



Americas RISE for Health Terms of Reference 2023-2025

Goal

The goal of Americas RISE for Health (“RISE”) is to bolster resiliency of the hemisphere’s health economies and ecosystems by identifying, catalyzing and accelerating multisectoral collaboration.

Objectives

1. Build resilient, pandemic-prepared health economies and supply chains
2. Accelerate regulatory improvements
3. Ensuring sufficient, efficient and equitable health investments
4. Create ethical environments in which our health economies can thrive
5. Build better health for all communities
6. Enable digital health solutions

Revisions to the objectives will be approved by consensus at the annual RISE meeting as needed.

Structure

RISE is comprised of a Steering Group and Pillar Workstreams, organized by RISE objectives, and a plenary meeting held annually. RISE is supported by a Secretariat.

Steering Group

The Steering Group will include one or two high-level government representatives from each interested country in the Americas, one representative from private sector (Americas Business Dialogue) and one representative from civil society (REDLAD). The Steering Group will draft the agenda for the annual RISE meeting and its accompanying statement. The Steering Group will also update the terms of reference as needed.

The Steering Group Chair shall serve for a term of two years with an extension of one additional year if requested and endorsed by consensus by the Steering Group. If the Chair is unable to complete their term and/or resigns prior to the end of their term, the Secretariat will request nominations for a new Chair and the Chair will be selected by consensus. Should the Chair be absent from a meeting, the meeting will be led by a designate selected by the Chair.

The Steering Group will meet once a year to finalize the RISE agenda, draft statement, and update the terms of reference as needed.

Pillar Workstreams

Each Pillar Workstream will be led by one or two governments (i.e., a chair or two co-chairs), and be comprised of governments, private sector, and civil society/academia. Each Workstream will focus on one objective (see above) and support the acceleration of multisectoral collaboration.

The Pillar Workstream chair(s) shall serve for a term of two years with an extension of one additional year if requested and endorsed by the Steering Group. If the Chair(s) is/are unable to complete their term and/or resigns prior to the end of their term, the Secretariat will request nominations for new Chair(s) and the Chairs



will be selected by the Steering Group. Should the Chair(s) be absent from a meeting, the meeting will be led by a designate selected by the Chair(s).

Pillar Workstreams Chairs shall update the Steering Group in advance of each annual RISE plenary meeting.

The Pillar Workstreams will meet at least twice a year to discuss and advance multisectoral collaboration opportunities as agreed to in the annual RISE statement.

Plenary meeting

A plenary meeting will meet once per year. The proposed schedule of meetings in any one year will be agreed to by the Steering Group and shared by the Secretariat in a timely manner.

Secretariat

The Steering Group and Pillar Workstreams will be supported by a Secretariat (Americas Business Dialogue).