



## Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Veterinary Public Health

## **INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR – PRE-COSALFA 51**

The last year of the 2021-2025 Action Plan of the PHEFA

31 March and 1 April 2025

## **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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## INTRODUCTION

This International Seminar represents a milestone in the collective commitment to the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in South America and Panama, within the framework of the last year of implementation of the 2021-2025 Action Plan of the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA). During this period, we have witnessed significant progress where most herds in the region have achieved the FMD-free status without vaccination. However, as we approach the goal set for 2025, the challenges and responsibilities become more complex, demanding additional efforts in coordination, surveillance, prevention and emergency preparedness.

The seminar offers a comprehensive approach to address these challenges, divided into six thematic sessions.

The first session will highlight the involvement of the private sector, emphasizing the essential role of producers and farmers in surveillance, early detection, and maintenance of the achievements already made. The second session will analyze the surveillance, prevention, and emergency preparedness strategies implemented in countries that have already achieved the free status without vaccination, exploring the mechanisms that ensure the sustainability of this status.

Sessions 3 and 4 are part of a joint integration initiative with the private sector. This year, the International Pre-COSALFA Seminar is held in collaboration with the XXV Latin American Symposium of the Bolivian Association of Zebu Cattle Breeders (ASOCEBU, for its acronym in Spanish), and will address topics of great interest to the private sectors and farmers. These sessions will place a special emphasis on key aspects such as productivity, genetics, markets and international trade, including a detailed analysis of the opportunities and challenges arising from Bolivia's new sanitary status. This collaboration offers a valuable platform for the exchange of knowledge and experiences, strengthening the livestock sectors both regionally and internationally.

The fifth session will analyze regional initiatives that support the transition to the FMD-free status without vaccination and will also strengthen emergency preparedness through technical and scientific cooperation efforts.

Finally, the sixth session will be dedicated to the presentation of the best papers selected for oral presentation.

This event serves not only as a platform to assess the progress achieved but also as an opportunity to plan future actions that ensure the eradication of FMD across the continent. In this way, South America and Panama will not only maintain their health status but they will also strengthen their prevention and emergency response capabilities.

The conclusions of each session will be presented during the 51st Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA, contributing to the regional efforts for the eradication of this disease and the protection of animal health and food security in our region.

Monday, 31 March 2025   08:30 AM - 18:50 PM (Santa Cruz de La Sierra, Bolivia time)		
Fexpocruz /Convention Center – Room Chiquitano, Av. Roca y Coronado		
08:00 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 - 08:50	Opening of the International Seminar - Pre COSALFA 51 Representative of SENASAG, Bolivia Representative of Livestock Producers Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO, Ottorino Cosivi	
08:50 - 09:00	SESSION 1. The role of the Private Sector (Livestock Producers) in FMD surveillance and emergency preparedness Moderator and Introduction to the topic: PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO	
09:00 - 09:15	1.1 To be defined	
09:15 - 09:30	1.2 To be defined	
09:30 - 09:45	1.3 To be defined	
09:45 - 10:00	1.4 To be defined	
10:00 - 10:40	Discussion and Debate of Session 1	
10:40 - 11:10	Break	
11:10 - 11:20	SESSION 2. Prevention and emergency preparedness strategies in a FMD vaccination-free context Moderator and Introduction to the topic: PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO	
11:20 - 11:35	2.1 To be defined	
11:35 - 11:50	2.2 To be defined	
11:50 - 12:05	2.3 To be defined	
12:05 - 12:20	2.4 To be defined	
12:20 - 13:00	Discussion and Debate of Session 2	
13:00 - 14:50	Break - Lunch	
14:50 - 15:00	SESSION 3. Latin American Symposium – Topic To be defined  Moderator and Introduction to the topic: Bolivian Association of Zebu Cattle Breeders (ASOCEBU)	
15:00 - 15:15	3.1 Presentation 1	
15:15 - 15:30	3.2 Presentation 2	
15:30 - 15:45	3.3 Presentation 3	
16:00 - 16:40	Discussion and Debate of Session 3	
16:40 - 17:10	Coffee-break	
17:10 - 17:20	SESSION 4: Latin American Symposium – To be defined Introduction to the topic: Bolivian Association of Zebu Cattle Breeders (ASOCEBU)	
17:20 - 17:35	4.1 Presentation 1	
17:35 - 17:50	4.2 Presentation 2	
17:50 - 18:05	4.3 Presentation 3	
18:05 - 18:45	Discussion of Session 4	
18:45 - 18:50	Closure of day 1 Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO, Ottorino Cosivi	

Tuesday, 1 April 2025   08:30 AM - 12:15 PM (Santa Cruz de La Sierra, Bolivia time)	
Fexpocruz /Convention Center – Room Chiquitano, Av. Roca y Coronado	
08:30 - 08:40	SESSION 5. Regional initiatives to support the transition to FMD-free status without vaccination Moderator and Introduction to the topic: PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO
08:40 - 08:55	5.1 To be defined
08:55 - 09:10	5.2 To be defined
09:10 - 09:25	5.3 To be defined
09:25 - 09:40	5.4 To be defined
09:40 - 10:20	Discussion of Session 5
10:20 - 10:50	Coffee-break
10:50 - 11:00	SESSION 6: Presentation of the three best selected poster papers Introduction to the topic: PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO
11:00 - 11:10	Presentation of Work 1
11:10 - 11:20	Presentation of Work 2
11:20 - 11:30	Presentation of Work 3
11:30 - 12:00	Discussion of Session 6
12:00 - 12:15	Closure of the Seminar Representative of SENASAG, Bolivia Representative of Livestock Producers Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO, Ottorino Cosivi