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The International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research (ICBDSR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities are organizing a **birth defects surveillance workshop**, in Bogotá, Colombia, on **7 November 2017**, the day prior to the 8th International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World.

In this workshop (see attached draft agenda) we will discuss ways in which birth defects surveillance is important for prevention and how to capture selected birth defects. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about congenital Zika syndrome and how surveillance systems in Central and South America have been capturing Zika-related malformations.

We are looking forward to informative and interactive sessions. Please note the following:

- There is **no registration fee** for the workshop, but because slots are limited (50) **an application to register is required** in order to appropriately plan the logistics.
- To apply, please complete the application below, and email it to icbd@icbd.org **no later than 28 August 2017**. All applications will be reviewed, and you can expect a reply from us by early September.
- To support the participation of health care professionals from outside Colombia, the organizers plan to **support hotel accommodation** for up to two days for a limited number of such applicants. When applying, please specify if requesting this support. We regret that we are unable to support travel.

We hope you find this workshop of interest. Please email Simonetta Zezza and Lorenzo Botto at icbd@icbd.org with any questions.

The workshop organizers

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(write '**Bogotá 2017 workshop application**' in the subject line)

- Name
- Contact information: address, phone number, email
- Organization
- Title/Occupation
- Short description of current or near future activities in birth defects surveillance
- Please let us know also whether you are applying also for support for lodging (up to 2 nights)