

## TECHNICAL HEALTH SCHOOLS NETWORK OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS (RETS-UNASUR)

### WORK PLAN 2014-2015

#### PRESENTATION

The Technical Group for Development and Management of Human Resources in Health of the Health Council of the Union of South American Nations (Unasur) meeting for the first time in September 2009, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, approved for the Board of Ministers the creation of Networks of Structuring Institutions in Health, among them, the Technical Health Schools Network (RETS-Unasur).

In November of the same year, the Council approves a resolution on the subject. In December, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting of RETS, the RETS-Unasur. Four months later, the Ministers publish a new resolution recognizing the creation of RETS-Unasur, which now operates as a sub-network of RETS, as a strategy to promote greater organicity to the cooperation activities between the countries. Joaquim Venâncio Polytechnic School of Health (EPSJV/Fiocruz), the headquarters of the Executive Secretariat of RETS, is indicated as the institution responsible for managing RETS-Unasur until 2013.

This document presents the proposed Work Plan for the biennium 2014-2105 of RETS-UNASUR, discussed and approved by the Network members present at its second meeting, held in Recife-PE, Brazil, on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The central idea of this Plan, in line with the proposal of a Commitment presented by Unasur/Health at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, held in the same city, from November 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, is joining forces in an action mapping within the government, the issue of education and work of health technicians in 12 countries of the block. Without losing sight of the issues addressed in the Five Year Plan of Unasur-Health, this proposal represents an attempt, within the Network, to systematize the enormous diversity and complexity of arrangements that permeates the area of technical education in health in different countries, so to facilitate the establishment of multilateral cooperation actions in health within the Block.

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Mapping the universe of education and work of health technicians in the Region<sup>1</sup>.

Actions	Activities/Strategies	Expected Product	Responsibles	Period
<b>1.1. Carry out, together with the South American Institute of Government in Health (ISAGS) and in support of the Technical Group of Human Resources in Health of Unasur (GTRHUS), a comprehensive survey with countries of the region, of legal and organizational aspects of education and the work of health technicians.</b>	1.1.1. Submission of an official document to the Ministries requesting the appointment of a focal point to represent the country in the study group.	List with representatives from all countries.	ISAGS Executive Secretariat	Until May 2014
	1.1.2. Conducting a workshop for the approval of a guide of basic research to be sent to the countries, Work Groups of Unasur and other instances considered relevant.	1 <sup>st</sup> version of the Research Guide	Executive Secretariat ISAGS Research Group	Until July 2014
	1.1.3. Receipt and consolidation of contributions and suggestions submitted by collaborators.	Consolidated Version of the Guide	Executive Secretariat Research Group	Until October 2014
	1.1.4. Submission of Consolidated Guides for official informants designated by national authorities.	Receiving Protocol	Research Group National Teams	October 2014
	1.1.5. Receipt of the completed questionnaire filled by countries and relevant documents.	Questionnaires Answered	Research Group National Teams	Until January 2015
	1.1.6. Systematization and analysis of information collected.	Basic text of the report	Research Group	Until June 2015
	1.1.7. Report writing and sending it to be reviewed by member countries.	Final text of the report	Research Group National Teams	Until September 2015

<sup>1</sup> Conduct, with the support of the South American Institute of Government in Health (ISAGS), a survey, with the Governments of the various dimensions that make up the universe of technical education in health in the countries of Unasur. This survey and subsequent systematization of the information collected should point out the similarities and specificities of each country in this area in order to facilitate dialogue and cooperation activities in the education and work of health technicians in the region, in addition to base for discussions taking place in the various sub-regions on this topic. The aim of the study is to find, among other things: Which Ministries and government agencies are involved with the issue of work and education of health technicians? What is the legal framework that guides this education? Who regulates the technical professions? What are the levels of technical education in the country?

	1.1.8. Revision, translation and publication of the report	Report Published	Executive Secretariat ISAGS	November or December 2015
	1.1.9. A seminar for presentation of the report, discussion of results and discussion of proposals for the deployment of the study.	Seminar	Executive Secretariat ISAGS	November or December 2015

**OBJECTIVE 2.** *Develop mechanisms to facilitate the production, dissemination and systematization of information and communication on the field of education of health technicians among members of the sub-network.*

Actions	Activities/Strategies	Product	Responsibles	Period
<b>2.1.</b> Creation of an area on the website of RETS dedicated to the dissemination of projects of bilateral or multilateral cooperation in the area of education and work of health technicians	2.1.1. Development of a consultation among Network members for raising cooperation actions completed or in progress.	Tool of online consultation	Executive Secretariat	Until July 2014
	2.1.2. Dissemination of information and products on the website (reports, educational materials, curricula etc.) of each informed action.	Material accessible through the website	Executive Secretariat	Continuous Process
<b>2.2</b> Publication of a special issue of RETS Magazine with reports of successful experiences in the field of technical education	2.2.1. Disclosure on the page, in the newsletter and on social networks of RETS of call for submission of successful experiences related to education of health technicians.	Call Published	Executive Secretariat	March 2014
	2.2.2. Receiving, selection and preparation of texts for publication.	Texts Ready	Executive Secretariat	From March to July
	2.2.3. Publication of the Magazine.	Magazine Ready	Executive Secretariat	September/2014