



OPEN CALL
RENEWAL OF THE PREZODE STEERING COMMITTEE
Terms of Reference
July 29 2025

The Steering Committee (SC) is a central body of the PREZODE initiative that proposes the initiative's strategy, presents deliverables to the General Assembly (GA), and oversees the implementation of the initiative. It brings together a minimum of 13 elected members and representatives of the Donors Committee and One Health International Organizations. As the initial term of the SC members is coming to an end, we are looking for new members or new candidacies of current SC members to join the Initiative's governing body.

The PREZODE Secretariat is opening a call for candidates to renew three colleges of the SC.

- The **Scientific College** comprises 5 scientists
- The **College of Regions** comprises 5 delegates (one for each of the 5 regions: Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania, as listed in the Terms of Reference of the governance)
- The **College of Civil Society** comprises 3 delegates from Civil Society organizations (NGOs, community groups, etc.), including non-profit foundations.

Additionally, the SC will include representatives of One Health International Organizations college (1 representative per signatory organization, with a limit of 4 representatives in total) and 1 representative nominated by the Donors Committee that will be set up in the coming months.

Functions of the sc

The SC elaborates and submits to the GA the strategic orientations for the initiative. In particular, it:

- Submits annual work plans and budgets for the initiative.
- Submits other strategic documents, including revisions of the Terms of Reference for the governance of the initiative.
- Prepares and proposes revisions of the Strategic Agenda of the initiative.

The SC is also the body making decisions on several actions related to the initiative. In particular, it:

- Decides on the endorsement (under PREZODE label) by PREZODE of projects, programs and networks based on the evaluation by an ad-hoc working group.
- Decides on working groups or task forces on specific topics.
- Guides and reviews their activities, engages and communicates with potential partners and stakeholders.

The SC also guides the Secretariat and reviews its activities.

REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must adhere to [PREZODE's values](#) and be involved in [One Health](#). They must also prove their expertise and degrees in fields relevant to PREZODE's mission, such as environmental health, animal health, human health, epidemiology, anthropology, sociology, and other disciplines.

- **Candidates to the Scientific College must be internationally acknowledged experts** and provide a CV and list of peer-reviewed publications. They apply as individuals. A recommendation letter from a PREZODE member, other than the organization with which they work regularly, would be an asset.
- **Candidates for the Regions College must belong to an institution or organization member of PREZODE**, which has signed the declaration of intent before November 21, 2024. They **must justify their link to their region** as well as their expertise in regional health issues.
- **Candidates for the Civil Society College must belong to an institution or organization member of PREZODE**, which has signed the declaration of intent before November 21, 2024, **and must justify** their expertise in health issues.

DUTIES

Candidates must understand that the SC is tasked with **broad activities**, science being one among them.

Participation and involvement of SC members in one of the five [Pillar Working groups](#) of PREZODE, according to their expertise and interest, is highly recommended, especially for members of the Scientific College.

SC meetings occur every two months and last two hours. Participation in SC activities and meetings is required. Members must commit to the PREZODE Initiative and remain engaged throughout their term. If they are inconsistent and irregular in their participation in PREZODE activities and SC meetings, their mandate will be terminated before the end of their term. These members will not be permitted to apply for a new SC mandate.

Note that, when relevant, external experts can join specific SC meetings.

SC members will not receive financial compensation for their work, but they will occupy strategic positions in the high-level PREZODE international network. SC members are encouraged to attend and participate in relevant local and international events on behalf of PREZODE, provided that a majority of SC members approves it. In this regard, PREZODE will cover expenses up to a maximum limit.

APPLICATIONS

To apply, please fill out [this form](#) to provide the needed information and submit the following documents in English:

- A curriculum vitae (2 pages max) and a list of publications, when relevant, and mandatory for applicants to the Scientific College.

- A cover letter, indicating your motivations and how you satisfy the selection criteria (1,200 words maximum).
- For the Regions and the Civil Society College applicants, a recommendation letter from your institution is required. For individuals applying to the Science college, a recommendation letter would be an asset.

CALENDAR

The calendar of the call and election is as follows

Call for applications to the SC	July 29
Last day for the reception of the applications for the SC	September 15
Screening of applications and eligibility check for SC candidates	Sept 15 to 22
Publication of the applications	Sept 23 to Oct 7
Vote by the PREZODE members (one voice per member)	Oct 8 to Oct 15
Announcement of the results	Oct 16
Formal establishment	Early November 2025

Only complete applications received by September 15 at 11:59 pm CET will be considered.
If you have any questions about this “Call for candidates”, please write to contact@prezode.org

PROCESS

- This call is open to candidates for each of the 3 colleges to be elected. One can apply to only one college. The call for applications will remain open for 6 weeks.
- The Secretariat screens the applications to select the eligible ones according to the Terms of Reference.
- The candidacies are published on a dedicated online platform for 3 weeks, including the week of the vote.
- The vote will be open for 7 days.
- All members will vote for the Scientific College and the College of Civil Society. The members of each of the 5 Regions will vote for the candidates of their Region.
 - For the Scientific College, the five candidates getting the most votes are elected.
 - For the Regions’ College and each Region, the candidate getting the most votes is elected.
 - For the Civil Society College, the 3 candidates getting the most votes are elected.

BACKGROUND

PREZODE’s [governance](#) encompasses several bodies. The General Assembly (GA) and the Steering Committee (SC) are the ones that provide the Initiative’s strategy.

All members are eligible to vote in both the **Science and Civil Society colleges’** elections.

For the **Regional college elections**, members are **only eligible** to vote in **their registered region**.

To validate the elections, a quorum of 50% of the voters’ list must be reached for each college.

Please make sure your representative voter will cast your organization’s vote.

A balance between regions, genders, and fields of expertise -human, animal, and environmental health- will be considered.