Reunión Interamericana, a Nivel Ministerial, en Salud y Agricultura (RIMSA)

Inter-American Meeting, at Ministerial Level, in Health and Agriculture

Description	RIMSA is a regional forum for collaboration and coordination on issues related to veterinary public health (e.g., prevention and control of zoonotic and foodborne diseases, eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, and measures related to food safety). It is the only such forum with the participation of the Ministers of Health and Agriculture from Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Member States. Through RIMSA, PAHO receives the political support necessary to develop technical cooperation in these countries. RIMSA takes into account both the countries' commitment and the impact of decisions made on the countries' economy and on the health of its population.
Purpose	RIMSA's main function is to unite the national authorities from the health and agricultural sectors, at ministerial level, thus creating the political conditions necessary for the debate on country needs and on PAHO proposals in the area of veterinary public health.
Scope	International – in the Region of the Americas.
Primary Funders	PAHO (individual RIMSA meetings may have additional sponsors).
Participants & Key Collaborators	Ministers of Agriculture, Ministers of Health, and other high-level political authorities from PAHO Member States; the PAHO Veterinary Public Health Unit; the World Health Organization (WHO).
Definition of One Health	No specific definition of One Health is stated in the description of RIMSA online; however, the final report of the 2005 meeting a "One Health" approach was highlighted: "An intersectoral approach to health and agriculture is crucial in order to understand and to take action to prevent and control zoonotic diseases that pose a potential threat to the public health and economy of countries."
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	PAHO defines strategic and programmatic goals every four years. No formal monitoring and evaluation strategy is provided online regarding RIMSA.
Sources of Information	PAHO Website: http://www.paho.org/english/ad/dpc/vp/rimsa-home.htm
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