

## Flagship Course for Latin America and the Caribbean: Agenda, March 10 – 13 March, 2015

Session	Day 1-Tuesday 10	Day 2-Miércoles 11	Day 3-Jueves 12	Day 4-Viernes 13
Morning 1 8:30 – 10:00am	<b>Universal health coverage (UHC): Challenges —Bitrán</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defining UHC</li> <li>When can we say a country has achieved UHC? Examples.</li> <li>Challenges for UHC worldwide</li> <li>Challenges for UHC in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)</li> </ul> D1S1	<b>Mobilizing resources—Glassman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financing sources: advantages in disadvantages</li> <li>Health financing in participating countries over the past decade: National Health Funds</li> <li>Comparative study of health financing in LAC</li> </ul> D2S1	<b>Health coverage for informal sector workers (ISW)—Bitrán</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do we know about ISW in LAC countries (economic activities, size, income, health status, health spending, etc.)?</li> <li>Efforts to date to cover ISW, successes, and barriers. Coverage policies.</li> </ul> D3S1	<b>**8:30 – 9:30**</b> <b>Costing of health benefits plans. Examples from Latin America and other developing countries —Bitrán and Vaughan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why use a costing tool?</li> <li>How to use a costing tool</li> <li>Examples of costing</li> </ul> D4S1
Break	10:00 – 10:30			PAUSA **9:30 – 10 :00**
Morning 2 10:30 – 12:00)	<b>Healthy policy and UHC: The “Flagship” focus—Bitrán</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate and final objectives</li> <li>Policy “control knobs:” financing, payment, organization, regulation, persuasion</li> <li>The WHO “Building Blocks” model</li> <li>The underlying concern with equity</li> <li>Examples</li> <li>Concept surrounding UHC</li> </ul> D1S2	<b>Case studies: Mobilizing resources for health reform in a decentralized system—Bitrán</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thailand</li> <li>Brazil</li> <li>Colombia</li> <li>Mexico</li> <li>Chile</li> <li>Lessons learned</li> </ul> D2S2	<b>Monitoring and evaluation (M &amp; E) of variables relevant to UHC—Glassman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definition of M&amp;E</li> <li>Sources of data, design, and implementation of an M&amp;E system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required resources, time, institutional requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul> D3S2	<b>**10:00 – 11:30**</b> <b>Progress towards UHC in a fragmented and decentralized system Where to aim and which path to follow?—Bossert</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fragmentation in LAC health systems</li> <li>How have other countries handled fragmentation and decentralization while advancing towards UHC?</li> <li>Lessons learned</li> </ul> D4S2
Lunch	12:00 – 13:30			ALMUERZO **12:00 – 13:00**
Afternoon 1 13:30 – 15:00	<b>Equity and efficiency in health—Bitrán and Glassman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inequity and inequality: definitions</li> <li>Degree of inequity and inequality in LAC</li> <li>Policy options for reducing inequity and inequality</li> <li>Examples of successful policies in LAC</li> <li>Comparisons between inequities and inequalities in the 7 participating countries</li> </ul> D1S3	<b>Measuring in the financing gap—Bitrán</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much financing is needed to achieve UHC?</li> <li>Is there a financing gap, and how big is it?</li> <li>What opportunities are there for savings through greater efficiency?</li> <li>Fiscal space</li> </ul> D2S3	<b>Establishing priorities: definition, implementation of a health benefits plan —Giedion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy objectives pursued for developing benefits plans</li> <li>Existing benefits plans in Latin America</li> <li>Costing a benefits plan</li> <li>Barriers to implementation</li> </ul> D3S3	<b>**13:00 – 14:00**</b> <b>Payment for performance (PFP) - Bitrán</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objectives of a payment method. Definition of PFP</li> <li>Payment methods &amp; PFP in 5 Latin American countries</li> <li>Problems with existing methods.</li> <li>Policy perspectives on adopting PFP in participating countries</li> </ul> D4S3
Break	15:00 – 15:30			•
Afternoon 2 15:30 – 17:00	<b>Roundtable: How to improve health equity in participating countries? —Leader: Glassman; Participants: Valdivieso, Lion, Tuchman, Bitrán</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion with national and international experts.</li> </ul> Welcome dinner: Tuesday 10, 19:00, Marriott Hotel D1S4	<b>Case study: Identifying cost savings and increase revenues for the health system in a LAC country (Glassman and Vaughan) —Glassman and Vaughan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group work</li> <li>Plenary debate presentation</li> </ul> D2S4	<b>Case study: options for covering ISWs in 5 LAC countries—Giedion and Vaughan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group work</li> <li>Plenary debate presentation</li> </ul> D3S4	<b>****14:00 – 15:00</b> <b>CONCLUSIONS: How do we make progress? —Bitrán</b> <b>Action plans for achieving UHC in 5 LAC countries: short-, medium-, and long-term policy actions.15:00 End of course.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand out course certificates</li> <li>Turn in evaluations</li> </ul> D4S4