

AGENDA
Maintaining the Momentum for Chagas disease in the Context of COVID-19

“It was the best of times; It was the worst of times”.

Charles Dickens.

Date and time:

23 March 2021

14 to 16:00 hours (CMT)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Co-organizers:

Chagas Coalition, World Heart Federation and WHO Department of Control of neglected tropical diseases

Participants:

Representatives of Ministries of Health, policymakers, institutions and organizations WHO partners and stakeholders, associations of people affected by Chagas disease.

Introduction:

On the 12 November 2020, in the second part of the 73 World Health Assembly – WHA (<https://www.who.int/about/governance/world-health-assembly/seventy-third-world-health-assembly>), the road map entitled “Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals: a road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030” was endorsed by Member States (the first part of 73 WHA took place in May 2020 and was dedicated exclusively to COVID-19).

We begin a decade with big challenges, such as the sanitary crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent socio-economic crisis, most probably affecting the first half of the decade. At the same time, a decade also plenty of opportunities, with new instruments, key achievements, real possibility to achieve the objectives of the 2030 roadmap...

The 2021-2030 road map includes five objectives on Chagas disease control or elimination: i) verification of the interruption of domiciliary vectorial transmission in continental Latin America); ii) verification of the interruption of the transfusional transmission in the Americas, Europe and Western Pacific; and for the first time, iii) verification of the interruption of the organ transplantation transmission in the Americas, Europe and Western Pacific; iv) elimination of congenital Chagas disease in the Americas, Europe and Western Pacific; 75% coverage of antiparasitic treatment of the eligible population.

The open-source WHO information system to control/eliminate Chagas disease and other NTDs (https://www.who.int/neglected_diseases/disease_management/wiscentds/en/) started to gather and analyze the available data/information on Chagas disease (including the epidemiological silences in relation to time and space), to share and make accessible the information, monitor advances and verify achievements.

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Time	Topic	Speaker (duration)
I. Meeting opening, introduction and presentation of objectives		

<p>14:00 – 14:15</p>	<p>Opening: Maintaining the Chagas disease momentum, facing sanitary and socio-economic impact of Covid-19</p> <p>Welcome and messages on Chagas disease and COVID-19 coinfection/comorbidity</p> <p>Study about Chagas disease and COVID-19 co-infection and prevalence in the city of Barcelona</p> <p>The road to 2030. The novel WHO road map on NTDs.</p>	<p>Fco. Javier Sancho Más, Chagas Coalition (5')</p> <p>Fausto Pinto, World Heart Federation (5')</p> <p>Chairperson (2')</p> <p>Pedro Albajar-Vinas, WHO Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases (3')</p>
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II. Overview on recent impactful achievements; adaptation of work in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and new instruments and tools

<p>14:15 – 15:00</p>	<p>II.a - Elimination of mother to child transmission and congenital Chagas disease</p> <p>Pioneer research that founded the strategy switch. From control to elimination. Field implementation</p> <p>II.b - Involvement and participation of people affected by Chagas disease in various initiatives</p> <p>Initiatives and involvement of associations of people affected by Chagas disease in policies' changes in Brazil.</p>	<p>Manuel Segovia. Regional Unit of Tropical Medicine of Murcia (5')</p> <p>Chairperson (2')</p>
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	<p>The Expert Patient Programme: case detection in community pharmacies and much more. Department of Health, Programme on International Health of the Catalan Institute of Health - PROSICS and ASAPECHA</p> <p>II.c - Breaking the epidemiological silence, monitoring and initiating the verification of elimination of transmission</p> <p>Compulsory notification of chronic Chagas disease cases in Brazil</p> <p>Monitoring and verification of achievements through an open-source, big data, information system in Italy: Veneto and Toscana</p> <p>II.d - Adaptation and maintaining ongoing essential cases detection, care and transmission control.</p> <p>Integrating Mother to Child Transmission Control and Access to Health in the Chaco Region. Argentina.</p> <p>Maintaining case detection, care and surveillance in the Ambulatório de Doença de Chagas/ICC PROCAPE-UPE, Recife, Pernambuco State, Brazil.</p> <p>Maintaining Surveillance and control of Chagas disease. Ministry of Health and Departments of Colombia</p>	<p>Maira Carolina Guzmán, ASAPECHA (5')</p> <p>(Repr.) Ministry of Health of Brazil. (5')</p> <p>Chairperson (2')</p> <p>Marcelo Abril, Fundación Mundo Sano (5')</p> <p>Cristina de Fátima Velloso Carrazzone, Ambulatório de Doença de Chagas/ICC PROCAPE-UPE (5')</p> <p>Mauricio Vera Soto, Ministry of Health. (5')</p>
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	<p>Scaling up case detection through vector control. Guatemala</p> <p>Networking and Improving comprehensive care of people affected in Washington. US. Latin American Society of Chagas Disease. LASOCHA.</p>	<p>Blanca Lizett Chinchilla, Chagas subprogram. Ministry of Health. MSPAS, Guatemala (5')</p> <p>Rachel Marcus, LASOCHA (5')</p>
15:01 - 15:05	Break with video clips - Music and songs composed about Chagas disease	BeatChagas Platform
15:06 - 15:20	<p>II.e - New instruments and toots</p> <p>News on Paediatric formulations of NFX.</p> <p>Inclusion of Chagas disease tests in the WHO List of Essential diagnostics</p> <p>UNITAID call for the first proposal in maternal and child health. Towards the elimination of congenital infection in Chagas Disease</p> <p>Ibero-American programme for maternal and child. Ibero-American General Secretary - SEGIB</p>	<p>Ulrich Dietmar Madeja, Bayer (5')</p> <p>Chairperson (2')</p> <p>José Maurício Cysne, UNITAID (5')</p> <p>Chairperson (2')</p>
<p>III. Special remarks and open discussion and Closing of the meeting</p>		

15:21 – 15:55	Special remarks and open discussion. Chagas Coalition Members and Special Invitees.	File zero invitees and participants
15.55 – 16:00	Closing of the meeting	Pedro Albajar-Vinas, WHO Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases

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