

Dr Ana Estela Haddad's briefing for the workshop on 'Research and policy to improve urban health across Latin America'

Date: Tuesday 9th March (09.00-21.00) to Wednesday 10th March 2020 (09.00-15.30)

Location: Academia Nacional de Medicina – Avenida General Justo, 367 – 7º andar – Centro, Rio de Janeiro RJ – 20021-130

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our workshop. This briefing provides information on the session in which you are speaking, including:

- **Background to the meeting**, including its focus, the objectives, and so on.
- **Briefing notes** on session format and timings.
- **Your role in the panel discussion** during the workshop

The workshop is being co-chaired by Dr Paulo Hilário do Nascimento Saldiva and Professor Frank Kelly FMedSci. We will also have individual chairs for each of the sessions.

Important information about the workshop

Focus of the meeting

The main objectives of this workshop is to establish the evidence of the burden of disease and health inequality in Latin America due to urbanisation. The workshop will take a particular focus on the impact of transportation, air pollution and episodic disease outbreaks and identify the priority areas for policy interventions and research gaps.

The aims of the workshop will be to bring together expertise from across Latin America to:

- Establish the role that the urban environment plays in public health inequality in Latin America, with a particular focus on the impact of transportation, air pollution and episodic diseases in urban areas.
- Identify research and policy gaps and challenges areas for interventions to improve health equality of those living in urban environments.
- Bring together different sectors and countries to share knowledge and learning.
- Agree on a list of research and policy priorities and solutions to overcome the identified barriers.

Day One Breakout Sessions

- The workshop programme (enclosed with this briefing) consists mainly of breakout sessions on day one and with presentations and plenary discussions on day two.
- **You have been assigned to the transportation breakout group.** Although your group will focus on this area, the other areas will also be considered during the discussions.
- There are three group sessions on day one: (1) **Understanding urban health and health inequality research and policy in Latin America**, (2) **Addressing research and policy challenges and barriers to tackle poor urban health**, and (3) **Presentation Development**.
- During the first breakout session, participants will be divided into breakout groups and share evidence and examples of the urban health research and policy landscapes in their respective countries with a specific focus on health inequality. This will include identifying

what is known from urban health research and policy about barriers and challenges to tackling poor urban health and identifying parallels between countries.

- During the second breakout session, participants will identify opportunities to address the identified common research and policy gaps, barriers and challenges to tackling poor urban health.
- During the third and final breakout session, participants will bring together a PowerPoint presentation that summarises the discussions that have taken place throughout the day. It should cover the current 'state of play' for urban health research and policy in the countries in their group; what are the current research and policy gaps and priorities for improving urban health; and opportunities for collaboration amongst countries to address these gaps and build research capacity.

Day two: Panel discussion

Thank you for agreeing to speak on the Panel session '**Public health policies to cope with urban health inequalities and next steps**'. This session will be chaired by the workshop co-chairs, Dr Paulo Saldiva and Professor Frank Kelly FMedSci.

- This session will aim to discuss key conclusions and the implications for research and policy in Brazil and Latin America. It will include reflections from the Brazilian Ministry of Health and other participants.
- **You have been allocated 15 minutes for your presentation and we ask you to provide a talk on the impact of speed reductions in Brazil. We would be very grateful if you could stick to time to ensure there is sufficient time for questions.** The meeting programme is tight and it is extremely important that speakers do not overrun so that there is enough time for audience discussion. The session Chair will ask you to finish your talk if you exceed your allotted time.
- The other speakers in your session are outlined in the attached programme.
- A 45 minute plenary discussion will follow where workshop participants collectively agree on immediate next steps to address research gaps and prioritise policy initiatives.

Preparatory work

Before attending the workshop, we would like you to undertake some preparatory work to ensure that you are fully ready to contribute to the workshop discussions. We would like you to consider the following questions. You may want to use this opportunity to consult with colleagues and contacts to collect the full breadth of barriers and challenges in your country:

1. What is the current 'state of play' for urban health and health inequality research and policy in your area of focus?
2. What does existing urban health research and policy say about barriers and challenges to tackling this issue?
3. Are there any urban health research and policy success stories in your country related to tackling this issue? If so, what are they and why are they a success story?
4. What are the commonalities across your group members related to research, policy and urban health?

5. What research and policy priorities in urban health exist for your country and are these shared amongst countries in your group?
6. Are there research and policy mechanisms at a regional level to increase knowledge on how to improve urban health and can these be scaled up to national level?
7. What different research approaches and methodologies are required to improve urban health and how can research capacity be built to put these into practice?
8. Are there any shared solutions that could be considered within your group to improve urban health research and policy?
9. What opportunities are there for the UK to support these solutions and what resources do you need to achieve them?

Your Other Contributions

- At the end of each presentation on day two the session chair will then invite questions from the floor. **We would encourage participants to engage fully into these discussions and provide examples of your own work in these respective areas.**
- Concluding the workshop programme on day two is a plenary discussion where the conversation will be opened up to the floor for further questions and discussion. This session will aim to bring together all the evidence, challenges and opportunities presented earlier in the day. The plenary discussion will identify and collectively agree on immediate next steps to address research gaps and prioritise policy initiatives.

Outcomes

Following the workshop, a written report will be produced and disseminated to UK, regional and global stakeholders outlining the agreed next steps. We anticipate that it will be of interest to a range of stakeholders, including journals and publishers, research institutions and universities, funders, researchers, industry, learned societies and Academies.

Points made by speakers during their group work, presentations and panel contributions may be attributed in the report, but any text relating to such a contribution will be sent to the individual concerned to review ahead of publication. We do not plan to attribute any other contributions to individuals in the report, but should this change, we will seek explicit permission from the individual concerned. Participants may also tweet from the meeting, so please indicate if there are aspects of your contributions that should not be shared in this way.

Tone of the meeting

This meeting is intended to be an open, friendly and constructive workshop between all of the stakeholders represented. Participants have been drawn from the majority of the sectors likely to be involved in these discussions, including researchers from all career stages, health sector, government and private sector among others. We are very keen for all delegates to be active participants in these discussions.

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