



INVITATION

“Responding to an Influenza Pandemic in the Americas”

**Wednesday, May 24
9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**CSIS, 1800 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.**

Influenza pandemics have historically taken the world by surprise, leaving minimal time for health services to prepare for the abrupt increases in cases and deaths that characterize these events and make them so disruptive. The present situation is markedly different as the world has been warned in advance. This advance warning has brought an unprecedented opportunity to prepare for a pandemic and develop ways to mitigate its effects even in areas with problems of access to basic health services.

We hope you will be able to join us for this very important and timely conference which will feature a distinguished list of speakers, including Ambassador Albert Ramdin, assistant secretary general of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Honorable Paula Dobriansky, under secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. The formal agenda is enclosed.

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Conference Agenda

CSIS B1- Conference level

9:00 am

Welcoming remarks – *Peter DeShazo*, director, Americas Program, CSIS, and *Dr. Carissa Etienne*, assistant director, PAHO

9:10 am

The Honorable Paula Dobriansky, under secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs, U.S. Department of State

9:30 - 11:00 am

Panel I – The Threat

Moderator: Dr. Carissa Etienne, assistant director, PAHO

Animal Health – *Dr. Lloyd Webb*, advisor on Veterinary Public Health, Office of Caribbean Program Coordination (CPC), PAHO, Barbados

Human Health – *Dr. Marlo Libel*, regional advisor in Communicable Diseases, PAHO

Economic Impact – *Sandy Mackenzie*, assistant director, Research Department - International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.

11:10 - 12:40 pm

Panel II – Preparedness and Response

Moderator: Peter DeShazo, director, Americas Program, CSIS

Barb Graff, director of Emergency Management, City of Seattle, WA

Dr. Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Júnior, under secretary of Health Surveillance (vice-minister for surveillance, prevention and control), Ministry of Health, Brazil

Dr. François Paquet, head physician, Quebec Department of Health and Social Services

12:45 - 2:00 pm

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

His Excellency Albert R. Ramdin, assistant secretary general, Organization of American States