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

Dr. Carissa F. Etienne
Director
Pan American Health Organization

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

ERP-NSA@paho.org
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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 admission, 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 meetings alone is not considered to be systematic engagement).

The aims and activities of the NSA must be in conformity with the 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.

Are all NSAs eligible for official relations?

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).

PAHO sends instructions to interested applicants on how to submit the application for admission into official relations to NSA and PAHO technical focal points.

NSA must submit completed application for admission/renewal into official 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.

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

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

End June

End Sept

March

August

July