

COVID-19 Vaccines Expert's Summit

February 26th, 2021

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.
10:20 a.m.

Welcome remarks

Dr. Carlos Espinal

Director, Global Health Consortium, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University

Dr. Tomás R. Guilarte

Dean, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University

Welcome message from Florida International University

Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg

President, Florida International University

10:20 a.m.
12:15 p.m.

Session 1: COVID-19 Vaccination: The Global Challenge

Moderator

Dr. Francisco Becerra

Regional Adviser, Global Health Consortium, Florida International University
Former Assistant Director, PAHO

Panelists

Dr. Jarbas Barbosa

Assistant Director, PAHO

Mr. Thomas B. Cueni

Director General, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (IFPMA), Geneva

Preventing the next pandemic:

Vaccine diplomacy in a time of anti-science

Dr. Peter Hotez

Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine

Dr. Oscar Franco

Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM), University of Bern, Switzerland

Deploying COVID-19 vaccines equitably

Dr. Annelies Wilder-Smith

Member, WHO-IVB-SAGE Working Group on COVID-19 Vaccines

Dr. Peter Hotez

Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine

Access to COVID-19 vaccines and equality in West Africa

Dr. Stanley Okolo

Director General, West African Health Organization

Dr. Annelies Wilder-Smith

Member, WHO-IVB-SAGE Working Group on COVID-19 Vaccines

12:25 p.m.
1:45 p.m.

Session 2: SARS-CoV-2 new variants, new waves, and vaccines: strategies to preserve the public benefits of vaccination

Moderator

Dr. María Elena Bottazzi

Associate Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine

Panelists

Dr. María Aileen Marty

Distinguished University Professor, Infectious Diseases, Department of Translational Medicine, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida International University

Resurgence of COVID-19 in Manaus, Brazil despite high seroprevalence: What is the role of natural herd immunity?

Dr. Ester C. Sabino

Associate Professor, Department of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, University of São Paulo, Brazil

Dr. Cuauhtémoc Ruiz

Chief, Unit Chief of Comprehensive Family Immunization, Department of Family, Health Promotion and Life Course, PAHO/WHO

Israel vaccination program: A model for implementation and impact estimation

Mr. Chaim Rafalowski

Disaster Management and EU Projects Coordinator, Israeli Magen David Adom (IMDA), Tel-Aviv, Israel

Dr. Peter Hotez

Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine

COVID-19 vaccine implementation in Latin America

Dr. Marco A. Safadi

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1:45 p.m.

Closing remarks

Dr. Carlos Espinal

Dr. María Elena Bottazzi