

**Progress in Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Americas:
The Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Syphilis,**

Towards an AIDS-Free Generation

Tuesday December 9th, 2014 11:30-1:00pm
Pan American Health Organization
Room A
525 23rd St NW
Washington, DC

I. Background and Objectives

In 2010, Pan American Health Organization Member States approved the Strategy and Plan of Action for the Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis by Resolution 50/12 at the 50th Directing Council Meeting with goals by 2015 to:

- reduce MTCT of HIV to 2% or less,
- reduce the incidence of pediatric HIV cases to 0.3 or less per 1,000 live births, and
- reduce the incidence of congenital syphilis to 0.5 cases or less per 1,000 live births by 2015.

In the Americas, most HIV epidemics are concentrated and HIV infection is primarily sexually transmitted. Strengthening of maternal and child health services and integration of sexual and reproductive health and HIV services are key strategies to meet the elimination goals. Although progress has been made in increasing the coverage of several key reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health interventions over the past decades in the Americas, there still is a gap between coverage and the quality of care provided in health facilities and services in the community. During this presentation results will be presented on progress towards elimination of MTCT of HIV and syphilis in the Americas between 2010 and 2014. This information will provide context for the panel discussion which proposes to address and respond to the following questions:

- How are we addressing the gaps in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) which directly impact elimination efforts?
- How can efforts to strengthen SRH services contribute to elimination efforts?
- What more can be done to achieve elimination goals in the Americas?
- How can we create more synergies between HIV services and SRH services for pregnant women?
- How can science and research expand the range of elimination interventions that are effective and feasible to implement in the Americas? What is the pipeline for the availability of these interventions?

II. Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenters
11:30-11:45am	Welcome and Introductions	Massimo Ghidinelli
11:45-12:00pm	Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Syphilis in the Americas, Report Findings: 2014 Update	Alicen Spaulding
12:00-1:00pm	Moderated Panel Discussion with Representatives from various agencies <i>Dr. Nahida Chakhtoura, (Maternal and Pediatric Infectious Disease Branch, NIH)</i> <i>Dr Chewe Luo (UNICEF)</i> <i>Ms. Nithya Mani (PEPFAR)</i> <i>Dr. Sonja Caffé (PAHO)</i>	Massimo Ghidinelli (Moderator)

Light refreshments will be served after the event.