



## STRENGTHENING INFOSAN IN THE AMERICAS – Regional Side Meeting

Abu Dhabi, UAE | 12 December 2019

### MEETING AGENDA

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**SESSION ONE: Introduction and objectives**

- 09:00-09:20 Opening Remarks  
*PAHO*
- Meeting Objectives + Housekeeping  
*PAHO*

**SESSION TWO: Recap of Global Meeting and reflections from Members**

- 09:20-09:50 Recap of Global Meeting  
*INFOSAN Secretariat*
- Reflections from members on Global Meeting and impact on INFOSAN in the Americas  
*All Participants*

**SESSION THREE: Template for INFOSAN/IHR Communication (national protocol for information sharing)**

- 09:50-10:20 Communication between INFOSAN members and IHR NFPs: Utilization of the new IHR/INFOSAN template in the Region  
*All Participants*

10:20-10:50 **BREAK** (including group photo)

**SESSION THREE: Debrief on regional INFOSAN activities in 2019, including response to regional food safety emergencies involving members in the Americas**

- 10:50-11:10 Review of INFOSAN in the Americas in 2019: progress, achievements and challenges  
*INFOSAN Secretariat*
- 11:10-12:20 Panel Discussion: Outbreak of Methanol Poisoning in Costa Rica: national and regional implications – what worked and what can be improved?  
*Costa Rica (15 minutes)*  
*Nicaragua (15 minutes)*  
*INFOSAN Secretariat (15 minutes)*
- Q &A – 25 minutes*

12:20-13:40 **LUNCH**

**SESSION FOUR: Country/Regional Experience Highlights**

- 13:40-14:05 Outbreaks of *Salmonella* infections in Canada linked to raw chicken, including frozen raw breaded chicken products: implications for policy change and lessons learned  
*Mark Samadhin (PHAC) and Isabelle Laberge (CFIA)*
- 14:05-14:30 Argentina's Experience with the Joint External Evaluation: IHR Monitoring and Evaluation framework  
*Magalí Masciocchi (DNICA)*
- 14:30-14:55 Reflections after spending three months with the INFOSAN Secretariat  
*Laila Mouawad (ANVISA)*
- 14:55-15:20 Utilization of WGS in the Americas: progress, examples and future plans  
*Enrique Perez (PAHO)*

**SESSION FIVE: Group Work**

- 15:20-16:20 Sub-regional Group discussions on achievements from 2019 National Action Plans
- 16:20-17:20 National discussions on 2020 National Action Plans + posting on INFOSAN Community Website

**SESSION SIX: Summary of proceedings and concluding remarks**

- 17:20-17:35 **Presentation of INFOSAN Secretariat 2020 Action Plan**  
*INFOSAN Secretariat*
- 17:35-17:45 **Closing Remarks**  
*PAHO*