




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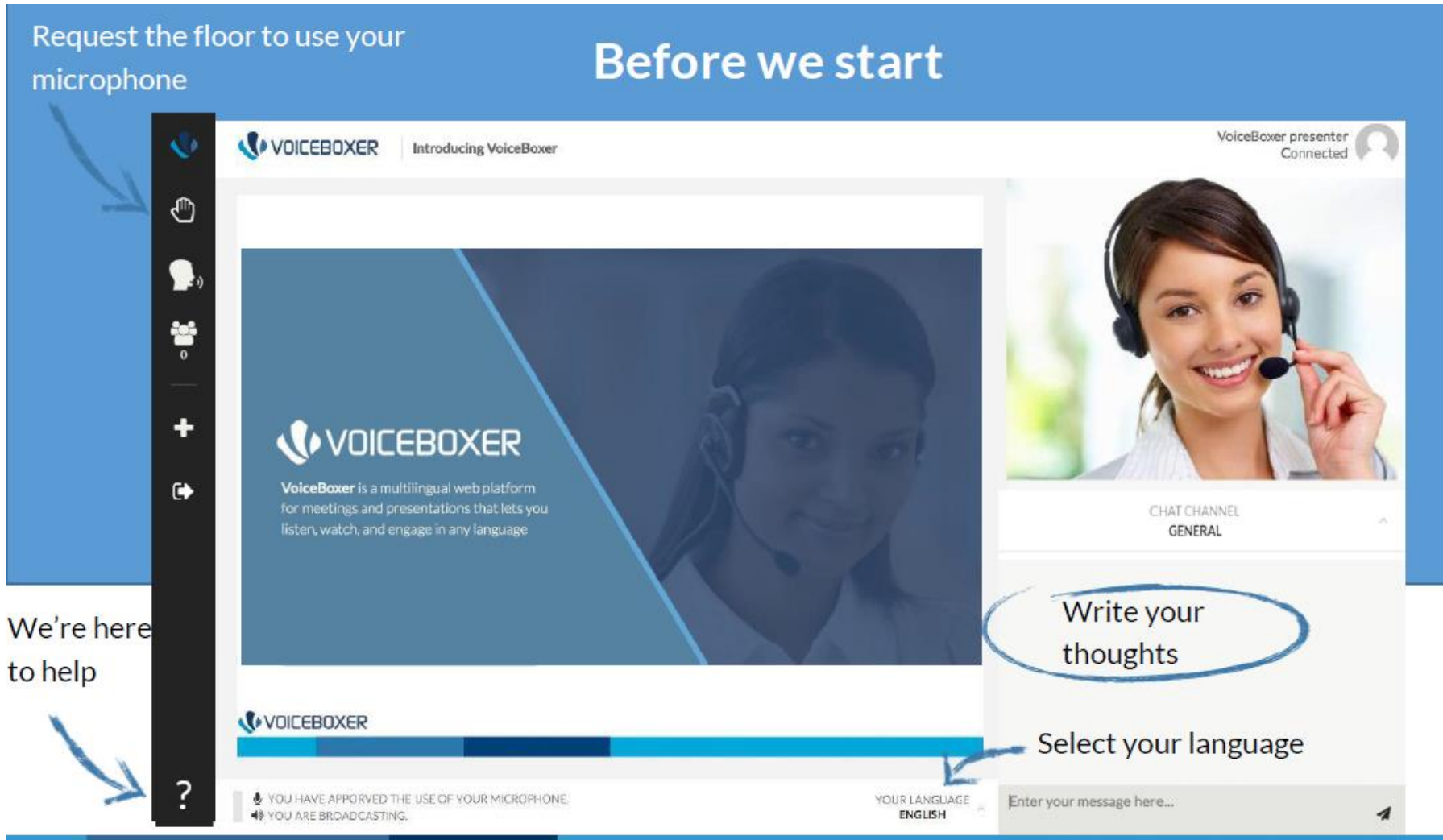
# Health Equity Network of the Americas

Webinar: May 30, 2018  
8 AM PDT / 11 AM EDT



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# Today's Meeting Outcomes

- Network Activities and Developmental Progress
  - Information Exchange
  - Discussion: Policy focus areas for Race/Ethnicity and Indigenous/Immigrant Populations
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# Agenda

- **Welcome – M Rodriguez**
- **ACTION Items from April Webinar**
- **Network Activities**
  - **Governance / Structure Committee – R Saenz**
  - **Advocacy / Communications Committee – E Tarzibachi and A Ritterbusch**
  - **Membership Efforts – M Rodriguez**
  - **Health Inequality Measurement Tool Webinar – M Rodriguez**
- **Issues of Race/Ethnicity/Indigenous/Immigrant Populations**
  - **From PAHO: Policy on Ethnicity and Health – A Coates**
  - **Discussion**
  - **From Colombia: P Murillo**
  - **Discussion**





