



Caribbean
Public Health
Agency

CARPHA

12th Meeting

Caribbean National Epidemiologists

and

Laboratory Directors

**Hyatt Regency Trinidad
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago**

September 17-19

2014

Agenda



**12th Meeting
Caribbean National Epidemiologists
& Laboratory Directors**

Objectives:

- To share core areas and responsibilities of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)
- To update on areas of technical cooperation with region and promote cross-fertilisation between different disciplines
- To strengthen collaboration and networking between and within Member States and CARPHA
- To discuss current public health events and emergencies
- To provide a forum to share knowledge and experiences

Areas of Focus :

- CARPHA Core Duties
- CARPHA Package of Surveillance Services
- Data Quality and Importance of Health Information
- Surveillance Forms
- NCD Minimum Dataset Implementation
- Regional Health Security
- International Health Regulations
- Chikungunya and Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness
- Research and Monitoring and Evaluation



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

JOINT PLENARY

Port of Spain Ballroom

Chairperson – Dr Vishwanath Partapsingh, Trinidad & Tobago

MORNING SESSION

Opening Session

7.45 - 8.00 Registration

8.00 - 9.45 Welcome and Greetings

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| 8.05 | Welcome | Ms. Carlon Kirton
CARPHA |
| Greetings from: | | |
| 8.10 | - Caribbean Community | Dr. Rudolph Cummings
Programme Manager,
CARICOM |
| 8.15 | - Ministry of Health
Trinidad and Tobago | The Hon. Dr Faud Khan
Minister of Health
Trinidad and Tobago |
| 8.20 | - CARPHA | Dr. Babatunde Olowokure
Director SDPC
CARPHA |
| 8.25 | Meeting Objectives
Introduction of participants & observers
Progress on 2010/2011 Recommendations | Ms. Marsha Ivey &
Dr. Babatunde Olowokure
CARPHA |

9.45 - 11.00 *CARPHA Package of Services*

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| 9.45 | CARPHA Overview | Mr. Jenner Caprice
Director Corporate Services
CARPHA |
| 9.55 | Research and Policy Development Unit
(REPDU)
-Overview of Core Activities | Dr. Karen Pierre
CARPHA |

10.05 COFFEE BREAK

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| 10.35 | Surveillance, Disease Prevention and
Control (SDPC)
-Overview of Core Activities | Dr. Babatunde Olowokure
Director SDPC, CARPHA |
| 10.45 | Plenary Discussion | |

11.00 - 12.30 *Other CARPHA Initiatives*

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| 11.00 | Caribbean Regional Field Epidemiology &
Laboratory Training Programme (FELTP) | Ms. Lisa Hansen
CARPHA |
| 11.10 | Implementation of the Caribbean Regional
FELTP: The Barbados Experience | Dr. Karen Springer
Barbados |
| 11.20 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |
| 11.35 | Climate Change, Health and Sustainable
Development | Dr. Christopher Cox
CARPHA |
| 11.45 | Surveillance and Ambient Air Quality: The
Effect of Sub-Saharan Dust in Barbados | Dr. Edmund Blades
Barbados |
| 11.55 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |

12.15 - 2.00 LUNCH & PHOTO SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairperson – Ms Claudette Williams, St Vincent & the Grenadines

2.00 - 3.00 *Other CARPHA Initiatives cont'd*

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| 2.00 | Tourism & Health Programme
<i>[video presentation and e-link discussion]</i> | Dr. Lisa Indar
CARPHA |
| 2.15 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |
| 2.30 | Drug Testing Laboratory (DTL) | Dr. Lucette Cargill
CARPHA |
| 2.45 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |

3.00 - 5.00 *Strengthening Surveillance and Networks*

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| 3.00 | Background on Argentine Collaboration | Ms. Renée Franklin-Peroune
CARPHA |
| 3.10 | Strengthening Medicines Regulation | Dr. Lucette Cargill
CARPHA |
| 3.20 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |



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3.30 - 3.45 B R E A K

Strengthening Surveillance and Networks cont'd

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| 3.45 | Strengthening Laboratories for Antimicrobial Resistance Detection and Surveillance | Dr. Cristina Gutierrez
CARPHA |
| 3.55 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |
| 4.15 | Improving Systems for NCD Surveillance in Selected CMS | Dr. Glennis Andall-Brereton
CARHPA |
| 4.25 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |
| 4.45 | Reducing Trans Fats, Salt and Sugars for the Prevention and Control of NCDs in the Caribbean | Ms. Christine Bocage
CARPHA |
| 4.55 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |
| 5.15 | END OF SESSION | |

