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## INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR PRE-COSALFA 52

### Emergency Vaccination against Foot-and-Mouth Disease: Recommendations, Gaps, and Challenges for Regional Preparedness

14 April 2026

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#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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#### INTRODUCTION

The virtual International Seminar prior to the 52nd Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA, entitled “Emergency Vaccination against Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD): Recommendations, Gaps, and Challenges for Regional Preparedness,” represents a strategic opportunity to share and disseminate the principal conclusions, recommendations, and lessons learned from the technical workshop held in March 2026 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

This virtual forum will further extend the reach of the technical discussions by enabling the participation of health authorities, experts, international organizations, and other relevant stakeholders from the Region and beyond, with a view to presenting and examining the key outcomes of the aforementioned 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 a valuable 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 enable the analysis of identified gaps, the sharing of international experiences, and the promotion of knowledge exchange aimed at strengthening national contingency plans and enhancing regional response capacity to potential sanitary emergencies.

Finally, this seminar will contribute to consolidating an evidence-based regional vision, promoting the adoption of technical and operational recommendations to strengthen preparedness, coordination, and response to potential outbreaks of FMD.

Its outcomes will serve as a valuable input for countries’ decision-making processes and will be presented to the delegates during the COSALFA 52, to be held in Georgetown, Guyana, thereby contributing to the continuous strengthening of regional strategies for the prevention and control of the disease.

Tuesday, 14 April 2026 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Brasília time)

Zoom platform with simultaneous interpretation in English, Spanish, and Portuguese

10:00 - 10:10	<b>Opening and strategic context on emergency vaccination against Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD)</b> <i>Manuel Sánchez Vázquez</i> , Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO <i>Dwight Walrond</i> , Chief Veterinary Officer of Guyana
10:10 – 10:25	<b>BANVACO: Vision and Action</b> <i>Guilherme Marques</i> , BANVACO Manager, PANAFTOSA-VPH/PAHO/WHO
10:25 - 11:50	<b>Presentations of BANVACO's areas of work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laboratory, <i>Euclides De La Torre</i>, PANAFTOSA-VPH/PAHO/WHO (20")</li><li>• Modeling, <i>Daniel Magalhães Lima</i>, PANAFTOSA-VPH/PAHO/WHO (20")</li><li>• Field implementation, <i>Diego Viali dos Santos</i>, PANAFTOSA-VPH/PAHO/WHO (20")</li><li>• Open discussion on gaps and regional priorities (30")</li></ul>
11:50 - 12:00	<b>Closing of the event</b> <i>Manuel Sánchez Vázquez</i> , Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO <i>Dwight Walrond</i> , Chief Veterinary Officer of Guyana