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LEADERS FROM 18 COUNTRIES MEET TO PROMOTE HEALTH EQUITY IN THE AMERICAS

November 13-15, 2017. Cuernavaca, Mor., México. Today, leaders from 18 countries meet to open a three-day, action-oriented health equity meeting to lay the groundwork for an active Network of health equity experts dedicated to moving the needle in the development of health equity solutions for nations in the Americas. The Summit is led by partners at the UCLA Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America, the Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, WORLD Policy Analysis Center, UCL Institute of Health Equity and supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

This convening builds on the work of the PAHO Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Americas and will take place in collaboration with leaders from 21 nations. The UCL Institute of Health Equity (London) will lend expertise and the WORLD Policy Analysis Center (UCLA, Los Angeles) will bring comprehensive global social policy data to assist in examining potential solutions at a national and



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regional scale. The Summit will rely on expertise of nearly 60 leaders who represent health-related organizations from nations throughout North and South America and who can influence policy, programming and efforts to promote health equity in the region. Participants include

local-, state- and national-level researchers, scholars, and professionals who are renowned for their work from multiple disciplines including: social policy, public health, business, public affairs, clinical, and health care delivery.

During the Opening Session on Tuesday, November 14, Sir Michael Marmot, founder of the UCL Institute of Health Equity and chair, PAHO Commission on Equity Health Inequalities in the Americas will deliver

the keynote address. In addition, Juan Rivera, PhD, MA, director general of the Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, will deliver his remarks on Building Evidence-Based Policies for Equity in Mexico.

During the Summit, participants will be charged by the Summit's theme: Collaborate, Gain Power, Take Action. "With the depth of the proposed action-oriented sessions and the expertise of participants, we believe this meeting will result in well-identified pathways for tangible steps to take to promote health equity across all countries in the Americas," said Michael A. Rodriguez, MD, MPH, professor of Family Medicine and Community Health Sciences at UCLA, founding director of the UCLA Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America and the UCLA Global Health Minor. An anticipated outcome will be the formation of a collaborative long-term Action and Learning Network on Health Equity in the Americas. Summit briefs will also be produced to inform and serve as a guide post for health equity efforts in the Americas.

News from the Summit will be tweeted and posted on the UCLA Blum Center's Facebook page.

For more information on the Summit, please our website at <https://blumcenter.ucla.edu/xowiki/summit>

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