

Call for Potential Hosts:

16th Latin America Regional ISTR Conference to be held in 2027

The ISTR Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Network requests researchers and affiliated institutions from any country of the Region to express their interest in hosting and co-organizing the Sixteenth ISTR Regional Conference and PhD Seminar for Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in 2027. Final decision on the location will be made by the ISTR Board of Directors.

Previous regional conferences for Latin America and the Caribbean were held in Brazil (1998), Chile (1999), Argentina (2001), Costa Rica (2003), Peru (2005), Brazil (2007), Mexico (2009), Argentina (2011), Chile (2013), Puerto Rico (2015), Ecuador (2017), Colombia (2019), Brazil (2023), and most recently in Mexico (2025).

Why host? Hosting a regional conference is a prime opportunity for strategic engagement of stakeholders and promotion of the third sector within the host city and country and to promote fruitful alliances at the local and national level and with other countries in the region.

Who should host? We encourage private and public academic institutions, civil society organizations and research centers to submit proposals for hosting and co-organizing the next ISTR Regional Conference. The organizations - or consortia of organizations - should have the ability to:

- Provide a venue for the conference sessions, and support ISTR in identifying venues for receptions.
- Engage a broad range of participants interested in third-sector research from a range of institutions in the host country.
- Be able to identify local sources for catering, accommodation, printing, technology, and other logistical services needed for the conference.
- Make fundraising efforts to cover conference expenses and subsidy support.
- Provide key input on the academic committee and PhD Seminar faculty.

Committee Structure ISTR will organize an Academic Committee with broad representation from the region, including the local host. The Academic Committee manages the call for papers, review of submissions, and program development. The local host will form a local planning committee that will serve voluntarily and will contribute to the development of the plenary sessions and will coordinate the programmatic and logistical aspects of conference.

Interested individuals and institutions can send their questions to Megan Haddock mhaddock@ISTR.org.

Please submit a letter of interest by August 31, 2025.

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