Thematic Discussion “Strengthening regional and national emergency preparedness”

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Dr. Mariana Faria is a lawyer, specialist in Health Law; she has a Master in Public Policy and Health; and a PhD in Public Health from the National School of Public Health of FIOCRUZ. She was in California, USA, in 2016, where she studied at San Diego State University as a fellow in Global Health.

Dr. Faria is currently the Senior Advisor in the Department of External Relations, Resource Mobilization and Partnership (ERP) in the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Before her current position, she was the Resource Mobilization Regional Advisor in ERP, between 2019 and 2022, and between 2016 and 2019 she occupied the post of Program Management and Partnership Specialist in the Department of Family, Health Promotion, and Life Course, also in PAHO. She was the

In 2015, she received from the United Nations Office of South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) a tribute in recognition of her special contribution to South-South and Triangular cooperation. Between 2012 and 2015, Mariana participated in the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva as a member of the ISAGS-UNASUR delegation. During COVID-19 Pandemic Response, Dr. Faria supported PAHO’s Incident Management Team with Resource Mobilization, with a focus on the relationship with the International Financial Institutions, such as World Bank, IDB, BCIE, CDB and CAF as well as with the UN Multi Partner Trust Fund.


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Carlos G. Guerrero Orozco is a consultant and litigation attorney based in Mexico City. He is specialized in matters related to governmental development, transparency, and accountability, with more than eleven years of experience.

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He has consulted for the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., for Transparency International in Madrid and for the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice in New York, on anticorruption matters. In addition to the three years he taught at the Mexican law school “*Escuela Libre de Derecho*”, he has been a speaker at the Paris Peace Forum, at the Center for International Human Rights of the Pritzker School of Law at Northwestern University in Chicago, at the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung foundation in Germany, at the Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C., among others.

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**Luis Lopez Resindez, Comunidades Indígenas en liderazgo (CIELO)**

Luis López Resendiz is currently CIELO’s Indigenous Interpreter program director; he is a Ñuú Savi. He is committed to taking the struggle for the respect of the rights of indigenous peoples to spaces where indigenous peoples are not represented and to make visible their migration to the United States. Mr. Lopez Resendiz is a graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a B.A. in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. He is a poet whose work has been presented at the Center for Race and Gender at UC Berkeley. Mr. Resendiz has been featured in *La Jornada*, *la Trinchera*, KPFK, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, and *El Excelsior*. Currently, he is a host on *Tu’un Dali Podcast*, a podcast for and by Indigenous people.
Dr. Felicia Knaul, University of Miami, co-chair of Inter-American Health Task Force

Dr. Felicia Marie Knaul has dedicated more than three decades to academic, advocacy, and policy work in global health and social development to reduce inequities focusing on low-and middle-income countries, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean.

She currently serves as the Director of both The Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas and of Hemispheric and Global Affairs at the University of Miami. She is also a full professor at the Miller School of Medicine, with a secondary appointment at the School of Nursing and Health Studies, and a Member of the Cancer Control Program at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Knaul is Co-Chair of the Lancet Commission on Cancer And Health Systems and of the Lancet Commission on Gender-based Violence and Maltreatment of Young People and. She previously chaired the Lancet Commission on Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Relief and was the lead author of the Commission’s final report, “Alleviating the access abyss in palliative care and pain relief – an imperative of universal health coverage.” Knaul also founded and leads the Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Relief Research Hub, a global network of over 20 researchers.

As a health and social sector economist, she dedicates herself to closing the global cancer and pain divides and guaranteeing access to palliative care, promoting gender equity and eliminating gender-based violence, reducing the impact of child maltreatment, and strengthening health systems around Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

To address these complex global challenges, Knaul maintains a synergistic program of research and advocacy, including as Founding President of Tómatelo a Pecho, a Mexican NGO dedicated to promoting women’s health and equity. She also serves on several national and global philanthropic boards including the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, NCD Child and Esperanza United.
Katie Taylor, Executive Director, Pan American Development Fund (PADF)

Katie is Executive Director of the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), a non-profit which seeks to create a just, peaceful, and prosperous hemisphere where every person has the opportunity to thrive. PADF is a 501(c)(3) organization established by the Organization of American States (OAS) in 1962. Prior to this role, Katie was Deputy Assistant Administrator of Global Health at USAID, with a focus on maternal and child survival and health.

Katie learned management and leadership at GE, working in health, high technology, financial services, satellites, and industrial transportation. With extensive experience in the private, public, and non-profit sectors, Katie has successfully led multi-million-dollar businesses, turned around organizations, launched new initiatives and business lines, and delivered results, impact, and organizational improvement.

In addition to her work at PADF, Katie serves on the boards of Medical Teams International (an Oregon-based non-profit delivering life-saving medical care to people in crisis) and Muso Health (a Mali-based, innovative, community health non-profit), and has sat on the boards of GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health, which she co-chaired with chair Mrs. Graca Machel.

A certified Master Black Belt in Lean/Six Sigma quality improvement, Katie holds a Masters’ Degree in international business from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service and received her B.A. degree from Yale University. She speaks four languages fluently and has lived and worked on five continents.