

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR – PRE-COSALFA 51

The last year of the 2021-2025 Action Plan of the PHEFA

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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INTRODUCTION

This International Seminar represents a milestone in the collective commitment to the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in South America and Panama, within the framework of the last year of implementation of the 2021-2025 Action Plan of the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA). During this period, we have witnessed significant progress, where most herds in the region have achieved the FMD-free status without vaccination. However, as we approach the 2025 target, the challenges and responsibilities become more complex, demanding additional efforts in coordination, surveillance, prevention and emergency preparedness.

The seminar offers a comprehensive approach to address these challenges, divided into four thematic sessions.

The first session will highlight the involvement of the private sector, emphasizing the essential role of producers and farmers in surveillance, early detection, and maintenance of the achievements already made.

The second session will analyze the surveillance, prevention, and emergency preparedness strategies implemented in countries that have already achieved the free status without vaccination, exploring the mechanisms that ensure the sustainability of this status.

In the third session, regional initiatives that support the transition to the FMD-free status without vaccination will be analyzed, along with the efforts to strengthen emergency preparedness through technical and scientific cooperation.

Finally, the fourth session will be dedicated to the presentation of the best papers selected for oral presentation.

The conclusions of each session will be presented during the 51st Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA, contributing to the regional efforts for the eradication of this disease and the protection of animal health and food security in our region.

The Pre-COSALFA Seminar will be broadcasted on the [PAHO YouTube Channel](#).

The following day, at the same venue, will take place the XXV Latin American Symposium of the Bolivian Association of Zebu Cattle Breeders (ASOCEBU, for its acronym in Spanish), addressing topics of great interest to the private sectors and farmers. Both events are part of a joint initiative aimed at fostering integration with the private sector. This collaboration offers a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and experience-sharing, strengthening the livestock sectors at both regional and international levels.

Address: Fexpocruz /Convention Center – Room Chiquitano, Av. Roca y Coronado

07:30 - 08:30	Registration
08:30 - 08:50	<p>Opening of the International Seminar - Pre COSALFA 51 President of ASOCEBÚ, <i>Marcelo Muñoz</i> President of <i>Camara Agropecuaria del Oriente</i>, Klaus Frerking Adad President of Cattle Ranchers of Bolivia, <i>Walter Dener Ruiz Paz</i> General Executive Director of SENASAG, <i>Juan Miguel Quiroz Ugarte</i> Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO, <i>Ottorino Cosivi</i></p>
08:50 - 09:00	<p>SESSION 1. The role of the Private Sector (Livestock Farmers) in FMD surveillance and emergency preparedness Introduction and moderator: <i>Diego Viali dos Santos</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p>
09:00 - 09:20	<p>1.1 Confederation of Cattle Ranchers of Bolivia (CONGABOL), Bolivia <i>Guerin Sensano</i></p>
09:20 - 09:40	<p>1.2 Confederation of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil (CNA), Brazil <i>Rafael Ribeiro de Lima Filho</i> and <i>Francisco Olavo Pugliese de Castro</i></p>
09:40 - 10:00	<p>1.3 Association of Cattle Ranchers of the Coast and Galápagos (AGLYG), Ecuador <i>Carlos Encalada Villacis</i></p>
10:00 - 10:40	Discussion and Debate of Session 1
10:40 - 11:10	Break
11:10 - 11:20	<p>SESSION 2. Prevention and emergency preparedness strategies in a vaccination-free context Introduction and moderator: <i>Manuel Sánchez Vazquez</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p>
11:20 - 11:35	<p>2.1 Key data and analysis in a FMD emergency response <i>Daniel Magalhães</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p>
11:35 - 11:50	<p>2.2 Modeling as a tool for understanding FMD epidemiology and planning emergency response strategies <i>José Luis Gonzalez Rojas</i>, Wageningen University & Research (Virtual)</p>
11:50 - 12:05	<p>2.3 Emergency preparedness strategy in Bolivia <i>Daniel Rodney Gareca Vaca</i>, SENASAG</p>
12:05 - 12:20	<p>2.4 Prevention strategies adopted in Chile <i>Hugo Alejandro Araya Véliz</i>, SAG</p>
12:20 - 13:00	Discussion and Debate of Session 2
13:00 - 14:50	Break - Lunch
14:50 - 15:00	<p>SESSION 3. Regional initiatives to support the transition to FMD-free status without vaccination Introduction and moderator: <i>Guilherme Figueiredo Marques</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p>
15:00 - 15:15	<p>3.1 Risk Assessment of FMD reintroduction in Ecuador <i>Johanna Elizabeth Salas Torres</i>, AGROCALIDAD</p>
15:15 - 15:30	<p>3.2 Immunity studies with bivalent and monovalent vaccines and rapid tests for emergency use <i>Maristela Pituco</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p>
15:30 - 15:45	<p>3.3 Perceptions of official veterinarians on surveillance in FMD-free zones with and without vaccination <i>Gabriel Sánchez Torres</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p>
15:45 - 16:00	<p>3.4 Cost-Benefit assessment for the adoption of an FMD-free strategy without vaccination in Paraguay <i>Bruno Javier Candia Riveros</i>, SENACSA</p>
16:00 - 16:40	Discussion and Debate of Session 3
16:40 - 17:10	Coffee-break

17:10 - 17:20	SESSION 4. Presentation of the three best selected poster papers Introduction: <i>Euclides De la Torre</i> , PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO
17:20 - 17:35	4.1 Development of the Intelligent Management System for Veterinary and Health Events <i>Felipe Amadori Machado</i> , Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM), Brazil
17:35 - 17:50	4.2 Immunity Study on the Border Between Colombia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela <i>Edilberto Brito Sierra</i> , ICA, Colombia
17:50 - 18:05	4.3 Results of the Unified Risk-Based Surveillance Action Strategy in Rural Establishments Implemented by the State of Mato Grosso in 2023 and 2024, Brazil <i>Ana Carolina Schmidt</i> , MAPA, Brazil
18:05 - 18:45	Discussion of Session 4
18:45 - 18:50	Closure of day 1 President of ASOCEBÚ, <i>Marcelo Muñoz</i> General Executive Director of SENASAG, <i>Juan Miguel Quiroz Ugarte</i> Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO, <i>Ottorino Cosivi</i>