

## 59th DIRECTING COUNCIL

### 73rd SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

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*Provisional Agenda Item 7.1*

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#### **PAHO AWARD FOR HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP 2021**

1. The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021, made up of the Delegates of Barbados, Costa Rica, and United States of America, met on 22 June 2021, during the 168th Session of the Executive Committee. After examining the documentation on the candidates nominated by the Member States, the Committee decided to recommend that the PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021 be conferred on Dr. Joanne Liu, of Canada for her significant contributions to the Region through: *a)* her dedicated work assisting communities affected by the earthquake and cholera epidemic in Haiti; *b)* supporting health system strengthening efforts in Honduras; *c)* her leadership in health emergencies and crises responses around the world; and *d)* her commitment to delivering health services to those living in the most vulnerable situations, all of which encompass key PAHO values such as health equity and solidarity. In addition, Dr. Liu's work has influenced how countries in the Region, and around the world, implement and advance medical humanitarianism, and her work on health emergencies will continue to guide current COVID-19 pandemic response and support recovery efforts, as countries look towards building back better.
2. The Executive Committee considered the report of the Award Committee, Document CE168/5, Add. I (1), and adopted Resolution CE168.R8 (2).
3. The Award will be conferred on Dr. Joanne Liu in a virtual ceremony to be held during the 59th Directing Council.

Annex

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## References

1. Pan American Health Organization. Report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021 [Internet]. 168th Session of the Executive Committee of PAHO; 2021 Jun 21-25; Washington, DC. Virtual; 2021 (Document CE168/5, Add. I) [cited 2021 Aug 3]. Available from: <https://www.paho.org/en/documents/ce1685-add-i-paho-award-health-services-management-and-leadership-2021>.
2. Pan American Health Organization. PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021 [Internet]. 168th Session of the Executive Committee of PAHO; 2021 Jun 21-25; Washington, DC. Virtual; 2021 (Resolution CE168.R8) [cited 2021 Aug 3]. Available from: <https://www.paho.org/en/documents/ce168r8-paho-award-health-services-management-and-leadership-2021>.

## Analytical Form to Link Agenda Item with Organizational Mandates

<b>1. Agenda item:</b> 7.1 - PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021
<b>2. Responsible unit:</b> Health Services and Access (HSS/HS)
<b>3. Preparing officer:</b> Dr. Amalia Del Riego, Unit Chief, Health Services and Access (HSS/HS)
<b>4. Link between Agenda item and <a href="#">Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030</a>:</b> Not applicable
<b>5. Link between Agenda item and <a href="#">Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2020-2025</a>:</b> Not applicable
<b>6. List of collaborating centers and national institutions linked to this Agenda item:</b> Not applicable
<b>7. Best practices in this area and examples from countries within the Region of the Americas:</b> Not applicable
<b>8. Financial implications of Agenda item:</b> US\$ 5,000

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