

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR PRE-COSALFA 52

Regional Preparedness and Strategic Decision-Making for the Use of Emergency Vaccination against Foot-and-Mouth Disease

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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INTRODUCTION

The virtual International Seminar prior to the 52nd COSALFA, entitled “Regional Preparedness and Strategic Decisions for the Use of Emergency Vaccination against Foot-and-Mouth Disease,” is a strategic opportunity to share and disseminate the main conclusions, recommendations, and lessons learned during the Technical Workshop held in March 2026 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This virtual space will broaden the scope of technical discussions, facilitating the participation of health authorities, specialists, international organizations, and other relevant actors from the Region and other parts of the world, with the aim of presenting and analyzing the main results of the workshop.

In the context of the progress achieved through the implementation of the Regional Foot-and-Mouth Disease Antigen Bank (BANVACO), this seminar will provide an opportunity to reflect on the role of emergency vaccination as a strategic response tool, as well as on the scientific, operational, regulatory, and coordination aspects that condition its effective implementation. It will also allow for the analysis of identified gaps, the sharing of international experiences, and the promotion of knowledge exchange aimed at strengthening national contingency plans and regional response capacity to potential health emergencies.

Finally, this seminar will contribute to consolidating an evidence-based regional vision, promoting the adoption of technical and operational recommendations that strengthen preparedness, coordination, and response to possible outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease. Its results will serve as relevant input for countries' decision-making processes and will be presented to delegates during the 52nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA, to be held in Georgetown, Guyana, contributing to the continued strengthening of regional strategies for disease prevention and control.

Tuesday, 14 April 2026 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Brasilia time)	
Zoom platform with simultaneous translation into English, Spanish, and Portuguese	
10:00 - 10:20	Opening and strategic contextualization regarding emergency vaccination for foot-and-mouth disease
10:20 - 11:50	Presentations on BANVACO's areas of work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laboratory (20 min)• Modeling (20 min)• Field implementation (20 min)• Open discussion on regional gaps and priorities (30 min)
11:50 - 12:00	Closing of the event Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO