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Implementing the International Health Regulations (IHR (2005))

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction (25 minutes)

1. Opening remarks: Dr. Jarbas Barbosa da Silva, Jr., Area Manager, Health Surveillance and Disease Management, PAHO
2. Keynote address: Dr. Robert Clark, Health of Canada: “Strategic Risk Communications Framework”

Dr. Clark will present the lessons learned from the SARS outbreak in Canada and how Health Canada has strengthened its public health system. He will mainly focus on risk communication improvement by explaining how important is the need for timely and abundant exchange between governments under IHR (2005); for timely information sharing with key stakeholders, health care workers and the public; for ensuring optimal coordination between multiple spokespeople; and for development of consistent messages.

Discussion Groups (1 hour 35 minutes)

Discussion Group No. 1 (Room --)

President: Dr. Maritza Cuan Machado, Minister of Health, Nicaragua

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Blount, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA

Rapporteur: Dr. Marlo Libel, Health Surveillance and Disease Management, PAHO

1. Presentation by the Minister of Health, Uruguay, Dr. María Julia Muñoz on behalf of MERCOSUR: “Subregional Cooperation: Key Component of IHR (2005) Implementation”

The aim of this presentation by Dr. Muñoz is to highlight the key role of subregional surveillance networks linked to regional economic integration systems for IHR (2005) implementation. Collaboration among States Parties (IHR (2005) Art. 44.1) in detection, assessment of and response to events, in providing technical cooperation and logistical support and in mobilization of financial resources to facilitate implementation of IHR (2005) requirements should be enhanced to the extent possible. Information sharing among neighboring countries (IHR (2005) Arts. 7 and 9.2) will have a positive impact on existing successful cooperation at the subregional level.

(20 minutes)

2. Discussion

(1 hour 15 minutes)

Discussion Groups (1 hour 35 minutes) (*cont.*)

Discussion Group No. 2 (Room --)

President: Dr. Oscar Martínez Doldán, Minister of Health, Paraguay

Moderator: Dr. Patrick Kelley, Global Health, Institute of Medicine,
Washington, D.C., USA

Rapporteur: Dr. Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr., Area Manager, Health Surveillance
and Disease Management, PAHO

1. Presentation by the Minister of Health, Barbados, Dr. Jerome X. Walcott: “National Focal Point and Events Surveillance and Response under IHR (2005): Country Perspective”

Dr. Walcott will present the structure, organization, functions and operational requirements for real-time management of information of the IHR (2005) National Focal Point. He will then share the experience with the recent Cricket World Cup mass gathering surveillance system which tested the country’s capacity to implement the IHR (2005) at the different levels (international, national, and local).

(20 minutes)

2. Discussion

(1 hour 15 minutes)

Discussion Groups (1 hour 35 minutes) (*cont.*)

Discussion Group No. 3 (Room --)

President: Dr. José Angel Córdova Villalobos, Secretary of Health, Mexico

Moderator: Dr. Max Hardiman, International Health Regulations Secretariat, WHO

Rapporteur: Dr. Rodolfo Rodriguez Cruz, Unit Chief, a.i., Communicable Diseases Unit, PAHO

1. Presentation by the Minister of Health, El Salvador, Dr. José Guillermo Maza Brizuela: “National Focal Point and Events Surveillance and Response under IHR 2005: Country Perspective”

Dr. Maza Brizuela will present the structure, organization, functions, and operational requirements for real-time management of information of the IHR (2005) National Focal Point. He will then speak on the experience of his country in sharing of information regarding events of potential international public health concern (consultation and notification with WHO/PAHO).

(20 minutes)

2. Discussion

(1 hour 15 minutes)
