



## PANEL

# Women’s Leadership in and for Health: Accelerating gender equality in the context of Covid-19

Monday, 8 March 2021

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The COVID-19 pandemic made its mark on the world in 2020. With that backdrop, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the United Nations (UN) system are at the forefront of efforts to ensure responses leave no one behind, especially women and girls in all their diversity. Women are impacted in multiple ways.

Amongst these, they are particularly affected by the heightened pressure on health systems and are subject to acute and high-risk working conditions, which further increase the risk for infection among a majority female work force. Supporting women’s central and essential roles in responding to the pandemic within the health sector is therefore critical. So too is ensuring a COVID-19 national response that includes women in all their diversity as leaders and participants in the formulation of policies and programs.

Join PAHO to discuss women’s leadership in and for health. Meet our high-profile panelists who will underscore the fundamental pillars of women’s equality and empowerment in sustainable development and public health, recognizing that women and girls must be seated at the table to achieve **gender equality and universal health for everyone, everywhere.**

## AGENDA

11:00 to 12:30 hrs. (EST)

**Moderator:** Catharina Cuellar, Gender and Health Advisor, PAHO

Time	Activity
11:00	Welcome remarks by Carissa Etienne, PAHO Director
11:15	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
	Claudia López Hernández, Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia
	Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM/OAS)
	Julio Frenk, President of the University of Miami, U.S.A.
12:15	<b>Video - Women’s Leadership in and for Health</b>
12:20	Closing remarks by Mary Lou Valdez, PAHO Deputy Director

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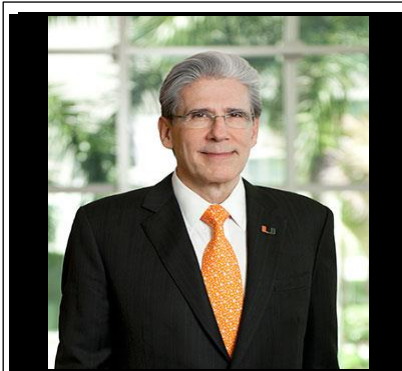
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