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Health Equity Network of the Americas

Webinar: May 30, 2018
8 AM PDT / 11 AM EDT
Today’s Meeting Outcomes

• Network Activities and Developmental Progress
• Information Exchange
• Discussion: Policy focus areas for Race/Ethnicity and Indigenous/Immigrant Populations
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
Reports and Announcements
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
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

**Spanish**
Red de Equidad en Salud de las Américas

Suggestion from Governance Committee:
Red de las Américas de Equidad en Salud

**ENGLISH**
HENA

**SPANISH**
RESA

**ENGLISH**
RAES

**SPANISH**
RAES
First in a series of Informational Webinars
Health Inequalities Data Tool
June 18, 12 PM PDT
Presented by Network members:

Malgorzata Miszkurka, PhD
Margo Greenwood, PhD

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

REGISTER NOW
Issues / Policies related to:

Race
Ethnicity
Indigenous and Immigrant Populations
Pan American Health Organization

Policy on Ethnicity and Health
Anna Coates, PhD
United States
Policy on Ethnicity and Health

Anna Coates, PhD

Chief, Office of Equity, Gender and Cultural Diversity
PAHO Normative Frameworks


- 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.
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.
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
2. The Collective Rights of Afro-Descendants

- The Regional Conference of the Americas of Santiago de Chile, 2000
- 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


2. Statistical visibility of the Afro-descendant population


5. Articulation of racism and structural racial discrimination, human mobility, and climate change.


7. Socioeconomic gap and its impact on Afro-Descendants and regional goals.
QUESTIONS for Pastor Murillo?

COMMENTS / OBSERVATIONS?
1. Register: Health Inequality Measurement Tool Informational Webinar: Monday, June 18 12pm PDT
2. Network Email address: 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
THANK YOU!

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