Importance of the official relations status



For more information

"PAHO recognize the positive contributions made by non-Stage actors in Official Relations to the mission of this Organinization. Working with PAHO through jointly developed plans of collaboration, these entities support PAHOs Strategic Plan and help us advance public health in the Americas "

If you would like to receive more information of the work the PAHO does with NSAs in official relations and to apply, please contac us at:

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Things you may not know about NSAs in Official Relations with PAHO

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What does it mean to be in official relations with PAHO?



Are all NSAs eligible for official relations?



How does the approaval/renewal process work on practical terms?

Official relations is a **privilege** that the Executive Committee may grant **eligible non-State Actors** (NSA) that have a sustained and systematic engagement whit the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), which is assessed by both parties as being **mutually beneficial**

This privilege includes:

- •An agreed three-year workplan with PAHO;
- The possibility to participate in sessions of PAHO's Governing Bodies

Official relations may only be granted to non-governmental organizations, international business associations and philanthropic foundations.

NSA considered to be private sector, except for international business associations, and academic institutions are not eligible for official relations.

In order to be eligible for admittance, the NSA must have had and continue to have, a sustained and systematic engagement with PAHO for at least two (2) years (participation in each other's meeting alone is not considered to be systematic engagement.

The aims and activities of the NSA must be in conformity with spirit, purposes, and principles of the PAHO Constitution, and shall center on health or health-related fields. Finally, the NSA should be **regional** in membership and/or scope, and have:

- a constitution or similar document,
- an established headquarter,
- a governing body, and
- an administrative structure.

NSA must submit a letter expressing interest in admission into official relations, on the NSA letterhead, addressed to PAHO Director and sent to ERP-NSA@paho.org (only new applicants)

August PAHO send instructions to interestd applicants on how to submit the application for admission into official relations to NSA and PAHO technical focal pointS

End Sept NSA must submit completed application for admission/renewal intro officoal relations (online questionnaires & upload required documentation)

PAHO Secretariat conducts an internal review and due diligence/risk assessment of the NSA applications, submitting those that appear to meet all eligibility requirements to the PAHO Governing Bodies for consideration

PAHO's Subcommittee on Program, Budget and Administration (SPBA) reviews application for admitting NSA into official relations

PAHO's Executive Committee reviews recommendations from the SPBA and decides whether to grant official relations status applicants