

Towards Rubella Elimination in the Philippines

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Most rubella infections are mild, however, infection in a pregnant woman may cause devastating malformations and may result in stillbirths, miscarriage or a pattern of birth defects known as Congenital Rubella Syndrome.

Being a vaccine-preventable disease, rubella/congenital rubella syndrome is one disease targeted for elimination in five WHO Regions by 2020 under the Global Vaccine Action Plan. This forum aims to present updates and status on the global, regional and national rubella elimination progress and plans.

Objectives:

1. To present an overview of the progress of the rubella/congenital rubella syndrome elimination plans on the global, regional and national levels
2. To present the plans of the Department of Health to achieve the national plans for the elimination of rubella/congenital rubella syndrome
3. To present the findings of a local study on the burden of congenital rubella syndrome in the country

Program:

8:30-9:00 AM	Registration
9:00-9:10 AM	Opening Remarks and introduction of speakers Dr. Anna Lena Lopez
9:10-9:30 AM	Global and Regional Rubella Elimination Plans Dr. Kohei Toda, World Health Organization, Philippines
9:30-9:50 AM	Rubella elimination in the Philippines: Progress and plans Dr. Wilda Silva, Department of Health
9:50-10:30 AM	The burden of congenital rubella syndrome in the Philippines: Results from a retrospective study Dr. Aida M. Salonga
10:30-10:45 AM	Panel Discussion/Open Forum Moderator: Dr. Josephine Aldaba
10:45-11:00 AM	Synthesis and Closing Remarks Dr. Ma. Esterlita Uy