

**“THE CHANGING NATURE OF PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES IN  
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT AND THE WORK OF PAHO” -  
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Comments from Canada**

This paper provides a good overview of the types of partners which exist. It would be a useful exercise to now identify which types of partners are most relevant to the work of PAHO. This was addressed somewhat in the second section of the paper which presented two examples of strategies which PAHO could use 1) specific partnerships to achieve limited goals, and 2) support multi-purpose forums. Canada would recommend that these ideas be developed further, and additional strategies be considered, which would in turn assist in the identification of relevant partners for PAHO from the list developed in this paper.

It would be important to define very clearly the role of partner organizations within particular partnership scenarios. It would also be important to protect the position of member states, where the Ministries of Health are the main representatives. Canada agrees with comments made by Mexico to the paper on Governance stating “It is considered very important to amend the Constitution of PAHO to facilitate the participation of new actors; however, their participation should not be on an equal footing with that of the Member States, and an appropriate transparent mechanism would have to be set up for the granting of privileges by the Member States.”

It is recommended that non-profit and not-for-profit public and private entities be considered for partnerships. It is not recommended that for-profit entities play a partnership role in this public organization. (The relationship with pharmaceutical companies, for example, should be one of procurement only, not one which involves input into policy development or governance.)

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