# ACTION Items from Last Webinar

- Directory of member organizations working in gender equality
    - Research underway
  - Membership Enrollment Form – return yours today!
  - Informational webinar series – thank you to those who have submitted ideas – more needed
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# Reports and Announcements

# NETWORK ACTIVITIES

## Governance Committee

- Maria del Rocio Saenz, MD, MPH  
National University, Costa Rica





## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ACTIVITY (May 2018)



### Governance Committee

- Charter: drafted, vetted, finalized
- Research and application of Network Systems Design
- Monthly meetings underway

### Membership Guidelines

- Drafted, vetted
- New version in development
- Member enrollment underway

### Committees

- Advocacy & Communications
  - Co-chairs & committee appointed
  - Charter: drafted, vetted
  - Monthly meeting: June 18
- Emerging: Research & Policy

# NETWORK ACTIVITIES

## Meet the Advocacy and Communications Committee Co-Chairs

- Ximena Avellaneda; Mexico
- Amy Ritterbusch, Colombia
- Eugenia Tarzibachi, Argentina

Next Meeting: June 18, 2018



## ADVOCACY and COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY (May 2018)



### Committee Organization

- Committee Charter: drafted
- Working groups: Advocacy and Dissemination
- Annual Communications Plan – Network staff
- Monthly meetings underway

### Committee Immediate Priorities

- Mapping of policy priorities across the Americas
- Identifying organizations working on Network priority areas and map to Network efforts
- Developing a plan for supporting public education, public awareness and advocacy campaigns in region
- Develop plan for dissemination activities for the release of the PAHO recommendations expected in fall 2018

# NETWORK NAME

## ENGLISH

Health Equity Network of the Americas



**HENA**

## SPANISH

Red de Equidad en Salud de las Américas



RESA

*Suggestion from Governance Committee:*

Red de las Américas de Equidad en Salud



**RAES**

# NETWORK ANNOUNCEMENT

*First in a series of Informational Webinars*  
**Health Inequalities Data Tool**

**June 18, 12 PM PDT**

**Presented by Network members:**

**Malgorzata Miskurka, PhD**  
**Margo Greenwood, PhD**

*Program of the Public Health Agency of Canada; Pan-Canadian Public Health; Statistics Canada; Canadian Institute for Health Information*

## INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES 2018: HEALTH INEQUALITIES DATA TOOL

Monday, June 18, 2018

12 PM - 1 PM PDT

3 PM - 4 PM EDT

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### Speakers:

Malgorzata Miskurka, PhD  
Public Health Agency of Canada  
Margo Greenwood, PhD  
University of British Columbia



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- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Pan-Canadian Public Health
- Statistics Canada
- Canadian Institute for Health Information



The webinar will be presented in English with simultaneous Spanish translation

- Learn how this user-friendly tool can be applied to measuring health inequalities.
- Discover a web-based tool that provides a portrait of inequalities in social determinants of health and health outcomes across a range of population groups.
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Issues / Policies related to:

Race  
Ethnicity  
Indigenous and Immigrant Populations





Pan American Health Organization

Policy on Ethnicity and Health

Anna Coates, PhD  
United States





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# Policy on Ethnicity and Health

Anna Coates, PhD

Chief, Office of Equity, Gender and Cultural Diversity



## PAHO Normative Frameworks

- **The Health of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas (SAPIA): CD37.R5 (1993); CD40.R6 (1997); CD.47.R18 (2006);**
- **Health and Human Rights (2010): CD 50/12 and CD50.R8;**
- **Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage (CD.53 / 5, CD53.R14)**
- **Strategic Plan 2014-2019 (transversal axes)**
- **Policy on Ethnicity & Health; CSP29/7, Rev 1, 28 September 2017 (original: Spanish)**



## Why a Policy on Ethnicity and Health?

- Expand and update the indigenous health approach  
No conceptual or political document that addressed Ethnicity and Health (either in another UN or WHO agency) and that includes other groups
- Link with World Conference against Racism, Health Agenda of the Americas, ILO Convention 169, UNDRIP, International Decade of Action for People of African Descent, etc.



