

# Swearing-in Ceremony

**Dr. Rhonda Sealey-Thomas**  
Assistant Director of the  
Pan American Sanitary Bureau

12 October 2023 • PAHO HQ, Room A • 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

## Program

### Welcome Remarks

**Dr. Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr.**  
Director, Pan American Health Organization

### Introduction of the new Assistant Director

**The Honourable Sir. Molwyn Joseph**  
Minister for Health, Wellness, Social Transformation  
& The Environment, Antigua and Barbuda

### Oath of Office

**Dr. Heidi Jiménez**  
Legal Counsel, Pan American Health Organization

### Address

**Dr. Rhonda Sealey-Thomas**  
Assistant Director, Pan American Health Organization

### Musical Interlude

**Mr. Khan Cordice**  
Director of Culture, Department of Culture, Ministry of Education,  
Sport and Creative Industries, Antigua and Barbuda

### Vote of Thanks

**Mr. Paul de la Croix-Vaubois**  
Master of Ceremony

### Reception

First Floor - Main Building

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# Biography

**Dr. Rhonda Sealey-Thomas** received her Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery degree from the University of the West Indies. She holds a Master of Public Health degree and a Doctorate in Public Health from the University of the West Indies. She has held several positions in the health sector in Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda including serving as Medical Officer of Health in the Ministry of Health. Prior to her appointment as the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Assistant Director, Dr. Sealey-Thomas was Chief Medical Officer for the Ministry of Health in Antigua and Barbuda and was the Chief Technical Advisor to the Minister of Health on all public health matters of regional and international concern. Dr. Sealey-Thomas also was adjunct lecturer at the School of Health and Behavioural Sciences of the University of the West Indies, Antigua and Barbuda.



Dr. Sealey-Thomas began her collaboration with PAHO in 2004 when she served as Associate Consultant working as a member of the Non-communicable Diseases Unit in Washington, D.C. framing the regional response to diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. She has participated in a number of PAHO and World Health Organization (WHO) Governing Bodies meetings including the Executive Committee, Directing Council, and World Health Assembly. Dr. Sealey-Thomas was a member of PAHO's Working Group on the development of a Health Agenda for the Americas in 2005-2006 and 2016-2017 and Member of PAHO's Advisory Group on Advancing the Noncommunicable Disease Agenda in the Caribbean. She has currently been serving as Chair of PAHO's Regional Validation Committee for the Elimination of the Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis.

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