



Please join us in honoring International Women’s Day with a stimulating exploration of ***how novel approaches to cancer screening can be coordinated with HPV vaccination to dramatically reduce cervical cancer deaths worldwide.***

An end to cervical cancer—the time is now!

Cervical cancer is the number one cancer killer of women worldwide, taking 270,000 lives each year. In a sense cervical cancer maps the inequities of our time—inequities related to gender, geography, age, and income. Women in developing countries bear the brunt as 85 percent of cervical cancer deaths occur in poor countries. This is due to lack of sophisticated cancer screening and treatment programs, and stands in stark contrast to the United States, Europe, and Australia, where cervical cancer rates have dropped dramatically over the past 40 years.

Now the world has an extraordinary opportunity: recently we have gained new insights into the potential of simple, visual screening methods that detect the early stages of disease, when treatment is most effective. In addition, US companies and research institutions have developed high-tech solutions that hold great promise for the developing world, like innovative, low-cost DNA screening technologies and vaccines that protect young women early in life.

These new tools have dramatically focused the world's attention on cervical cancer and mobilized unprecedented political commitment to prevent hundreds of thousands of unnecessary deaths. Now is the time to consider how we can play a leadership role in this important women’s health and equity issue and help ensure every woman’s right to access cervical cancer screening and other life-saving technologies, no matter where she lives.

Speakers

- **Ms. Silvana Luciani, Pan American Health Organization**
- **Dr. Harshad Sanghvi, JHPIEGO**
- **Dr. R. Sankaranarayan, International Agency for Research on Cancer**
- **Dr. Jacqueline Sherris, PATH**

Wednesday, March 5 8:30am
 8:30-9:00 Delicious continental breakfast
 9:00-10:00 Panel presentation with Q&A
 10:00-11:00 Reception and refreshments

**Goethe-Institut
 812 Seventh Street, NW
 Washington, DC**

The Goethe-Institut is located at 7th and I Street, less than a block from the Chinatown gate.

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Bus: 70/71/73 (Georgia Avenue - 7th Street line), 80 (North Capitol Street line), P 6 (Anacostia-Rhode Island Avenue line) or X 2 (Benning Road - H Street line). All buses stop at the corner of 7th and H Streets NW.

Please RSVP to bbalderston@path.org

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