## Key Elements of the Policy on Ethnicity and Health

- Expand the focus beyond social determinants, highlighting:
  - The relationship between health equity for indigenous peoples, people of African descent and Roma people and discrimination, within a framework of individual and collective rights
  - Differences in conceptualizations and health practices between different groups:
    - Promotion of equality and dialogue between different knowledge systems
    - Consideration of the importance of culture as a resource
    - Need to guarantee the participation of all groups
- **Fundamental axis:** Intercultural approaches so that everyone has access to comprehensive, appropriate, timely, quality, culturally appropriate and safe health services.



# Priority Lines

**1**

## GENERATION OF EVIDENCE

Production and integral management of information

**2**

## POLITICAL ACTION

Promote public policies that address ethnicity from the perspective of the social determinants of health

**3**

## SOCIO-CULTURAL PARTICIPATION

Promote social participation and strategic alliances with ethnic groups in the development of policies and strategies aimed at generating equity

**4**

## TRADITIONAL AND COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE

To promote dialogue for the development and design of policies and programs to include traditional, ancestral and complementary medicines within national health systems

**5**

## INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE

Develop capacities at all levels (institutional and community) to incorporate intercultural approaches in all policies, plans and projects

# Operationalization of the Policy

- ✓ **Indigenous Health Policies / Intercultural Health initiatives:** *Paraguay, El Salvador; Andean Afro-descendant Health Plan*
- ✓ **Development of a Strategy and Plan of Action:** *National, sub-regional consultations being conducted with indigenous, Afro-descendant and Roma peoples during the development process, including specific indicators for strategic lines*
- ✓ **Programmatic examples of intercultural approaches:** *Malaria, reduction of maternal mortality (access to safe blood, culturally safe delivery), TB, HIV, disaster risk reduction, etc.*





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# Thank you

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# DISCUSSION

1. How can the Network assist in the development of PAHO's Policy on Ethnicity & Health?
2. Given the lines of cooperation mentioned, to which ones can the Network contribute?
3. How can the plan of action to operationalize the policy align with Network action?
4. Other observations? Comments?



# Network Members' News

## Afro-Descendant Populations and Public Policies

Pastor Murillo, JD  
*Vice-President of UN-Committee on the Elimination of Racial  
Discrimination  
Colombia*





# 1. Global Context



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Inmigración



Black Pete Holanda



## 2. The Collective Rights of Afro-Descendants

- The Regional Conference of the Americas of Santiago de Chile, 2000
- Third World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia: Durban, 2001.
- Racism and poverty: indicators of inequality facing Afro-descendant people.

- Racism and systemic racial discrimination: affecting quality of life
- CERD General Recommendation No. 34 (2011) defining collective rights of people of African descent, includes:
  - right to prior consultation, which also has support in Ecuador and in Colombia

## 3. Public Policies for Afro-Descendants

### International Framework

- The Sustainable Development Goals.
- The International Decade of Afro-Descendants.
- The International Convention for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
- ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries.
- The Inter-American Convention on Human Rights.
- The Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination
- Multilateral declarations addressing issues facing people of African descent.

## 3. Public Policies for Afro-Descendants

### International Framework, cont

- Drivers of policies for Afro-Descendants: "**constitutionalism of diversity**" and the **demands of social movements**
- Incorporation of **the Afro-descendant variables into national population censuses**. 17 of 20 Latin America nations have begun collecting these data.
- Construction of an **Afro-differential approach** in public policies and adoption of **affirmative action measures** for Afro-descendants

## 4. Key Issues: Advancing Public Policies for Afro-Descendants

1. Recognition of the collective rights of people of African descent.
2. Statistical visibility of the Afro-descendant population
3. Ethnic-Racial Factor: determinant in the quality of life of people of African descent
4. Conceptual/ methodological development of a differential approach, from an Afro-descendant perspective.
5. Articulation of racism and structural racial discrimination, human mobility, and climate change.
6. Racism/ racial discrimination kill: especially women and young people of African descent.
7. Socioeconomic gap and its impact on Afro-Descendants and regional goals.

QUESTIONS for Pastor Murillo?

COMMENTS / OBSERVATIONS?

# REMINDERS

1. Register:  
Health Inequality Measurement Tool  
Informational Webinar:  
Monday, June 18 12pm PDT
2. Network Email address:  
[HealthEquidadNetwork@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:HealthEquidadNetwork@mednet.ucla.edu)





## ACTION!

1. Register and attend Informational Webinar on June 18
2. Submit your membership enrollment form
3. Send specific policies to be addressed in your nation.
4. Share your News and Activities
5. New email address:  
[HealthEquidadNetwork@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:HealthEquidadNetwork@mednet.ucla.edu)







**THANK YOU!**

NEXT MEETING:  
WEDNESDAY, June 27, 2018  
8 AM PDT / 11 AM EDT

