

52nd ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Georgetown - Guyana | 22 and 23 April 2026
Hotel Pegasus - Georgetown, Guyana

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(12.01.2026)

WEDNESDAY - 22 April	
08:00 - 08:30	Registration
08:30 - 08:35	National Anthem
08:35 - 09:00	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <p>His Excellency, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, <i>Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali</i> (to be confirmed) Honorable Minister of Agriculture of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, <i>Zulfikar Mustapha</i> (to be confirmed)</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer Guyana Livestock Development Authority, <i>Dr. Dwight Walrond (GLDA) (Guyana)</i> Assistant Director of the PAHO/WHO, <i>Dr. Rhonda Sealey-Thomas</i> (to be confirmed)</p> <p>PAHO/WHO Representative in Guyana, <i>Dr. Kim Eva Dickson</i> (to be confirmed)</p> <p>Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p> <p>Representative of the livestock producers of Guyana</p> <p>Pro Tempore President of COSALFA 51</p>
09:00 - 09:15	Official Group Photo
09:15 - 09:30	Election of the President and Rapporteur; reading and approval of the agenda
09:30 - 10:15	<p>Ex Officio Secretariat Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Countries and Projects, <i>Diego Viali dos Santos</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO - Laboratory, <i>Euclides de la Torre</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO
10:15 - 10:30	Discussion and approval of the Report
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:15	<p>Status of National Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Eradication Programs, 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report by PANAFTOSA, <i>Manuel Sánchez Vazquez</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO - Additional Contributions from Member Countries
11:15 - 11:30	Discussion and approval of the Report
11:30 - 11:45	<p>Report on the Pre-COSALFA International Seminar</p> <p><i>Diego Viali dos Santos</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p>
11:45 - 12:00	Discussion and approval of the Report
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:15	<p>THEME 1: Progress and Challenges of the FMD Preparedness and Prevention Program in Guyana</p> <p>Introduction and moderator: <i>Manuel Sánchez Vazquez</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public sector - Private sector
14:15 - 14:30	Plenary discussion
14:30 - 15:00	<p>THEME 2: Hemispheric FMD Eradication Program (PHEFA) – 2026/2030 Action Plan</p> <p>Introduction and Moderator: <i>Diego Viali dos Santos</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p>
15:00 - 15:30	Plenary discussion
15:30 - 15:50	Break
15:50 - 16:10	<p>THEME 3: The Strategy of the Regional Antigen Bank (BANVACO) in its First Year of Operation</p> <p>Introduction and moderator: <i>Guilherme Marques</i>, PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BANVACO Member Countries
16:10 - 17:00	Plenary discussion
17:00 - 17:10	Closure of the 1 st day, Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO

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THURSDAY - 23 April	
08:00 - 08:30	THEME 4: The Importance of Risk Analysis and Epidemiological Modelling Studies in the Prevention of and Preparedness for Foot-and-Mouth Disease. Introduction: <i>Manuel Sánchez Vazquez</i> , PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO - Public sector of Bolivia and Ecuador
08:30 - 09:00	Plenary discussion
09:00 - 09:30	THEME 5: To be confirmed Introduction: PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO
09:30 - 10:00	Plenary discussion
10:05 - 10:30	Other topics
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:15	ROUND TABLE – Regional Activities in Support of PHEFA Introduction and Moderator: PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO - Permanent Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone (CVP) - Andean Community (CAN) - Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) - International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA) - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS/USDA)
12:15 - 13:00	Plenary discussion
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 17:30	Presentation, discussion, and approval of resolutions
17:30 - 18:00	Closing ceremony of COSALFA 52