

# 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. Andrés de Francisco**

Director, Family, Health Promotion and Life Course, PAHO/WHO

**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  
Houston, Texas, USA

**Mr. Thomas B. Cueni**

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

**Dr. Oscar Franco**

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

**Deploying COVID-19 vaccine equitably**

**Dr. Annelies Wilder-Smith**

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

**Dr. Peter Hotez**

Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine  
Houston, Texas, USA

**Access to COVID-19 vaccines and equality in West Africa**

**Dr. Stanley Okolo**

Director General, West African Health Organization  
Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso

**Dr. Annelies Wilder-Smith**

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

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  
Houston, Texas, USA

**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, WDC  
USA

**Israel vaccination program: A model for implementation and impact estimation**

**Mr. Chaim Rafalowski**

Disaster Management and EU Projects Coordinator, Magen David Adom  
Tel-Aviv, Israel

**Dr. Peter Hotez**

Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine  
Houston, Texas, USA

**COVID-19 vaccine implementation in Latin America**

**Dr. Marco A. Safadi**

Head of Department, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Santa Casa Medical School  
São Paulo, Brazil

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1:45 p.m.

**Closing remarks**

**Dr. Carlos Espinal**

**Dr. María Elena Bottazzi**