



## Importance of the official relations status



## For more information

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

*“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 PAHOs Strategic Plan and help us advance public health in the Americas ”*

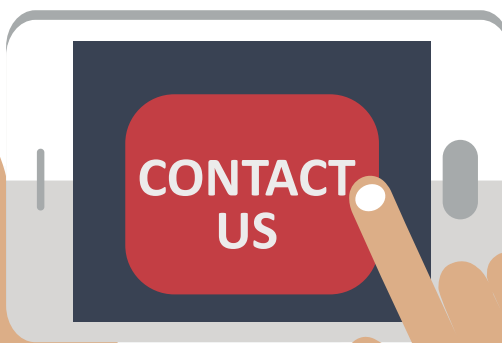
If you would like to receive more information of the work the PAHO does with NSAs in official relations and to apply, please contact us at:

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

Official relations is a **privilege** that the Executive Committee may grant **eligible non-State Actors (NSA)** that have a sustained and systematic engagement with 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



# Are all NSAs eligible for official relations?

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.**



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

