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Latin American NITAGs Network

Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

Time	Topic	Moderator
(Main Room) 1:30 p.m. – 1:40 pm	International Vaccine Symposium – Latin American NITAG Network Introduction	Dr. Carlos Espinal (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA)
1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	Colombia and meningococcal disease: A call to action. Presentation of a comprehensive care pathway <i>(Speakers to be confirmed)</i>	
2:40 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.	2030 Agenda in Immunization: Progress and Limitations Dr. Daniel Salas (PAHO/WHO, USA)	Dr. Francisco Becerra (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, Mexico)
3:05 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<i>Break (Change to Meeting Room B)</i>	
3:15 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Update on the Regional NITAGs Network: Strengthening Activities, Lessons Learned, and Next Steps	Dr. Mario Melgar (PAHO/WHO, Guatemala)

3:40 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Rethinking the Composition of a NITAG for a More Robust Immunization Program	Dr. Jennifer Sanwogou (PAHO/WHO, USA)
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Discussion	All participants
4:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.	Working groups: Proposals for strengthening NITAGs – what is desirable, what is feasible	(3 groups)
5:20 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Presentation of Proposals and Discussion	



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Day 2: Thursday, September 11th, 2025

Time	Topic	Moderator(s)
8:30 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	Case Study: Measles in Brazil	Brazil
8:55 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.	Case Study: Yellow Fever in Colombia	Colombia
9:20 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Case Study: Diphtheria in Haiti	Haiti
9:45 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	Case Study: Pertussis in Mexico	Mexico
10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.	Discussion	
11:10 a.m. - 11:35 p.m.	Case Study: Polio in Peru	Peru
11:35 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Misinformation and Vaccine Hesitancy: How to Strengthen Vaccine Confidence	Dr. Daniel Salas (PAHO, USA)
12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Discussion	
12:45 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	<i>Change to Main Room</i>	
12:55 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	<i>Grab your lunch-box</i>	
1:10 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Vaccination as a Fundamental Pillar of Public Health	Dr. María Luisa Ávila-Agüero (SLIPE, SLV, Costa Rica)

	<p>The Value of Vaccination: How to Reposition Vaccination as a Central Axis for Quality of Life Dr. María Luisa Ávila-Agüero (SLIPE, SLV, Costa Rica)</p> <p>The Added Value of Vaccines: Beyond Effectiveness Estimation Dr. Brad Gessner (Consultant, USA)</p>	
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Prevention of Respiratory Syncytial Virus – GHC/FIU Study Group</p> <p>Introduction: Dr. Carlos Torres (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia) Dr. Francisco Becerra (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, Mexico) Dr. Carlos Espinal (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA)</p> <p>RSV Epidemiology in Latin America: Key Points for Decision-Making in the Implementation of Prevention Programs Dr. Ángela Gentile (SLIPE, Argentina)</p> <p>Prevention Strategy with Monoclonal Antibodies: Experiences in Chile, Paraguay, Spain Dr. Juan Pablo Torres (SLIPE, Chile)</p> <p>Maternal Immunization in RSV Prevention: Experience in Argentina Dr. Ángela Gentile (SLIPE, Argentina)</p> <p>Equity Concept and its Application to RSV Control: SLIPE Recommendations Dr. Carlos Torres (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia)</p> <p>Expert Group and Panel Discussion: Dr. Ángela Gentile (SLIPE, Argentina) Dr. Flor Muñoz (Texas Children's Hospital, USA) Dr. Carlos Torres (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia) Dr. Juan Pablo Torres (SLIPE, Chile) Dr. Mónica Pujadas (SLIPE, Uruguay)</p>	Dr. Carlos Torres (SCP, SLIPE, Colombia)
4:10 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	<i>Change to Room B</i>	
4:20 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Round Table: Where are the NPIs heading? Future Perspectives and Challenges	<i>(Moderator to be confirmed)</i>



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Day 3: Friday, September 12th, 2025

Time	Topic	Moderator(s)
8:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	<p>A conversation: NITAGs’ experiences, strengths, weaknesses – can we improve?</p> <p>Dr. Yvonne Maldonado (Stanford University, USA)</p> <p>Dr. Edwin Asturias (University of Colorado, USA)</p> <p>Dr. Pablo Bonvehí (TAG PAHO/WHO, SLV, Argentina)</p> <p>2 NITAG Chairs <i>(to be confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Dr. Ricardo Rüttimann (TAG, PAHO/WHO, Argentina)</p>
9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	<p>General discussion:</p> <p>Key questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Human resource training in the EPI? What do we need? 	

	Modernization of VPD surveillance?	
9:45 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	<i>Change to Main Room</i>	
9:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Global measles situation: Are we moving backwards in time? Dr. Yvonne Maldonado (Stanford University, USA)	Dr. Edwin Asturias (University of Colorado, USA)
Special sessions		
10:25 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Maternal and Child Health: Experiences in La Guajira, Colombia	Dr. Luis Jorge Hernández (Los Andes University, Colombia)
10:50 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Health Systems in Latin America and Global Health	Dr. Alex Alarcón (School of Public Health, University of Chile)
International Vaccine Symposium		
11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Vaccines in Latin America Benefits and impact of scientific partnerships in vaccine development Dr. María Elena Botazzi (Baylor College of Medicine, USA) Innovations in vaccine production in Colombia Dr. Juan Pablo Rojas Hernández (Vaxthera, Colombia) Dr. Leonardo Arregoces (Bogotá Bio, Colombia) New actors in vaccination in Latin America Dr. Pilar Rubio (Biological E, Colombia)	Dr. Pío López (CEIP, Colombia)
12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch box delivery (lunch in the Room)	
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Vaccination laws in Latin America Results of the FIU expert working group study Dr. Marisa Aizenberg (Universidad of Buenos Aires, Argentina) Dr. Ignacio Ibarra (PAHO/OMS, USA)	Dr. Francisco Becerra (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, Mexico)
1:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.	Current landscape and barriers to polio eradication Dr. Edwin Asturias (University of Colorado, USA)	Dr. Luiza Helena Falleiros de Arlant (SLIPE, Brazil)

1:55 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Maternal immunization: advances, innovation, and impact on vaccine-preventable diseases Dr. Flor Muñoz (Texas Children’s Hospital, USA)	Dr. Juan Pablo Torres (SLIPE, Chile)
2:30 p.m.	Closing remarks	Dr. Carlos Espinal (GHC/DGH, RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA)