

**PROGRAMME**  
**15<sup>th</sup> CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL HEALTH FINANCING INITIATIVES**

**BUCARAMANGA, COLOMBIA, October 4-7, 2023**

**THEME – Health Financing in the Caribbean: Optimizing Efficiency in Governance and Public-Private Partnerships**

Pre-Conference Day: October 3rd, 2023		
TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
5.30p - 7.30p	Early Registration	Hotel Punta Diamante; Hotel Sonesta
Day 1: October 4th, 2023		
Opening Programme – Host: Hospital Internacional de Colombia-Fundación Cardiovascular de Colombia (HIC-FCV)		
7.00a - 8.15	Registration	Conference Secretariat
8.15 - 8.25	Call to Order and Security Protocols	Ms Pilar Salcedo, Master of Ceremony
8.25 - 8.30	Welcome Message	Mrs Maria Paula Cornejo, Director of International Services and FCV Conference Coordinator
8.30 - 8.35	National Anthem of Colombia and Anthem of Santander	Videos
8.35 - 8.40	Invocation/Prayer	Priest
8.40 - 8.45	Vote of Thanks and Introduction of Conference Team	Dr Victor Castillo, President, HIC-FCV
8.45 - 8.50	Welcome Video and Advertorial on Bucaramanga and HIC-FCV	HIC-FCV
8.50 - 9.05	Address and Formal Opening of Conference	Mr Juan Carlos Cardenas, Mayor of Bucaramanga
9.05 - 9.10	Conference Remarks	Mr Shaun Malcolm, Honourable Minister of Health, Turks and Caicos Islands
9:10 - 9:15	Conference Remarks	Professor Karl Theodore on behalf of Dr Althea La Foucade, Director, The University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics, Trinidad and Tobago
9.15 - 9.25	Overview of 15 <sup>th</sup> Conference Programme	Dr Stanley Lalta, Programme Coordinator
9.25 - 9.30	Cultural Item	HIC-FCV
9.30 - 9.45	<b>Group Photograph—HIC-FCV Conference Official Photographer</b>	
9.45 - 10.00	<b>BREAK</b>	
TIME	PRESENTER	PRESENTATION
Session 1: Chairperson—Dr Robin Roberts, The Bahamas Objective: Highlighting Core Challenges, Linkages and Lessons of Experience on Health Financing, Governance and Public-Private Partnerships		
10.00 - 10.30	Dr Ricky Brathwaite, Bermuda	Legislation and Governance in Bermuda Health Financing System
10.30 - 11.00	Dr Anco Ringeling, Consultant	Health Care Procurement: A Challenging Endeavour
11.00 - 11.30	Dr Ramon Abel Castaño, Colombia	Thirty Years of Health Financing Reforms and the Mandatory Health Insurance Plan (POS) in Colombia: Lessons of Experience

<b>11.30 - 12.00</b>	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>12.00 - 1.00p</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>Session 2: Panel 1: Chairperson—Dr Guillermo Sandoval, PAHO</b>		
<b>Objective: Country Experiences—Governance of Health Financing Plans</b>		
<b>1.00 - 1.20</b>	Dr Dexter James, Consultant	Innovations in Partner Financing—Evidence for Public Health Practice
<b>1.20 - 1.40</b>	Ms Wendy Jackson on behalf of Mr Kevin Silston, Antigua and Barbuda	Legislation and Governance in Medical Benefits Scheme, Antigua and Barbuda
<b>1.40 - 2.00</b>	Ms Eliana Florez, Curacao	Legislation and Governance in Basic Health Insurance (CURE/SZV), Curacao
<b>2.00 - 2.20</b>	Ms Christy Butler, The Bahamas	Legislation and Governance in National Health Insurance, The Bahamas
<b>2.20 - 2.45</b>	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>2.45 - 3.00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 3: Panel 2: Chairperson—Mrs. Patricia Edwards-Wescott, UWI-HEU</b>		
<b>Objective: Updates from Selected Countries on Health Financing Progress</b>		
<b>3.00 - 3.20</b>	Mr Clifford Griffin, Coordinator of Universal Health Financing, St Kitts and Nevis	Progress Towards Universal Health Financing in St Kitts and Nevis
<b>3.20 - 3.40</b>	Ms Lauren Blanchard, Chief Health Planner (Ag.), St Lucia	Advancing Action Towards Universal Health Insurance in St Lucia
<b>3.40 - 4.10</b>	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>5.00 - 8.00p</b>	<b>CONFERENCE WELCOME RECEPTION – CIE Terrace</b>	
<b>Day 2: October 5th, 2023</b>		
<b>Session 4: Panel 3: Chairperson—Dr Ronald Georges, Virgin Islands (UK)</b>		
<b>Objective: Public-Private Partnerships in Health –What Works, What Does Not (1)</b>		
<b>8.30a - 8.50</b>	Dr Robin Roberts, UWI, The Bahamas	Public-Private Partnerships in Health—Lessons from The Bahamas
<b>8.50 - 9.10</b>	Dr Victor Castillo, HIC-FCV, Colombia	HIC-FCV's Experience and Best Practices with Payers (Insurers & Governments) for Overseas Patients
<b>9.10 - 9.30</b>	Dr Ramon Figueroa, NHI Belize	Contracting NHIP's Services - Comparing Public and Private Health Providers
<b>9.30 - 9.50</b>	Dr Kester Nedd, JIPA	Public-Private Partnering to Achieve Sustainability in Health Care
<b>9.50 - 10.15</b>	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>10.15 - 10.30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 5: Panel 4: Chairperson—Dr Lex de Jong, Aruba</b>		
<b>Objective: Public-Private Partnerships in Health—What Works, What Does Not (2)</b>		
<b>10.30 - 10.50</b>	Ms Charlene Bain, Ministry of Health, The Bahamas	Partnering with Communities to Advance Health for All in The Bahamas
<b>10.50 - 11.10</b>	Ms Shakira Mascoll, Ministry of Health, Barbados	Contracting Private Providers for Specialist Care in Barbados
<b>11.10 - 11.30</b>	Mr Roy Barry, NHI, Virgin Islands	Contracting Local and Overseas Providers in the BVI-NHI Program
<b>11.30 - 11.50</b>	Mr Sergio Ruiz, FCV	Activities of the FCV Institute for Ambulatory and Preventive Medicine
<b>11.50 - 12.15</b>	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>12.15 - 1.00p</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	

