


Invitational Gathering on North American Indigenous Birthing and Midwifery

Mexico Participants

Participant Name	Organization	BIOS
Rosa Hernández Girón, Midwife	Traditional midwife, Sanitary Jurisdiction of Comitán de Domínguez	Rosa Hernández was born in the state of Chiapas, Mexico and lives in Comitán, a rainforest near the southern border of Mexico. She has 31 years of experience as a midwife. Her job as a midwife started when she was 12 years old attending the last four deliveries of her mother. Since then she has been accepted and acknowledged by her community as a midwife. She is linked with the national health services by the <i>Sanitary Jurisdiction of Comitán de Domínguez</i> and since 2005 she has been certified as a midwife by the Ministry of Health of Mexico. Mrs. Hernández participates actively in health activities delivered at the <i>Maternal House of Comitán</i> .
Elsa Zavala Espíndola	Nurse specialized in obstetrics, Responsible for traditional midwife certification, Ministry of Health, Mexico	Elsa Zavala holds a B.A. in Nursing from the National School of Nursing and Obstetrics from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Since 1992, she has worked at the Ministry of Health of Mexico in varied areas including Family Planning; strategy on Social Security coverage extension; integral health care for women and children before, during and after birth. Since 2004, Mrs. Zavala has coordinated, evaluated and monitored the activities developed by traditional midwives in Mexico. She recently participated on the Obstetric Nursing Attention Model work group of the Ministry of Health of Mexico coordinating the activities of several Mexican states.

<p>Dr. Hernán José García Ramírez</p>	<p>Deputy Director, Complementary health care system, Traditional Medicine directorate, Ministry of Health, Mexico</p>	<p>Dr. Hernán García Ramírez is a Mexican Medical Doctor that has worked since 1980 on research and development of rural and indigenous health. He is author of the book “<i>Wind in the Blood: Mayan Healing and Chinese Medicine</i>”. Since 2003, Dr. García has been working at the Directorate for Traditional Medicine as the under-director for Complementary Health Care Systems. In this position, he participates on the design and implementation of innovative models on traditional medicine, complementary health systems, intercultural medicine and the National Policy on Health Care for Indigenous Peoples.</p>
<p>Paola Martínez Chiñas</p>	<p>Manager, Interamerican System, Directorate General for International relations, Ministry of Health, Mexico</p> <p>http://www.salud.gob.mx/</p> <p>http://www.salud.chiapas.gob.mx/</p> 	<p>Paola Martínez holds a B.A. in International Relations and a M.Sc. in Public Administration and Public Policy. Her professional background is focused on federal international relations in the fields of health and education. Since 2005, she has worked as an Inter-American Relations Manager, International Affairs Directorate, Ministry of Health, Mexico. She is responsible for the planning and management of the bilateral relations between Mexico and the countries of the American continent (except Central America) and the Pan-American Health Organization.</p>