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Cardiovascular Disease Prevention through Dietary Salt Reduction

Meeting of the Regional Expert Group, Countries and Partners – Reviewing Advances and Planning a Second Phase, 27-28 October 2011, PAHO, Washington, DC

Overview

Two years ago, in September 2009, PAHO Director Dr. Mirta Roses Periago launched the regional initiative – CVD Prevention through Dietary Salt Reduction – by convening an Expert Group (EG) with a 24-month mandate. Its purpose was to: (1) review current knowledge on and the epidemiology of chronic diseases in the Region; and (2) issue recommendations for strategies and interventions that can be employed to reduce sodium intake levels in populations to prevent and control chronic non-communicable diseases in line with WHO recommendations. Now, as the EG concludes its first phase of work and submits its final report, it turns its collective expertise and experience towards developing a plan for a second phase of activity.

Objectives of day 1:

- (1) Take stock of the advances and challenges
- (2) Discuss lessons learned and critical issues

Objectives for day 2:

Moving forward – define opportunities and a plan to further advance dietary salt reduction in the Region for 2012-2014

AGENDA

Thursday, 27 October	Room B	
8:30-9:00	Registration 2 nd Floor Lobby	
9:00-9:10	Welcome and opening	James Hospedales, PAHO
9:10-9:25	Introduction of agenda and participants	Branka Legetic
9:25-9:45	Review of EG achievements	Norm Campbell
9:45-10:45	Country advances & challenges Rainford Wilks – Chair	Daniel Ferrante, Argentina Eduardo Nilson, Brazil Diego Gaitan, Chile Adriana Blanco, Costa Rica

10:45-11:15	Break	
11:15-12:15	Country advances & challenges Beatriz Champagne – Chair	Anselm Hennis, Barbados Ricardo Correa Rotter Mexico Sonia Angell, US Hasan Hutchinson, Canada
12:15-12:45	Questions & clarifications	
12:45-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:40	Partners panel James Hospedales – Chair	Trevor Hassel, Healthy Caribbean Coalition Hubert Linders, WASH Chile Renata Cassar, ABIA Brazil Ruben Sálvio, Bread Makers Association of Argentina
14:40-15:00	Questions & clarifications	
15:00-16:00	Panel: Lessons learned and critical issues (population KAB; determining baselines and surveillance in LMIC; salt density issues and target setting; coordination with iodine programs) to bring forward into planning (on Day 2) Ricardo Correa Rotter- Chair	Chairs of Expert Sub groups: Beatriz Champagne, Mary Labbe, Sonia Angell, Omar Dary
16:00-16:15	Break	
16:15 – 17:30	Discussion of lessons learned and critical issues Godfrey Xuereb – Chair	
17:30	Adjournment	

Friday, 28 October	Room B	
8:30-8:45	Review of Day 1, tasks for Day 2	Branka Legetic
8:45-9:00	Establishing a Scientific Expert Advisory Committee (Terms of Reference) Hasan Hutchinson - Chair	Norm Campbell
9:00-10:00	Opportunities – social marketing & advocacy; Paraguay & iodine; country- based economic research; multi- stakeholder engagement & Pan	Linda Barfield, Fhi Susana Sanchez, Paraguay MOH

	American Forum for Action on NCDs	Andrew Moran, U of Columbia
	Eduardo Nilson - Chair	James Hospedales, PAHO
10:00-10:30	Questions & clarifications	
10:30-11:00	Break	
11:00-13:00	Planning a second phase (2012-2014)	Barbara Legowski
	a) elaborating activities for: advocacy, coordinating with iodine fortification, surveillance, engaging industry, research	Break-out sub-groups
	b) defining activities and partners for each	
	c) estimating resources	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Sub-groups report back – constructing an activity matrix with what, who, when, how	
	Sonia Angell - Chair	
15:30	Closing remarks	Socorro Gross, PAHO AD