<b>Session 6: Panel 5: Chairperson—Dr Heather Harewood, Barbados</b> <b>Objective: New Directions in Health Financing (1)</b>		
<b>1.00 - 1.20</b>	Dr Guillermo Sandoval, PAHO	PAHO's Strategic Plans for the Caribbean with Focus on Health Financing Programs
<b>1.20 - 1.40</b>	Mrs Mary Miller Sallah, Brooks Health Group	Building Management and Clinical Process Capacity Among Caribbean Health Providers to Serve Residents and Medical Tourists
<b>1.40 - 2.00</b>	Ms Charmaine Metivier and Mrs Patricia Edwards-Wescott, UWI-HEU	Findings From WHO's Health Financing Policy Evaluations in the Caribbean
<b>2.00 - 2.30</b>	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>2.30 - 2.45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 7: Hospital Tour</b>		
<b>2.45 - 4.00</b>	<b>FCV HOSPITAL TOUR</b>	
<b>7.00 - 9.00p</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	
<b>Day 3: October 6th, 2023</b>		
<b>Session 8: Panel 6: Moderators—Dr Stanley Lalta and Dr Heather Harewood</b> <b>Objective: Strengthening Preparedness and Responsiveness of Health Financing Systems</b>		
<b>8.30a - 10.00</b>	PANEL DISCUSSION—Dr Ricky Brathwaite, Dr Victor Castillo, Ms Jeanine Constansia-Kook, Ms Charlene Bain, Dr Lex de Jong	Health Financing Systems: Anticipating Challenges, Building Resilience (Epidemiology, Technology, Economics, Climate Change, Human Rights) in the Caribbean
<b>10.00 - 10.15</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 9: Chairperson—Ms Lauren Blanchard, St Lucia</b> <b>Objective: New Directions in Health Financing (2)</b>		
<b>10.15 - 10.30</b>	Ms Lillian Misick, NHIP, Turks and Caicos Islands	Challenges and Plans for the Second Decade of NHIP
<b>10.30 - 10.50</b>	Ms Peeta Gay Thompson and Mr Chad-Rick White, Ministry of Health, Jamaica	Recent Health Financing Plans and Key Public-Private Partnerships in Jamaica
<b>10.50 - 11.10</b>	Mr Brian Hogan, Mitantech	Key Features and Indicators of a Robust (Winning) Health Financing Plan
<b>11.10 - 11.30</b>	Ms Renee Thomas Venugopal and Ms Leselle Pierre-Romain, St George's University, Grenada	Findings from Survey of Private Health Insurance in Grenada
<b>11.30 - 11.35</b>	Ms Patricia Edwards-Wescott, UWI-HEU	UWI-HEU Research Programme on Social Security and Health in the Caribbean
<b>11.35 - 11.45</b>	<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>11.45 - 12.00</b>	Conference Coordinator's Progress Report - Dr Stanley Lalta	
<b>12.00 - 12.20</b>	<b>OPEN MIKE COMMENTS</b>	
<b>12.20 - 12.30</b>	<b>CLOSURE OF CONFERENCE</b>	
<b>12.30 - 1.30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
	<b>OPEN AFTERNOON</b>	
<b>6.30 - 9.30p</b>	<b>FAREWELL EVENT - BucaraNight</b>	
<b>Day 4: October 7th, 2023</b>		
<b>8:00a - 4.00p</b>	Sponsored Event - Coffee Tour at El Roble Farm & Chicamocha National Park	