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Webinar: Network: Health Equity in the Americas

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**Before Meeting, please review:** Attachment 1(pg. 2), Attachment 2, (pg. 3-4)

Meeting materials: A PPTX will be used and will follow agenda with visuals and data

Facilitator: Dr. Michael A. Rodriguez

## AGENDA

Topic	Materials
1. Welcome	
2. Declaration of Cuernavaca	Attachment 1. Declaration of Cuernavaca pg.2
3. Network -Related News - Anna Coates, Eugenia Tarzibachi	
4. Network Governance/Structure Subcommittee: Vision, Mission, Goals – Rocio Saenz	Attachment 2 NetworkPrelimGoals.docx pg. 3-4
5. Network Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for PAHO Commission Report Contributions</li> <li>• Scholarly article for publication- Arachu Castro</li> <li>• Summit 2017 Report</li> <li>• Communications</li> </ul>	



Cumbre 2017

## Equidad en Salud en las Américas

14-15 Noviembre 2017  
Cuernavaca, México

Colaborar ►► Ampliar Poder ►► Tomar Acción

### DECLARATION OF CUERNAVACA FOR HEALTH EQUITY IN THE AMERICAS

*Whereas the Summit 2017 participants recognize that previous work on the social determinants of health and health equity in the Americas form a foundation for continued work;*

*Whereas a series of efforts, including the PAHO Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Region of the Americas, will provide evidence-based and human rights-focused recommendations for health equity, taking into account gender and ethnic inequalities;*

*Whereas a convening of more than 50 academic, civil society and policy representatives from 18 nations in the Americas took place during 14-15 November 2017 in Cuernavaca, Mexico to address solutions through actions and policy issues affecting health equity*

*Whereas the establishment of an Action and Learning Network on Health Equity in the Americas is proposed as a long-term initiative to advance health equity in the Americas...*

We, the participants of Summit 2017: Health Equity in the Americas agree to build on recommendations from the Summit by taking these immediate steps:

- Contribute information to develop the PAHO Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Region of the Americas report and subsequently support the implementation of its recommendations;
- Promote health equity action at all levels through actions on social determinants of health, addressing gender and ethnic inequalities in health within a human rights framework;
- Strengthen the regional dialog on the social determinants of health and health equity and related rights and inequalities;
- Build a network of horizontal collaboration to promote and position equity in health as a priority issue in the intersectoral agendas of the countries of the region;
- Advance the specific recommended actions from the working group sessions of the Summit 2017 convening;
- Enact, implement and monitor policies aimed at affecting the social determinants of health, and at health equity and equality within our nations and the region of the Americas.

**Knowledge-Sharing and Action Network on Health Equity in the Americas  
Preliminary Goals based on Declaration of Cuernavaca and other work completed  
during Summit 2017: Health Equity in the Americas**

**January 2018**

During deliberations of Summit 2017: Health Equity in the Americas, participants from 18 countries throughout the Americas enthusiastically recommended the development of an action-oriented network centered on a vision of promoting action to encourage health equity and equality for all populations in the Americas. Based on a human rights framework and the right to health, support came from participants of Summit 2017 and the Summit's core organizers: UCLA Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America, INSP (National Institute of Public Health, Mexico); the UCL Institute of Health Equity; WORLD Policy Analysis Center; representatives from the PAHO Independent Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Americas; and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Below, we present vision, mission, values and goal statements developed by participants of Summit 2017 for the Network.

**Overall Vision:** An intersectoral network dedicated to promoting health equity and equality in the Americas, especially for those groups living in contexts of vulnerability.

**Mission:** To promote knowledge-sharing and intersectoral action to promote equity and equality in health and human rights as a priority issue in the Americas.

**Values:** The Network and its membership will conduct all activities grounded in the principles governing these values:

- Action
- Human Rights
- Diversity
- Intersectoral
- Horizontality
- Inclusion
- Commitment

**Goals:** Goals are dedicated to establishing an operational base for the Network; program activities will include the coordination of efforts to inform and deepen the impact of the PAHO Commission and exploration of content areas covered during Summit 2017. These areas include but are not limited to health equity, gender and ethnic equality (particularly for indigenous populations and other ethnic groups living in contexts of vulnerability), and other social determinants of health.

**Goal 1.** To identify, develop and share health equity policies and practices based on a human rights approach through an intersectoral Network comprising health equity leaders dedicated to health equity in the Americas.

**Goal 2.** To encourage action on promoting health through pro-equity health policies and practices that consider social determinants of health and human rights affecting all populations throughout the Americas.

**Goal 3.** To monitor progress with public policies and the impact of policies and practices on promoting health equity and equality and human rights in the Americas.

## **Subcommittees of the Network**

To facilitate the work of the Network, four subcommittees are providing advice and guidance in an area of organizational responsibility crucial to accomplishing the goals of the network. As work of the Governance/Structure Subcommittee gets underway, these subcommittees are subject to change.

**Governance/Structure Subcommittee:** The Governance/Structure Subcommittee will provide recommendations to support the broad design and implementation of systems for network decision making. This includes the organization and maintenance of the respective network bodies and the formalization of network vision, mission, goals, objectives, values, and responsibilities. This subcommittee will be responsible for recommending formal policies and procedures of the Network to include: organizational structure and leadership patterns, ethical issues, membership criteria and terms, operational plan and staffing recommendations.

**Research, Policy and Action Subcommittee:** The Research, Policy and Action Subcommittee will provide recommendations for planning, implementation and evaluation of research and policy actions and programs deemed central to the accomplishment of network objectives. This includes but is not limited to: promoting health equity policies and practices as well as advocating against policies that impede health equity and violate human rights; monitoring and evaluating health equity policies, and programs; supporting existing observatories in the Americas and commissions in their work in health equity based on a human rights approach; promoting publishing scientific articles to increase the body of knowledge on health equity in the Americas.

**Finance & Development Subcommittee:** The Finance & Development Subcommittee will provide recommendations for securing and management of network financial resources. This subcommittee will advise on development and implementation of a financial sustainability plan, with the goal of enabling the Network to have a diverse funding stream to accomplish its goals.

**Communication Subcommittee:** The Communication Subcommittee will provide recommendations for organizing and managing communication, both internal communications (eg, membership and potential members; member webinars and other communication channels) and external communications (eg, press, government agencies, communities, intergovernmental actors, other Networks/Observatories). This subcommittee will advise on Network online presence (eg, website, social media, blogs, forums, etc) and development of outreach materials designed for specific audiences.