

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN MEETING



# COMMUNITIES EMPOWERED TO TACKLE ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE



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AGENDA 17-18 / NOVEMBER / 2022



# PRESENTATION

One of the great lessons of the pandemic is that you cannot save yourself alone.

We save ourselves in the community. Therefore, we must cultivate that sense of community, and persevere collectively. In the face of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), a global health problem of pandemic proportions, extremely complex to contain, the certainty is the same. The community or rather, the empowered community has a fundamental role to play in facing it.

Empowerment means developing the knowledge, the will, and the creativity to tackle any of the many aspects of AMR, through strategies that combine tradition and innovation, under a multisectoral One Health approach.

The role of the Pan American Health Organization, ReAct Latin America, the Global Health Consortium of the Florida International University, and the South Centre, is to provide a diverse and open platform for dialogue, knowledge exchange, strengthening and expansion of the networks of the communities empowered to tackle antimicrobial resistance in the Americas.

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**CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH ACTING AGAINST  
ANTIMICROBIAL  
RESISTANCE**

**08h00-11h00: CENTRAL AMERICA / MX  
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## MODERATOR:

Gladys Cantos – Foundation Niño a Niño, Ecuador.

## OPENING:

- **Welcome:** Nathalie El Omeiri - Advisor AMR Special Program, PAHO/WHO.
- **Villa del Carmen Children & Youth Chorus** - Formosa, Argentina. Presenter: Nadia Felisa Edith Escobar, Chorus Director.

## CONFERENCE:

From Universities to Schools, and from Schools to Communities: The potential of health promotion.

Presenter: Vanderleia Pulga - Federal University of the Southern Border, Brazil.

## DIALOGUE ON AMR:

### • **The Voices of Children:**

Caring for Mother Earth: sharing their experiences, their perspectives on the microbial world, the responsible use of antibiotics and AMR.

Presenters: Angélica Franolich and Bianca Sánchez – Cultural Center Los Eucaliptos, Cuenca-Ecuador.

### • **The Voices of Youth:**

Moderator: Pedro José Abril, Coordinator of JE Latin America.

#### **Participants:**

- The health perspective of Maya Mam. Ángela Marroquín - Universidad Maya Kaqchikel, Sololá / Maya Mam Population, Guatemala.
- Bicycling with Awareness: Using antibiotics wisely. José Cardoso Landívar - Ecuador.
- AGRIDATA COL: A student project to address antimicrobial resistance in food products of animal origin. Natalia Restrepo Arbeláez - Universidad del Rosario, Colombia.

### • **The Voices of Educators:**

Moderator: Gustavo Cedillo - Ecuador.

#### **Participants:**

- School gardens for food, education and the reduction of AMR. María Zorrilla - Community Health Program Team of the Ministry of the Community- Formosa Province, Argentina.
- Bilingual dialogues with the Alforja Educativa board game. Rita Melo - Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul.
- Music to honor Mother Earth's health, the microbial world and the appropriate use of antibiotics. Liliana Francis García - Cubanos en la Red, Cuba.

## CLOSING:

### • **Let's make history, telling our stories:**

Stories on infectious diseases, use of antimicrobials, hand hygiene and the role of the microbes in health.

- **Performance of the song "Aire"**. Cubanos en la Red, Cuba.

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## MODERATOR:

Alvaro Restrepo Gaviria - Extinction Rebellion Latin America.

## OPENING:

- **Welcome.**
- **Musical work “The War Metaphor”:** Ensemble del Viento - School of Music of the Universidad de las Américas, Ecuador / ReAct Latin America.

## GAME:

- **Myths on Antibiotic Use:** German Esparza - PAHO/WHO Colombia.

## DIALOGUE ON AMR:

- **Community Health Promoters and their allies:**

Moderator: Luis Pablo Méndez - Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala.

**Participants:**

- Poster contest on the appropriate use of antimicrobials: Belize.
- AMR training for community health agents. André Luiz de Abreu - Epidemiology and Health Surveillance Center of FIOCRUZ, Brazil.
- Health in the hands of the community. Marcela Bobatto - Popular Health Movement LAICRIMPO, Argentina.

- **Food producers:**

Moderator: Mirza Alas Portillo - South Centre.

**Participants:**

- Agroecology and its contribution to the reduction of AMR. Nancy Huaca Federation of Agroecological Farmers, Ecuador.
- Agroecology in Guaminí, AMR prevention strategies. Marcelo Schwerdt - Agricultural Education Center N30 of Guaminí/RENAMA, Argentina.
- RENOFAM Initiative to reduce the use of antimicrobials throughout the food chain. FAO.

- **Success stories and innovative initiatives of good community practices:**

Moderator: Yamile Celis Bustos - PAHO/WHO Colombia.

**Participants:**

- Racing against antibiotic resistance. Argentina.
- A Wayuu midwife describing her experience promoting hand washing in her community. Colombia.

## CLOSING:

- **Let's make history, telling our stories :**  
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- **Empowered Communities Declaration to tackle Antimicrobial Resistance.**
- **Closing remarks:** Mirza Alas Portillo - South Centre.

"Civil society groups have a particularly important role to play in the development of National Antimicrobial Resistance Action Plans; ensuring transparency of governance and monitoring; undertaking advocacy, awareness creation and communications; and enabling citizens to become agents of change".

**UN Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance**

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