



Sustainable Approaches to Promote Health & Equity in Latin America

Reports from Ecuador and Cuba

Since 2004, UBC has participated with institutions in Ecuador, Cuba and Mexico in an international collaboration on the sustainable management of environmental health risks. This panel features **2 Latin American population health leaders** who are members of this partnership.



Responding to unsustainable development in Ecuador

Dr. Jaime Breilh, Director, Health Area Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar. Quito, Ecuador

Effects of export-oriented agriculture and extractive industries such as mining has prompted reflection about the nature of sustainability, linking health scientists and affected communities. An Andean Region Observatory on Collective Health, Environment and Society led by Dr. Breilh is tracking such trends and approaches to dealing with them.

Recent changes to the health system in Cuba

Dr. Mariano Bonet, Director, INHEM—National Institute of Hygiene, Epidemiology & Microbiology, Havana, Cuba

Since its 1959 Revolution, Cuba has achieved excellent health results by developing a comprehensive nation-wide primary care network that is well integrated with public health capacities and community involvement. To strengthen sustainability amid economic reforms, the health system is itself continuing to evolve.

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Liu Institute for Global Issues – Multipurpose Room
(light lunch and beverages will be served)

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