



## Charter – Statute of the Alianza One Health Selva Maya

Members of the Alianza form a regional, cross-sectoral and inclusive multi-stakeholder alliance for knowledge sharing and co-creation, uniting various disciplines across the One Health spectrum. The Alianza offers a space to find solutions to the complex threats related to the health of the Selva Maya and its inhabitants.

With its multidisciplinary approach, the Alianza provides a place for regional and cross-sectoral dialogue that facilitates synergies, knowledge transfer, integration of experience, sharing of evidence, awareness-raising, support for pilot projects and dissemination of lessons learned.

It will catalyse joint action by stakeholders from various fields, including biological, biomedical and health sciences, ecology, human and veterinary medicine, as well as development cooperation and social sciences, as well as various forms of knowledge. In addition, the Alianza supports the translation of science and knowledge into recommendations for policy decision-making and the improvement of epidemiological surveillance, while noting the importance of prevention.

It strives to integrate traditional forms of knowledge and science-based approaches to arrive at inclusive and evidence-based recommendations, and seeks to advance joint/individual actions around them.

The ultimate goal of the Alianza is to improve the well-being of the environment, animals and humans of the Selva Maya region, thus increasing the resilience of the ecosystem in the face of threats such as climate change and future epidemics and pandemics.

The specific objectives are:

- 1) Integrate and incorporate One Health solutions in the execution of the Selva Maya 2030 Comprehensive Strategy for a resilient and healthy Selva Maya.
- 2) Improve the well-being of the population, the environment and the fauna of the Selva Maya
- 3) Bridging the gap between science, communities, policy and implementation
- 3) Improve epidemiological surveillance and early response
- 4) Foster a regional One Health identity

### Principles of the Alianza

Members of the Alianza, even with different objectives of their own, are committed to the common mission, vision and objectives of the Alianza and adopt it as a unifying, safe and inclusive space for debate and knowledge generation. They openly commit in accordance with the Alianza principles of knowledge sharing, collaboration, evidence-based practices, inclusion and respect.

The Alianza will promote an inclusive approach that respects cultural identity, the rights of indigenous peoples and diverse forms of knowledge and practices, including traditional and indigenous knowledge systems.

### One Health at the intergovernmental level

The Alliance is firmly within the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the definition and understanding of One Health adopted by the Quadripartite, (WHO, WOA, FAO and UNEP), as authored by its advisory body, the One Health High-Level Expert Group:

*„One Health is an integrated and unifying approach that aims to achieve optimal and sustainable health outcomes for people, animals and ecosystems. It recognises that the health of people, domestic and wild animals, plants and the environment in general (our ecosystems) are closely linked and interdependent. The approach mobilizes multiple sectors, disciplines and communities at all levels of society to work together in the fight against threats to health and ecosystems, while addressing our collective needs for healthy food, water, energy and air, acting on climate change and promoting sustainable development.“*

Note: The Charter is a values-based, non-technical document that describes the mission, vision and objectives of the Alianza. To become a member, the applicant must consent to the document.