	Moderators: Alejandro Giusti, Nimia Torres, Patricia Ruiz Rapporteurs: TBD
18:00	Posters selection	Presenter: Patricia Ruiz
Wednesday, November 12 2014		Moderator/Speaker
9:00-12:00	Guidelines for drafting the 2014-2015 Work Plan (cont.) Plenary Session.	Moderators: Alejandro Giusti, Nimia Torres, Patricia Ruiz Rapporteurs: TBD

12:00-13:00 Agreements and commitments.

Presenter: Alejandro Giusti, Nimia Torres,
Patricia Ruiz

Closure of the meeting.

Verónica Valdivieso.

13:00-14:00

Luncheon

14:00-18:00

Social Activity. Visit to the “Museo del Oro de Colombia”

Invitation from Dirección de Epidemiología
y Demografía y Cooperación Internacional.
Colombia.

**MEETING OF THE RELAC SIS STEERING COMMITTEE
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Thursday, November 13 2014		
09:00-10:00	RELAC SIS Steering Committee.	
10:00-12:00	Design of the RELAC SIS 2013-2014 work plan.	Meeting of Secretariat and selected countries
12:00-13:00	Luncheon	
13:00-17:00	Design of the RELAC SIS 2013-2014 work plan (continuation)	Meeting of Secretariat and selected countries
Friday noviembre 14 2014		
09:00-13:00	Design of the RELAC SIS 2013-2014 work plan (continuation)	Meeting of Secretariat and selected countries
	Agreements and commitments.	
	Closure of the meeting.	
13:00-14:00 Hs.	Luncheon	

Members of the Secretariat

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