5.15-6.15 Banking

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

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Chairperson - Dr. Stephen King, St Lucia

MORNING SESSION

8.30 - 9.30 Surveillance Data and Data Quality

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| Data Quality, Timeliness & Decision Making | - Health Information | Ms. Angela Hinds
CARPHA |
| | - Laboratory Services | Ms. Sacha Wallace-Sankarsingh
CARPHA |
| Plenary Discussion | | |

9.30 - 12.30 Focal Point Working Groups by Area

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| Laboratory Directors | -Caribbean Public Health Laboratory Network, Survey Results, TAC feedback | Drs. Cristina Gutierrez
& Lucette Cargill
CARPHA |
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| National Epidemiologist | - Surveillance Forms & Reporting | Dr. Avery Hinds
& Ms. Marsha Ivey
CARPHA |
| | - Mortality | |

Siparia Room

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| Non-Communicable Diseases Focal Points | -NCD and Nutrition Surveillance | Dr. Glennis Andall-Brereton
& Ms. Christine Bocage
CARPHA |
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12.30 - 2.00 LUNCH

2.00 - 3.00 Feedback to Plenary from Working Groups

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Chairperson – Dr. Aiesha Andrewin, Anguilla

AFTERNOON SESSION

3.00 - 5.30 *Areas of Special Focus*

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| 3.00 | Violence and Injury Prevention | Dr. Glennis Andall-Brereton
CARPHA |
| 3.15 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |
| 3.30 | Public Health Laboratory Policies | Dr. Cristina Gutierrez
CARPHA |
| 3.45 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |

4.00 **BREAK**

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| 4.30 | Strengthening Vector Control:
Chikungunya and Dengue | Dr. Christian Frederickson
CARPHA |
| 4.45 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |
| 5.00 | HIV Case Based Surveillance
- The Caribbean Situation | Dr. Avery Hinds
CARPHA |
| | - Implementation in the OECS | Mr. Ranford Ricketts
Dominica |
| 5.15 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |

5.30 **END OF SESSION**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

JOINT PLENARY

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Chairperson – Prof. John Lindo, Jamaica

MORNING SESSION

8.30 - 11.00 *Regional Health Security*

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| 8.30 | Regional Health Security: A Framework for
the Caribbean | Dr. Babatunde Olowokure
CARPHA |
| 8.45 | Regional Progress on IHR core capacities | Dr. Roberta Andraghetti
PAHO/WHO |
| 9.00 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |
| 9.20 | Overview of Communicable Disease Events
2013/2014 | Dr. Avery Hinds
CARPHA |
| 9.35 | Chikungunya - The Trinidad Experience | Ms. Nuala Ramkisson
Trinidad and Tobago |
| 9.45 | Plenary Discussion
Session agreements and Recommendations | |

10.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

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| 10.30 | Ebola Preparation in Barbados | Dr. Karen Springer
Barbados |
| 10.40 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |

11.00 - 11.45 *Developing a Data Sharing Policy*

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| 11.15 | CARPHA Draft Framework/Policy Outline | Ms. Sarah Crooks
CARPHA |
| 11.00 | The Canadian Experience - The Public
Health Agency Canada | Ms. Rhonda Kropp
PHAC, Canada |
| 11.30 | Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations | |

12.00 - 1.30 **LUNCH**

CARPHA Surveillance Awards 2014



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Chairperson – Ms Dorothea Hazel, Montserrat

AFTERNOON SESSION

1.30 - 3.00 *Research, Monitoring & Evaluation*

1.30 Ethics for Public Health Dr. Derrick Aarons
CARPHA

1.50 Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations

2.05 Monitoring and Evaluation Mr. Erin Blake
CARPHA

2.25 Plenary Discussion
Session Agreements & Recommendations

Meeting Evaluation

3.00 *Closing Remarks* Dr. James Hospedales
Executive Director
CARPHA

*****END OF MEETING*****

4.00 - 6.00 *SPECIAL SESSION* Port of Spain Ballroom

**IHR and Ebola Virus Disease Dr. Roberta Andraghetti
PAHO/WHO**

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