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Internacional Education Network
for Health Technicians

WORK PLAN – RETS 2006/2008

1. Strengthening, Expanding and Disseminating the RETS

Objectives	Actions/Strategies	Assigned to:	Periods
To expand and strengthen the RETS in the Americas Region, the Caribbean and Africa	Seek new areas for technical cooperation in countries that are not yet represented in the Network.	Executive Secretariat, WHO Representation	Permanent
	Legitimise the members and partners of the RETS Network through consultations with the government entity in charge of drawing up education policies for health area technicians.	Executive Secretariat	Permanent
	Disseminate the RETS and encourage shared exchange and cooperation activities with other organisations and institutions.	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat	Permanent
	Strive to introduce the RETS into Forums discussing and deliberating on proposals and initiatives for the Decade of Human Resources in Health	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat	Permanent

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2. Communication and Production of Information and Knowledge

Objectives	Actions/Strategies	Assigned to:	Periods
To develop mechanisms that streamline the production of information and communication among RETS Members.	Collect registration information on all RETS Members and Partners.	Executive Secretariat, Members and Partners	Permanent
	Construct a Technician Education database for the RETS Member Countries, accessible through the Internet.	Executive Secretariat, Members and Partners	Permanent
	Construct an editorial and graphic project design for the RETS Website in two languages (Portuguese and Spanish).	Executive Secretariat	August and September 2006
	Launch the RETS Website in two languages.	Executive Secretariat	December 2006 (awaiting financing)
	Update the RETS Website with the necessary information on each Member or Partner.	Executive Secretariat	Permanent
	Construct the editorial and graphic project designs for the RETS journal in two languages (Portuguese and Spanish).	Executive Secretariat	August and September 2006
	Launch the RETS journal in two languages	Executive Secretariat	March 2007 (awaiting financing)
	Research texts and documents related to the technicians education area that might provide input for cooperation policies among Members.	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat.	Permanent
	Survey and compile the health and education laws and standards in each Member Country.	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat.	September – December/2006
Identify and disseminate sources of bibliographic information related to the Technician Education area.	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat.	Permanent	

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3. Productions, Dissemination and Exchange of Knowledge in the Technician Education Area

Objectives	Actions/Strategies	Assigned to:	Periods
To foster the development of research consolidating academic output in the technicians' education area, providing input for drawing up government policies in the countries and the establishment of technical cooperation among the Member Institutions.	Draw up a glossary defining and classifying existing technical occupations in the countries in the Americas Region, the Caribbean and the Portuguese-speaking countries.	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat.	2007/2008
	Encourage the establishment of a Human Resources Observatories Network in Africa, stressing technical workers.	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat.	Permanent
	Develop research proposals with the publication of books and documents, tailored to the priorities identified by the Members of the Network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupational profiles of Health Technicians; - Theoretical and methodological guidelines for the syllabus organisation in the various Health Technician Education fields, tailored to the training requirements identified by the countries; - Dynamics of organisations and labour relations, and challenges for Technician Education; - Assessment and certification of knowledge. 	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat.	2007/2008
	Setting up working groups by research areas, rated by priority, identified by the network members for assisting with the technical cooperation actions	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat.	2007/2008
	Encourage technical cooperation for the production and upgrading of educational materials	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat.	Permanent
	Identify potentials, needs and demands in areas that are strategic for Technician Education, with a view to establishing inter-institutional partnerships.	Members, Partners and Executive Secretariat.	Permanent