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VII Congress of the Health Committees of the Parliaments of the Americas

"The current challenges of public health from the parliamentary perspective."

Virtual session

Host: Health Committee of the H. Chamber of Senators

Congress of the Union of Mexico

FIRST WORKING DAY

Date: December 1, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. MEX

Opening words

11.00 hrs

Eco. Cristian Morales, PAHO / WHO Representative in Mexico

Dr. Jorge Alcocer Varela, Secretary of Health of Mexico

Dip. Emmanuel Reyes Carmona, President of the Public Health Commission, Chamber of Deputies of Mexico

Sen. Américo Villarreal, President of the Health Commission, Senate of Mexico

Initial session

11.15 hrs.

Report, challenges and opportunities of the VI Congress of Health Commissions of the Parliaments of America "The digital transformation for the improvement of decisions in public health". Held under the auspices of the Senate of the Argentine Republic, virtually, on October 23, November 13 and December 4, 2020.



Presenters:

- ▣ Senator Mario Raymundo Fiad, President of the Health Committee of the Senate of the Argentine Republic
- ▣ Dr. Sebastián García Saisó, Director of the Department of Evidence and Intelligence for Decision-Making in Health at PAHO / WHO.

Panels

11.30 hrs.

1st Panel:

THE PROMOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE ADDRESS OF ITS DETERMINANTS, THE ROLE OF LEGISLATION AND PARLIAMENTARY WORK.

Panel coordinator: Senator Américo Villarreal

Exhibitors:

- ▣ Dr. Renato Oliveira e Souza, Head of the Mental Health Unit, PAHO / WHO

The main challenges of mental health, how to prevent and promote mental health and the role of parliamentarians to achieve it

- ▣ Dr. Soledad García Muñoz, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS

The countries of the Americas must take urgent action to effectively protect mental health and guarantee universal access to health in the context of COVID-19

- ▣ Dr. Martha Marina González, Member of the Central American Parliament for the State of Nicaragua, President of the Commission on Health, Social Security, Population and Labor and Union Affairs of PARLACEN

The Mental Health Framework Law for Central America and the Dominican Republic and the need to integrate efforts

Parliamentary debate and experts



12.20 hrs.

2nd. Panel

CONTRIBUTION OF PARLIAMENTARY WORK TO END TUBERCULOSIS AS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM

Panel coordinator: Rachel Serman, Regional Coordinator for the Americas, Global TB Caucus

Exhibitors:

☑ Dr. Luis Gallo Cantera, member of the Public Health and Social Assistance Committee of the Chamber of Representatives of the Parliament of Uruguay and co-president of the Parliamentary Front against Tuberculosis, and

☑ Dip. Antonio Brito, Federal Deputy, Chamber of Deputies of Brazil.

The Parliamentary Front against Tuberculosis and its actions

☑ Dr. Rafael López Olarte, PAHO / WHO Regional Advisor for the prevention, control and elimination of Tuberculosis.

The WHO Multisectoral TB Accountability Framework for advancing TB elimination

☑ Dr. Alberto Colorado, Coordinator of the TB Coalition of the Americas

Civil society as a driving force in progress towards the elimination of TB

☑ Dip. Pastor Vera Bejarano, Member of the H. Chamber of Deputies of Paraguay

The law does not. 6781 that establishes the rights and obligations in prevention, comprehensive health care and social protection of people affected by tuberculosis, published on August 20, 2021

Parliamentary debate and experts



1.30 p.m.

3rd. Panel

THE PROMOTION OF ROAD SAFETY

Panel coordinator: Dep. Emmanuel Reyes

Exhibitors:

☑ Dr. Etienne Krug, Director of the Department of Social Determinants of Health, WHO Geneva

New Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030

☑ Sen. Mario Raymundo Fiad, President of the Health Commission of the Argentine Senate and President of the World Parliamentary Network for Road Safety

The Parliamentary Network of the Americas for Road Safety and its possible impact

☑ Dr. Ricardo Pérez Núñez, Regional Advisor on Road Safety and Prevention of Unintentional Injuries, PAHO / WHO

The role of comprehensive legislation on road safety

Parliamentary debate and experts

14.15 hours

THEMATIC SUMMARY AND CLOSING OF THE SESSION

Call to next day



SECOND DAY

Date: December 2, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. MEX

HIGHLIGHTS OF PREVIOUS DAY AND LOGIN

11.00 hrs.

4th. Panel

HEALTHY EATING, THE REGULATION OF ITS RISK FACTORS AND THE CHALLENGES OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ENVIRONMENT

Panel coordinator: Senator Antares Vázquez Alatorre

Exhibitors:

☑ Dr. Fabio Da Silva Gomes, Regional Nutrition Advisor, Unit of Risk Factors for Non-communicable Diseases PAHO / WHO

The effectiveness in the use of nutritional warning front labeling and other complementary regulatory measures in protecting healthy eating and public health

☑ Dr. Hugo López-Gatell, Undersecretary of Prevention and Health Promotion of the Ministry of Health of Mexico.

The use of nutritional warning front labeling in Mexico

☑ Sen. Margarita Valdez Martínez, Senate of the Mexican Republic

Elimination of industrially produced trans fats in Mexico

☑ Sen. Julio Cleto Cobos, Chamber of Senators of the Congress of the Argentine Nation

Argentina's Front Food Labeling Law



Parliamentary debate and experts

12.00 hours

5th. Panel

ACCESS TO UNIVERSAL VACCINATION IN THE BALANCE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PERSON AND OF THE COMMUNITY, THE CHALLENGE OF THE LEGISLATION AND PARLIAMENTARY WORK

Panel Chair: Senator Lilia Margarita Valdez

Exhibitors:

☑ Dr. Cuauhtemoc Ruiz Matus, Chief of the PAHO / WHO Immunization Unit

Universal vaccination and health, obstacles and opportunities

☑ Mtro. Nelson Shak Yalta, Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru

Coordinated audit of SDG 3 "Attending to health and well-being", goal B (vaccination), by the Latin American and Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions OLACEFS.

Parliamentary debate and experts

12.40 hours

General conclusions and next steps

Technical Secretariat of the Congress of Health Committees of the Parliaments of the Americas: Ignacio Ibarra, Regional Advisor on Health-Related Law. Office of the Legal Counsel. PAHO / WHO

12.50 hours

Discussion and approval of the declaration of Mexico for the right to health



13.10 hours

Closing of the event. Adjourn.

Dip. Emmanuel Reyes Carmona, President of the Public Health Commission, Chamber of Deputies of Mexico.

Sen. Américo Villarreal, President of the Health Commission of the Honorable Senate of the Mexican Republic.