

# Elimination Initiative 30+



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## Ending communicable diseases in the Americas: accelerating the Elimination Initiative

Date: Sunday, October 15, 2023

Time: 11:00 am - 12: 30 pm (Berlin)

Venue: World Health Summit, Brazzaville Lounge

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Against a successful record of achievements in eliminating communicable diseases, in 2019, Member States of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) approved a policy for an integrated and sustainable approach to communicable diseases in the Americas, known as the Elimination Initiative (EI), but the COVID-19 pandemic hindered actions at regional, national and local level and slowed down the pace towards the elimination of communicable diseases.

Over the past three years, countries in the Region have been working together to combat the pandemic; many innovative approaches were put in place to ensure continuity in the provision of health services and precious lessons were learned. As countries move into the post-pandemic recovery, the time is right to reposition the EI in the new context, galvanized by recent experiences and firmly focused on inequities in health and on populations in situation of vulnerability.

This session will provide an insightful overview of the Elimination Initiative, its underlying rationale, and the collective efforts to eliminate communicable diseases as a public health concern in the Americas while strengthening the resilience of healthcare services and contributing to pandemic preparedness. Additionally, regional best practices and perspectives from strategic partners will complete the proceedings.

# Agenda

11:00 am	Opening remarks	Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, PAHO Director.
11:05 am	Video on the Elimination Initiative in the Americas	
11:10 am	Overview and progress of the Disease Elimination Initiative	Dr. Sylvain Aldighieri, Prevention, Control and Elimination of Communicable Diseases Director, PAHO.
11:30 am	<b>Country Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Brazil Strategy for Eliminating Diseases in a context of social determinants and intersectoral work.</li><li>Micro elimination strategy for the Elimination of Hepatitis C in Argentina.</li><li>Accelerating actions for the elimination of Cervical Cancer in Antigua and Barbuda.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Ethel Maciel, Secretary of Surveillance in Health and Environment, Ministry of Health, Brazil.</li><li>Dr. Carla Vizzoti, Minister of Health, Argentina.</li><li>Hon. Sir. Molwyn Joseph, Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda.</li></ul>
12:00 pm	Innovating for the Elimination of Communicable Diseases	Dr. Philippe Duneton, Executive Director UNITAID.
12:10 pm	Q&A and Discussion	