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**CARIBBEAN PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY
(CARPHA)**
in partnership with
Public Health England

AGENDA

**Commonwealth Laboratory Twinning Workshop:
Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance in the Caribbean**

December 9-10, 2014

**Trinidad Hilton & Conference Centre
La Boucan Room
Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago**



Workshop objectives:

- To raise awareness of AMR and strengthen liaison and coordination with key stakeholders in the Caribbean;
 - To determine opportunities to build and strengthen networks;
 - To build a shared understanding of the AMR situation in the Caribbean and the opportunities for mitigating and overcoming the broad based threats and challenges of AMR;
 - To identify the initial key steps required to strengthen public health microbiology laboratories, laboratory based data quality, surveillance capacity, epidemiological expertise, prevention and control of health care associated infections, and antimicrobial stewardship;
 - To develop a practical roadmap for implementation and coordination of activities to combat AMR in the Caribbean.
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Day 2: Wednesday December 10, 2014 Cont'd.

10:15 – 10:45am **COFFEE BREAK**

10:45 – 12:00noon

SESSION 9:

Technical and policy perspectives within the Caribbean

Presentations by Member States

Plenary Discussion

12:00 – 12:50pm

LUNCH

12:50 – 2:15pm

SESSION 10:

GROUP WORK:

Infection prevention and control in the context of AMR and Antibiotic stewardship

2:15 – 3:15pm

SESSION 11:

Plenary feedback session

3:15 – 3:45pm

COFFEE BREAK

WORKSHOP CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS

3:45 – 5:00pm

SESSION 12:

Summary of learning from the workshop

Plenary discussion on road map, next steps and report

Closing remarks

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8:15 – 8:30 **SESSION 7:**

Summary and recap of Day 1 (microbiology and surveillance section)

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC) & ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP SECTION

8:30 – 10:00am **SESSION 8:**

Presentations: Regional and international experiences

Regional experience

CARPHA: Dr Lisa Indar - Programme Coordinator,
Tourism and Health
*Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring in Integrated Food
Borne Disease Surveillance in the Caribbean*

PAHO: Dr. Alexandra Vokaty - Regional Advisor,
Veterinary Public Health
One Health Approach to Antimicrobial Resistance

University of the West Indies: Dr. Francis Dziva - Senior Lecturer,
Faculty of Medical Sciences
Antibiotic Resistance - Linking Human & Animal Health

International experience

PHE: Dr Susan Hopkins
Consultant, Infectious Diseases & Epidemiology
IPC: Role, Competencies & Quality Indicators

PHAC: Jacqueline Arthur - Manager, Strategic Issues, Centre for
Communicable Diseases and Infection Control
*Overview of Canada's Federal Actions to Address
Antimicrobial Resistance and Antibiotic Stewardship*

Questions and Answers

Day 1: Tuesday December 9, 2014

07:45 – 8:15am **Registration**

WORKSHOP LAUNCH EVENT

8:15 – 8:50am **SESSION 1:**

**Welcome from the Executive Director of the Caribbean
Public Health Agency**
Dr. C. James Hospedales

**Welcome and Introduction to the Commonwealth
laboratory twinning initiative to combat AMR from Public
Health England's Director of International Public Health**
Professor Anthony Kessel

Welcome from the Pan American Health Organization
Dr. Bernadette Theodore-Gandi, PAHO/WHO Representative,
Trinidad and Tobago

Welcome from the Minister of Health, Trinidad and Tobago
The Honourable Dr. Fuad Khan

Workshop programme overview
Dr. Babatunde Olowokure, Director,
Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control, CARPHA

08:50 – 09:00am **COFFEE BREAK**

Day 1: Tuesday December 9, 2014 Cont'd.

MICROBIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE SECTION

9:00 – 10:45am **SESSION 2:**

Introduction of participants

Regional and International Experience

Regional experience

- CARPHA: Dr Cristina Gutierrez - Director, Laboratory Services
Surveillance of AMR and laboratory networking in the Caribbean

Questions and Answers

International experience

- PHE: Professor Neil Woodford - Head, Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infections Reference Unit (AMRHAU)
The role of an AMR Reference Laboratory
- PHE: Dr Susan Hopkins
Consultant, Infectious Diseases & Epidemiology
Surveillance and its effective use to monitor and prevent infectious diseases
- PHAC: Dr Michael Mulvey - Chief, Antimicrobial Resistance and Nosocomial Infections
Surveillance of Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in Canada: Current Activities and Future Directions

Questions and Answers

10:45 – 11:00 am **COFFEE BREAK**

Day 1: Tuesday December 9, 2014 Cont'd.

11:00 – 12:00noon **SESSION 3:**

Technical and policy perspectives within the Caribbean

Presentations by Member States

Plenary Discussion

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

12:30 – 1:30pm **LUNCH**

1:30 – 2:35pm **SESSION 4:**

GROUP WORK: Microbiology / Laboratories

2:35 – 3:45pm **SESSION 5:**

GROUP WORK: Surveillance / Epidemiology

3:45 – 4:00pm **COFFEE BREAK**

4:00 – 5:00pm **SESSION 6:**

Plenary feedback session

06:30 – 08:30pm **Cocktail Reception - British Residence**