**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 | WelcomeSecurity Briefing | PAHO Country OfficeUNDSS Jamaica |
| 9:15am-9:30am | Introduction of Participants & Objectives of workshopExpectations 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 CaribbeanValerie 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, UNAIDSLeandro 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 HeadquartersDr. 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 adaptationClosure | 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/WHORoma Bridgelal-Nagassar, Manager, Medical Research Audit, Directorate of Women’s HealthAll |
| 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 CaribbeanValerie 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 GuyanSandra 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 JonesLeandroKaren 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 |