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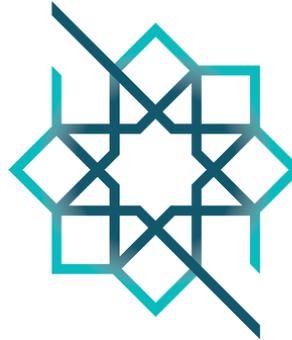
**RE-IMAGINING HEALTH SYSTEMS
FOR BETTER HEALTH AND SOCIAL
JUSTICE**

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Call for Abstracts

2nd Latin American and Caribbean HSG Pre-Conferences on Health Systems Research

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Background

Sixth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research 2020 in Dubai

Health Systems Global (HSG), the international society in health systems, programs and services, organizes a symposium every two years to bring together academics, policymakers and members of the civil society involved in health systems and policy research.

After Montreux 2010, Beijing 2012, Cape Town 2014, Vancouver 2016 and Liverpool 2018, Dubai 2020 was chosen as the venue for the next Global Symposium.

The main theme of the Symposium is **“Re-imagining health systems for better health and social justice”** and the reception of individual abstracts and organized sessions is already open <https://bit.ly/2W1ualr>

I invite you to be part of the **Caribbean HSG Pre-Conference** devoted to promote regional exchange of experiences and studies on health systems and services issues, in preparation for the global meeting in Dubai.

HSG Pre-Conferences in the Caribbean

The main motivation of this second **Pre-Conference in the Caribbean** is to enhance the debate on the design and implementation of policies for more equitable and effective health systems and services, providing a perspective from the Caribbean.

The purpose of these events is twofold: on the one hand, to generate a space for local exchange on the most relevant experiences and transformative visions, which will fuel a necessary debate on health systems. Secondly, we will try to support the selected papers for this pre-conference in the presentation of their summaries at the **Global Symposium to be held in Dubai**.

With the purpose of bringing together researchers and policymakers in health of the **Caribbean** working on issues related to health systems in the region, the proposal for this pre-conference includes:

- To promote the exchange of experiences in a meeting of researchers and policymakers around interdisciplinary discussion tables.
- To stimulate the presentation of works by Latin American and Caribbean authors in the Open Call of the Global Symposium in March 2020.
- To strengthen the Caribbean presence of studies on health systems and policies in the symposium.

Themes

Sub-theme 1: Engaging political forces

Power and politics affect all actors and dimensions of health systems, influencing policy prioritization, resource distribution, accessibility and affordability of care, quality of services, gender equality and other forms of marginalization, as well as research institutions themselves. Corruption further increases inequality, impoverishes populations, and slows progress towards achieving Universal Health Coverage, particularly among the most vulnerable people. Faced with the spread of polarizing ideologies, tighter borders, growing health disparities, and unregulated commercial interests, analyzing and addressing power, politics and corruption in health systems is critical to tackling the underlying causes of health inequities. We must create the conditions to promote accountability and enable stronger social voice to challenge existing power relations and address corruption. In addition, health system stewardship must be strengthened through timely collation of information, building strategic multi-sectoral partnerships, and deploying evidence to inform decisions and actions.

Sub-theme 2: Engaging social, economic and environmental forces

Leaving no one behind requires that health systems engage with the social, economic and environmental forces that shape who has the resources to be healthy, including access to health services and the quality of these services. While the need to act on these broader forces is increasingly recognized as essential to reduce health disparities and promote health equity across the population, the challenges associated with migration, state fragility, conflict, urbanization and climate change remain largely overlooked by the health system community.

Sub-theme 3: Engaging technological, data and social innovations

The rapid emergence of new technology, artificial intelligence and big data brings new opportunities and challenges to combat the growing burden of complex chronic disease and health inequity. Despite the profound changes taking place, healthcare delivery models have changed little in the last 50 years. Leveraging innovations can enable health systems to make rapid progress in expanding access to quality and affordable care by redefining how people, systems and information interact. Innovations may be technological, data-driven or social, encompassing new products, services, models or markets – ultimately seeking to identify new and more effective ways of solving problems that are scalable. We will both explore specific health system innovations, and consider the innovation environment, including the regulatory and policy environment needed to promote equity and ensure that innovations benefit the most vulnerable.

Abstracts submission

Abstracts should be aligned with one of the sub-themes of the Global Symposium. Their limit is 350 words, including: Motivation-Objective-Methodology and Results.

For abstract submission click in the following link
<https://forms.gle/wwX48Ma235vU8Kzx8>

For inquiries, please contact healthsystemsglobal.lac@gmail.com

Key Dates

Closing date abstract submission	August 20th, 2019
Results communication	August 26th, 2019
Pre-Conference	September 16th, 2019

Participation is open and free of charge. HSG will provide certificates to presenters and participants.

Expecting to see you in St Augustine.

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