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“Agriculture and Health: Alliance for Equity and Rural Development in the Americas”

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AGENDA Gávea Auditorium A and B

Wednesday, June 11

- 8:00 **Registration**
- 8:30 **Preliminary Meeting of Heads of Delegation**
Election of the President, Vice-Presidents, and the Rapporteur
- 9:00 **Opening Ceremony**
1. Inaugural lecture
Development of agrofood chains: socioeconomic and environmental challenges, and windows of opportunity for equitable development and health
Jeffrey Max Jones, Undersecretary of Agribusiness Promotion, Mexico’s Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries, and Food (SAGARPA)
 2. Report of the COHEFA 11 Meeting
 3. Report of the COPAIA 5 Meeting
 4. Report from IICA on the mandates of the Ministerial Meetings on “Agriculture and Rural Life”
 5. PAHO/WHO Report on the Technical Cooperation in Veterinary Public Health Program
- 11:15 **AGROHEALTH FORUM**
6. Forum’s opening session:
Health and Animal Production in Brazil and South America: strong points, challenges and opportunities
Inácio Afonso Kroetz, Secretariat of Animal and Plant Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply, Brazil

Panel 1: Facing New Challenges: *Climate Change, Food Security, and Economic Growth*

Coordinator: Benjamín Dixon Cunningham, Vice Minister of Livestock and Forestry of Nicaragua

Rapporteur: Hon. Douglas Slater, Minister of Health, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

6.1 **Five years of economic growth in the Americas: *contribution of the agricultural and livestock sector to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG)***

Christopher Hansen, Sub General Director of IICA

6.2 **Rising Food Prices: *Latin American and Caribbean context and strategies***

José Graziano da Silva, FAO's Regional Representative in Latin America and the Caribbean

6.3 **Climate Change: *impact on the environment, agriculture, and health***

Jorge Monge, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica.

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Panel 2: Nutrition, Food Safety, and Health: *how to meet the new challenges***

Coordinator: Hon. Celsius Waldo Waterberg, Minister of Health, Suriname

Rapporteur: Dr. Miguel Ángel Pangrazio Vera, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Paraguay.

6.4 **Food Safety and Nutrition: *planning synergic strategies***

Jorgen Schlundt, Director, Department of Food Safety, Zoonoses and Foodborne Diseases,

World Health Organization (OMS)

6.5 **Food Safety and Health: *current situation and new paradigms***

Javier Ernesto Hernández, Director General of Environmental Health, Ministry of Health, Peru

6.6 **Fresh Produce Safety**

Nega Baru, Director, Office of Food Safety, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

6.7 **Agriculture, Nutrition and Health: *Cuba's Experience***

Emerio F. Serrano Ramírez, General Director, of Veterinary Medicine Institute, Ministry of Agriculture of Cuba

6.8 **The Americas Free of Trans Fats: *Canadian's Experience***

Janet Beauvais, General Director of the Food Directorate, Ministry of Health, Canada

Thursday, June 12

- 09:00 **Panel 3: Rural Development and Health: *Targeting efforts for social inclusion***
Coordinator: Dr. Bautista Rojas Gómez, Secretary of State of the Health of Dominican Republic
Rapporteur: Dra. Helia Molina, Chief of Division of Healthy Policies and Promotion of Chile
- 6.9 **Agrotourism, Ecotourism, Sustainable Tourism and Health: *Opportunities for rural development and sanitary challenges. The case of Jamaica***
Hugh Cresser, Deputy Chief of Party for the USAID funded “Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Community Tourism Project” in Jamaica
- 6.10 **Health in Rural Areas.**
María Julia Muñoz, Minister of Public Health, Uruguay
- 6.11 **Equitable health care: *neglected diseases in neglected populations***
Ricardo Cañizares, Regional Undersecretary of Coast-Insular Health, Minister of Public Health, Ecuador
- 6.12 **Zoonosis and Public Health Emergency**
Wanderson Cléber de Oliveira, Coordinator of the Center of Strategic Information on the Health, Ministry of Health, Brazil
- 13:30 Lunch
- 14:00 **CAUCUS OF MINISTERS**

Opening
José Gomes Temporão, Minister of State of the Health, Brazil
Reinhold Stephanes, Minister of State of the Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, Brazil

Discussion and Agreements
Declaration of Rio de Janeiro
- 16:00 **CLOSURE**