

Tuesday 25th November 2025

PROGRAMME

OPENING CEREMONY | 8:00 – 9:15 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Feature Speaker: Dr Daniel Buss

Head of Climate Change and Environmental Determinants of Health
Pan American Health Organization, Washington, USA

Address: The Honourable Dr Lackram Bodoie
Minister of Health, Trinidad and Tobago

SESSION 1 | 9:20 – 9:55 AM

Climate Change and Health

- O3 **The Impact of Climate Change on Caribbean Athletes: Risks and Public Health Implications for the Caribbean**
C A. S. Boodram
- O4 **The Impact of Climate Change on Dengue Fever Incidence in East Trinidad over a 13-Year Period (2012–2024)**
D Geelalsingh

9:45 AM Question and Answer Session 1

YOUTH FORUM HIGHLIGHTS 1 | 10:00 – 10:15 AM

BREAK / POSTER SESSION 1 | 10:15 – 11:30 AM

SESSION 2 | 11:30 AM – 12:25 PM

Mental and Community Health

- O5 **Eco-Anxiety and the Impact of Climate Change on Mental Health among University Students in Trinidad**
S Harrilal, S Dempster, S Samuel, S Mahadeosingh, S Baird, S Gowgee, S James, I Ogiste-James, S Maharaj, D Dookeeram
- O6 **Exploring the Experiences and Coping Abilities of Registered Mental Nurses on COVID-19 Wards at the St. Ann's Psychiatric Hospital**
A Sampson, A Carrington
- O7 **Public's Awareness, Perception and Practices Towards the Dangers Associated with Counterfeit Medicines: A Cross-Sectional Study**
S Jankie, S Deochand, N Kalloo, S Kamaludin, J Arjoon, S Mohammed, R Rahaman, S Singh
- O8 **Community Pharmacists' Knowledge, Attitude and Practices Regarding the Use of Over-the-Counter Preparations Containing Codeine**
S Jankie, K Sewdass, A V. Stuart, S Deochand, S Kamaludin, J Arjoon, S. Singh

12:10 PM Question and Answer Session 2

SPONSORED TALK | 12:25 – 12:35 PM

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Linking Climate, Health and Protection: The New Role of Insurance

Ms Samanta Saugh

President, Guardian Life of the Caribbean

LUNCH & NETWORKING | 12:35 – 1:40 PM

SESSION 3 | 1:40 – 2:45 PM

Infectious Diseases and Nutrition

- O09 **Metagenomics Reveals Hidden Arboviral Diversity and First Reports of Caaingua and Pacora Viruses in Trinidad**
S Ramnarine, C Oura, J Joseph, L Ramharrack, S Nicholls, W Wilson, L Cohnstaedt, C Carrington
- O10 **Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Surgical Patients: A Retrospective Analysis at a Secondary Hospital in Trinidad and Tobago**
R P. Nagassar, J Maharaj-Ali, J Dattoo, J Gundluru, J Cumberbatch, J Gray, J Alleyne, J Campbell
- O11 **Intersecting Climate and Health Crises: Socioeconomic Determinants of Dietary Resilience in Post-Pandemic, Post-Hurricane Grenada**
D C. Balfour, C Mitchell, L Browne, G Savoury, J Ashby-Duncan, C Bristol, V Lee-Cummings, K Gooding, K Lowe, W Chesney, M C. Webb
- O12 **Food Consumption Patterns and Diet Quality of Diabetics in Urban and Rural Communities in Trinidad**
C Mitchell, D T. Simeon

2:20 PM **Question and Answer Session 3**

YOUTH FORUM HIGHLIGHTS 2 | 2:35 – 2:45 PM

BREAK / POSTER SESSION 2 | 2:45 – 3:45 PM

SESSION 4 | 3:45 – 4:40 PM

Non-Communicable Diseases

- O13 **Clinical, Reproductive, and Psychological Features among Women with and without Ultrasound-Confirmed Polycystic Ovary Syndrome in Trinidad**
A Morris, A Sookdeo, A Dandrade, A Dinanath, A Smith, A Craig, A Persad, S Bhagan, R Mohammed, S Mohammed, S Motilal, S Ottey, R Azziz, V Sundaram
- O14 **Anticancer Potential of Muscadine Grape Skin Sub-Fractions: Cytotoxicity and Effect on Cell Cycle Progression of Human Tumour-Derived Cells**
S Ramdass, M Petrova, I Ugrinova, M Mechkarska
- O15 **Alcohol Consumption Patterns and Associated Substance Use Practices Amongst Undergraduate Students at The University of Trinidad & Tobago**
A H. P. Palmer, R G. Maharaj
- O16 **Prevalence of Peripheral Neuropathy and Association Between Cardiovascular Disease and Adult Non-Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy in Trinidad**
A Adenekan, S Banerjee

4:25 PM **Question and Answer Session 4**

FEATURE SPEAKER: | 4:40 – 5:25 PM

Professor Sandra Reid

Professor of Public Health Psychiatry
Faculty of Medical Sciences

AWARDS & CLOSING CEREMONY | 5:25 PM

Presentation of Prizes

Early Career Researcher Prize
Undergraduate Student Researcher Prize
Postgraduate Student Researcher Prize
Best Oral Presentation
Best Poster Presentation
Conference Delegates' Choice – Best Poster

Lifetime Research Achievement Award

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks