



IV Congress of the Health Committees of the Parliaments of the Americas

“Legislating Health as a tool for social inclusion”

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Monday, August 20

8:00 – 9:00	Transport to the Legislative Palace	Registration
Room – Salón de Fiestas – Legislative Palace		
Opening Ceremony		
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome table	Dr. Luis Gallo, National Representative, member of the Public Health and Social Assistance Committee, Chamber of Representatives, Uruguay
9:10–9:30	Priority items in the Uruguayan health agenda	Mrs. Lucia Topolansky, Vice President of the Republic, President of the General Assembly and Chamber of Senators, Uruguay
9:30 – 9:50	Importance of health legislation and the role of parliamentarians in this process	Sr. Jorge Gandini, National Representative, President of the Chamber of Representatives, Uruguay
9:50 – 10:00	Universal health challenges	Dr. Giovanni Escalante, PAHO/WHO Representative in Uruguay
10:00 – 10:20	Health achievements in Uruguay	Dr. Jorge Basso, Minister of Health , Uruguay
Room 17 "Dra. Paulina Luisi" – Annex Building		
10:20 – 10:40	Coffee break	
Introduction to the IV Congress of Health Parliamentarians		
10:40 – 11:00	Main challenges of health legislation as an essential tool for the effective compliance of the right to health and the importance of the Parliaments' work.	Dr. Ignacio Ibarra, Regional Advisor on Health related Law, PAHO/WHO
11:00 – 11:20	Report of the III Congress of Parliamentarians held in Chile 2017	Dr. Guido Girardi, Vice President Chamber of Senators, Chile

11:20 – 11:40	The objectives of the IV Congress of Parliamentarians	Dr. Luis Gallo, National Representative, Member of the Public Health Committee and Social Assistance of the Chamber of Representatives, Uruguay
THEMATIC AXIS 1. NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES . THE REGULATORY APPROACH TO RISK FACTORS		
11:40–12:00	Noncommunicable diseases and their risk factors, regional situation	Dr. Adriana Blanco, Head of Unit, Risk Factors and Nutrition, PAHO/WHO
12:00–12:20	Legislative support for public policies for the prevention of obesity and NCDs in Uruguay	Dr. María Isabel Boue, Health Officer, UNICEF, Uruguay
12:20–13:00	First discussion between legislators and country experiences	All
13:00–14:20	Lunch break	
Challenges of the NCDs and their risk factors		
14:20–15:10	CHALLENGE 1: Front-of-package nutritional warning (FoP) and the regulatory framework for marketing	Dr. Fabio Da Silva Gomes, Regional Advisor on Nutrition, PAHO/WHO Commentators: • Dr. Mario Raymundo Fiad, National Senator, President of the Health Committees of the Senate, Argentina • Dr. Guido Girardi, Senator of the Republic, President of the Health Committees of the Senate, Chile
15:10–15:50	Successful experiences and unresolved challenges regarding FoP	All
15:50 – 16:40	CHALLENGE 2. Tobacco control	Dr. Miguel Asqueta, Former Representative and Vice President of the Tobacco Epidemic Investigation Center (CIET), Uruguay Commentators: • Mr. John Adams. Chairman, Social Services Committee, Parliament of Guyana • Dr. Gustavo Sôñora, La Unión Legal Counsel

16:40 – 17:10	Successful experiences and unresolved challenges	All
17:10 – 17:20	Summary and principal commitments	PAHO/WHO
17:20 – 17:30	Coffee break	
17:30 – 19:30	Side event organized by PAHO/WHO, CONFEMEL and SMU Migration of health professionals: challenges for the parliamentary agenda and regional integration	
	Health Human Resources in the Americas and the impact of migration for workers	Hernán Sepúlveda, Health Human Resources Sub-Regional, PAHO/WHO
	Commentary Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Veronica Cenac, Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP), CARICOM Secretariat. • Dr. Nila Heredia, ORAS-CONHU Executive Secretariat • Dr. Alejandro Solis, Executive Secretary COMISCA • Mag. Alan Fairlie, Andean Member of Parliament, Perú • Dr. Gustavo Grecco, President of the Medical Union Uruguay <p>Moderator: Dr. Rubén Magorga, Sub-Regional Program Coordinator for South America PAHO/WHO</p>
Tuesday, August 21		
THEMATIC AXIS 2. THE PATH TOWARDS UNIVERSAL HEALTH		
9:00–9:50	The stewardship function of the National Health Authority and its role as provider of health insurance and health services. Challenges and proposals for parliamentarians	Dr. Ernesto Báscolo, Gobernanza Regional Advisor, Rector, Politics and Planning, PAHO/WHO Commentators: • Dr. Silvio Ríos, National Representative, Uruguay
9:50–10:10	Legislative support for health system reform in Uruguay to promote Universal Access and Coverage	Dr. Miguel Fernández Galeano, Former Vice Minister of Public Health in Uruguay
10:10–10:50	Discussion between legislators and country experiences	All
10:50 – 11:10	Coffee break	

