**CARIBBEAN WORKSHOP FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF EMTCT PLUS WITHIN**

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (MCH)**

**AGENDA**

**MAY 20-21, 2025**

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| **Day 1: May 20, 2025** | | |
| **Time** | **Activities** | **Facilitator** |
| 8:00 am- 9:00 am | Registration | All |
| 9:00am-9:15am | Welcome  Security Briefing | PAHO Country Office  UNDSS Jamaica |
| 9:15am-9:30am | Introduction of Participants & Objectives of workshop  Expectations of workshop | Dona Da Costa Martinez, Project Manager |
| **Session 1: Elimination of diseases and status of CARICOM Member States** | | |
| 9:30am-10:00am | Elimination of diseases: Integrated approach to the elimination of multi-diseases.   * Presentation * Plenary discussion | Leandro Sereno, Advisor Hepatitis B, PAHO/WHO Headquarters |
| **Session 2: General overview of EMTCT strategy for HIV and syphilis and lessons learned** | | |
| 10:00am-10:45am | EMTCT Experience in the Caribbean: Lessons learned, and challenges identified   * Program and Services   + Presentation   + Plenary discussion * Laboratory services   + Presentation   + Plenary discussion | Sandra Jones, Advisor, PAHO/WHO Caribbean  Valerie Wilson, Director, Caribbean Med Labs Foundation |
| 10:45am-11:00am | Coffee Break |  |
| 11:00am-11:45am | Experiences and lessons learned Continued   * Human Rights, Gender & Community Engagement   + Presentation   + Plenary discussion * Strategic Information/Data Verification   + Presentation   + Plenary discussion | Veronica Cenac, Human Rights Advisor, UNAIDS  Leandro Sereno, Advisor Hepatitis B, PAHO/WHO Headquarters |
| 11:45noon-12:30pm | Advancing the Elimination of the mother-to-child transmission of Hepatitis B   * Presentation * Plenary Discussion   Strategies to close the gaps to achieve the EMTCT of hepatitis B (reflection and identification of next steps) | Leandro Sereno, Advisor Hepatitis B, PAHO/WHO Headquarters  Dr. Karen Broome, Advisor Immunization, PAHO Caribbean |
| 12:30-1:30pm | Lunch |  |
| **Session 3: Sharing of best/good practices to support the strengthening of EMTCT strategy within Member States** | | |
| 1:30pm-3:30pm | Sharing Experiences: Knowledge Café: Countries sharing their experiences on EMTCT   * + Community outreach/follow-up- Jamaica   + National EQA program- Jamaica   + Integration/ MCH leadership-Belize   + Data management *audit/real monitoring*- Belize   + Laboratory legislation/ policy- St. Vincent & Grenadines. | Shanti Singh Coordinator, Knowledge management, PANCAP |
| **Session 4: Identification of good practices to sustain the gains within maternal and child health at national level** | | |
| 3:30pm-4:30pm | Country discussion: Identification of experience to strengthen EMTCT Plus strategy at national level   * Identification of good/best practices that can be adapted by countries * South-south cooperation | Shanti Singh Coordinator, Knowledge management, PANCAP |
| 4:30-m-5:00pm | Plenary discussion: Review of key experience for adaptation  Closure | Shanti Singh Coordinator, Knowledge management, PANCAP |
| **Day 2: May 21, 2025** | | |
| **Session 5: Strengthening, expanding and sustaining the EMTCT gains within MCH** | | |
| 9:00am-9:45am | Scale-up testing at ANC clinics: Use of Rapid test as Point of Care, strategies to utilize PoC and EQA guidelines   * + Presentation   + Plenary discussion | Valerie Wilson, Director, Caribbean Med Labs Foundation |
| 9:45am-10:30am | Strengthening surveillance and monitoring systems for syphilis: Utilization of the perinatal information system (SIP) for EMTCT.  Presentations: Indicators and functionalities of SIP   * Country Experience utilizing SIP: Trinidad and Tobago * Plenary discussion | Mariana Gonzales, Consultant, Women’s, Maternal, Neonatal and Reproductive Health, PAHO/WHO  Roma Bridgelal-Nagassar, Manager, Medical Research Audit, Directorate of Women’s Health  All |
| 10:30am-10:45am | Coffee Break |  |
| **Session 6: Norms, guidance and tool to strengthen the EMTCT Plus Services within MCH** | | |
| 10:45am-11:30am | Generic protocols and guidelines for adaptation by Member States   * + Guidelines for the clinical management of HIV, syphilis, & HBV   + STI guidelines (Syphilis and hepatitis B) | Sandra Jones, Advisor, PAHO/WHO Caribbean  Valerie Wilson, Director, Caribbean Med Labs Foundation |
| 11:30am-12:00pm | Maintenance of the EMTCT gains at national level   * + Guidance for the monitoring of the EMTCT strategy; Guyana Experience   + Attainment and Maintenance of EMTCT Plus | Dr. Nicholas Elliott, Maternal and Child Health, Ministry of Health Guyan  Sandra Jones, Advisor, PAHO/WHO Caribbean |
| **12:00pm-1:00pm** | **Lunch** |  |
| **Session 7: Project implementation within CARICOM Member States & Territories** | | |
| 1:00pm-2:00pm | Defining national priorities aligned to project deliverables:   1. South-south cooperation 2. In-country capacity building 3. Laboratory Support (RT) 4. Surveillance 5. Technical support for countries to advance EMTCT validation of HIV and syphilis 6. EMTCT of hepatitis B | PAHO Advisors:  Sandra Jones  Leandro  Karen Broome |
| 2:00pm-2:30pm | Support to countries for EMTCT Plus   * Community of Practice (CoP) * Communication * Identification of capacity building   + Webinars   + Credits for national training on EMTCT | Shanti Singh Coordinator, Knowledge management, PANCAP |
| 2:30pm-3:30pm | Development of national plan to strengthen EMTCT Plus | Dona Da Costa Martinez, Project Manager |
| 3:30pm-4:00pm | Next Steps & Closure (this will include date for next regional webinar/training) | Sandra Jones, Leandro Sereno, PAHO/WHO |
| 4:00pm-4:30pm | Evaluation of workshop | Dona Da Costa Martinez, Project Manager |