Some recent challenges of the Universal Health

11:10–12:25	CHALLENGE 1: Health challenge at border zones and migration	Representatives of the Andean Regional Health Organization (ORAS– COHNU); Central America Integration System (SICA); Caribbean (CARICOM); and the Social Institute of the MERCOSUR (ISM); The Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) Commentators: Representatives of PARLACEN, PARLANDINO and PARLASUR
12:25–12:45	Discussion between legislators and country experiences	All
12:45–13.25	CHALLENGE 2: The commitment to end tuberculosis in the Americas	Dr. Rafael López Olarte, Regional Control Advisor, Prevention and Elimination of Tuberculosis, PAHO/WHO Commentators: Dr. Luis Gallo, National Representative, member of the Parliamentary Front against Tuberculosis
13:25–14:30	Lunch break	
14:30–14:50	Discussion between legislators and country experiences	All
14:50–15:15	Summary and main commitments towards universal health	PAHO/WHO
15:15 – 16:15	Road safety, a fundamental issue for public health	Dr. Eugenia María Rodríguez, Regional Advisor on Road Safety, PAHO/WHO Commentators: Representative Juan Luis Castro, President of the Health Committees of the Chamber of Representatives, Chile Senator Luis René Canaán, President of the Health Committees of the Chamber of Senators, República Dominicana
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:00	Successful experiences and unresolved challenges	All
17:00 – 17:30	Summary and principal agreements	PAHO/WHO

Wednesday, August 22

THEMATIC AXIS 3. ASSURANCE OF RIGHTS IN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD

9:00 – 9:35	Main experiences and challenges in health legislation as an essential tool to safeguard sexual and reproductive rights	<p>Dr. Suzanne Serruya, Director of the Latin American Perinatology Center/Maternal and Reproductive Health (CLAP/SMR), PAHO/WHO</p> <p>Commentator: Dr. Mónica Xavier, Senator of the Republic, member of the Public Health Committee of the Chamber of Senators, Uruguay</p>
9:35 – 10:00	Discussion between legislators and country experiences	All
Challenges faced in early childhood		
10:00–10:20	Development in early childhood and early stimulation: A fundamental issue for health, learning and productivity	Dr. Betzabé Butrón-Riveros, Child Health Regional PAHO/WHO
10:20 – 10:40	The importance of the discussions on early childhood in the G20 agenda, under the Argentinean Presidency	Lic. María Montserrat Santander, Coordinator of the G20 Development Work Group, Ministry of Social Development, Argentina
10:40 – 11:00	Outlook on Uruguayan early childhood health	Dr. Cristina Lustemberg, Former Vice Minister of Public Health in Uruguay
11:00 – 11:30	Discussion between legislators and country experiences	All
11:30 – 11:40	Summary and main agreements for the safeguard of rights in sexual and reproductive health and early childhood	PAHO/WHO
11:40 – 11:50	Coffee break	

Tools for legislative work		
11:50-12:50	Translating health policies into national legislation using a rights-based approach	Dr. Alejandro Morlachetti, Human Resources Regional Advisor, PAHO/WHO
	Governmental changes, politics and health: the need to protect progress achieved in health-related law issues	Ec. Daniel Olesker, Former Minister of Public Health and Social Development, Uruguay
	PAHO's Observatory of Health Legislation	Dr. Ignacio Ibarra, Regional Advisor on Health related Law, PAHO/WHO
Conclusions		
12:50-13:45	Main conclusions, initial agreements and steps to follow. Discussion on specific proposals:	Dr. Luis Gallo, National Representative, member of the Public Health and Social Assistance Committees of the Chamber of Representatives, Uruguay Technical Secretariat of the Congress of Health Parliamentarians, PAHO/WHO
	a - Feasibility of the network of health parliamentarians	All
	b - A harmonized INTERCONGRESS agenda in the region	All
	c - The need to promote and follow a model legislation in health	All
13:45	Closure	