



BELIZE OPEN GOVERNMENT WEBINARS PROGRAM

For interested participants of the Open Government Belize ecosystem

In the framework of the Project:

“Transformation to an Open Public Administration in Belize (2019-2021)”

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Webinar 1: Open Government: overview of the path to 2020

This session is intended to serve as an overview of how open government has progressed since inception. The overview will allow us to interpret how countries had responded to its implementation, what methodologies had been pursued, and what kinds of commitments have been established; all from the perspective of a civil society centered participatory multi-stakeholder approach

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Objective:

To build capacities and raise awareness about the rules and guidelines for participants of the multi-stakeholder open government Belizean ecosystem when engaging in formal open government co-creation processes such as the national open government action plan.

Rationale:

The introduction of open government in any given adopting country since 2011 had inspired adjustments that enable its successful implementation by operating under certain standards. One of these adjustments addresses the generation of an in-country multi-stakeholder process willing to work towards establishing open government commitments to be embraced. With the initiative to develop the very first national open government action plan in Belize in 2020, this project seeks to contribute in the preparation of those stakeholders willing to participate of co-creation processes by providing three basic training sessions on fundamentals of their role and expected actions. Upon successful completion of the training sessions, participants would have acquired the necessary proficiency to engage in the co-creation of the national action plan. The sessions will be delivered to participants in Belize by international experts in a videoconference format, overseen by the OAS and the Open Government Partnership (OGP), and accompanied by the project's coordinating team in Belize, for those participants attending in person. Only participants attending all sessions (in person or through webinar) will receive a certificate of completion.

Speakers BIOs:***Sarah Bérubé***

Sarah Bérubé is working on the Open Government team at Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. She previously worked at Finance Canada, the Privy Council Office and Global Affairs Canada as part of the Advanced Policy Analyst Program. She had the chance to be part of the Young Diplomats of Canada delegation to OECD Summit in June 2018, which allowed her to connect her deep interest for public policy with her passion for international relations. Sarah Berube was an intern in the Public Affairs Division of the Quebec Government Office in Washington D.C., as well as in the Economic Affairs Division of the Quebec Government Office in London. She then served as the coordinator of the Research Chair of Canada in Environmental Law at Laval University. During her undergraduate and graduate studies, Sarah worked at the National Assembly of Quebec as a page and then as a student researcher in Parliamentary Law and Procedure. She holds a Masters in International Relations from

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Benoît Frenette

Benoît Frenette is the Team Lead for the Interdepartmental unit on the Open Government Team at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. He is in charge of the oversight and implementation of Canada's National Action Plans for the Open Government Partnership. He is also the main point of contact for interjurisdictional relations, domestically and internationally. He has worked in the public service for over 15 years, occupying different functions in multiple federal departments. Benoît holds a Masters and B.A. Degrees in Economics from Sherbrooke University.

Pepe García

Pepe joined the Open Government Partnership Support Unit in December 2019 as a Senior Program Officer to provide support and assistance to North America, Central America and The Caribbean countries. He holds a BA in International Relations and worked for nearly a decade to promote transparency and openness in Mexico: first at the local level in the State of Oaxaca, and later at the National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection (INAI), the federal-level independent body responsible for guaranteeing the public's right to access information and responsible for promoting proactive transparency and open government nationwide. Over this period he was involved in planning and implementation of reforms, policies and projects at various scales, on transparency, access to information, open data and civic technology, accountability, anti-corruption and public participation.

Gustavo Perez Ara

Gustavo joined the IRM team as a Program Officer for the Subnational Government Pilot Program in May 2017. Starting in July 2018, his primary focus has been the development of IRM reports in the Americas to assess the implementation of government commitments. Previously, Gustavo worked at Transparency International as part of the Global Advocacy and Campaigns Department and the Public Management Office of Transparency's Venezuelan Chapter. He holds an MA in Conflict Resolution and International Mediation from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a BA in Liberal Arts and International Politics from Universidad Metropolitana in Caracas, Venezuela.

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<https://www.facebook.com/OpenGovBelize/>

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<https://opendata.riik.ee/en/>

<https://www.opengovpartnership.org/policy-areas/>

<https://ckan.org/>

Chat Transcript:

Mike Mora :Good morning. I am Mike, with the OAS connected in our headquarters in Washington DC

Mike Mora :I will be moderating today's session

Mike Mora :webinar starts in 18 minutes: 10:30 AM Belize Time

Audrey Robin [Trust]:Good morning Mike, Nice to meet you

Mike Mora :Thanks for those connected

TBS CANADA:yes, we can hear you
Marta Hendrikk:Hearing you. Good morning Mike.
Audrey Robin [Trust]:I cant hear it
Audrey Robin [Trust]:i dont know how to connect the audio
Marta Hendrikk:Hello, audio got disconnected.
Marta Hendrikk:on again ...
Audrey Robin [Trust]:Now I can hear
David Aguilar [Galen University]:Good morning.
Josue Ake: UB-FST:Good mornig to All
Namrita Balani [Ministry of Education]:Morning :)
Marta Hendrikk:Marta (private sector)
Noel Carballo [Corozal Junior College]:Good morning everyone
Mike Mora :Before we begin, if you wan t to know more about the first phase of the project and what to expect in this second phase, or woul dlike to stay connected to the project and participate you can also follow: <https://www.facebook.com/OpenGovBelize/>
Yvette and Roberto Mazariegos M&M Distributors:Good morning all
Juan Pablo Ruiz - MoH IT:Good Morning
David Aguilar [Galen University]:I am joining from the Galen University main campus in Central Farm, Belize.
Erick López. Green Zone:morning from O.W. Green Zone.
Yvette and Roberto Mazariegos M&M Distributors:We are joining from M& M Distributors
Gustavo Pérez Ara - IRM/OGP:Hello all! Gustavo Pérez Ara here, I'm with the OGP team working on the Independent Reporting Mechanism, conducting evaluations for the countries in the Americas. Nice to meet you!
Josue Ake: UB-FST:Morning. I am a lecturer/investigatior from the Faculty of Science & Technology, UB, Central Campus, Belmopan.
Audrey Robin [Trust]:Hi I am Michelle Bernier, but my advisor told me to register with this name. I am a human right activist in Venezuela
Melissa - BSCAP:Good morning. I am the General Manager of BscAP, Belizean Society of Composers Authors Publishers
Marta Hendrikk:Marta have worked in Gov. Information Service, UNDP, UNHCR, Social Security, National Association of Village Councils, teaching, etc. Now in Hospitality and Real Estate businesses. FYI
Malenie Barnes (TRUST) 2:Thank you for joining us Marta, your wide experience will surely contribute to the OG process
Robin:Could you speak louder Mr Garcia?
Mike Mora :To all participants, if you have a question for the speakers please WRITE it here at any time. We will address the questions towards the end of the presentations.
Robin:We don't hear you very well
Yvette and Roberto Mazariegos M&M Distributors:We can't hear him well, volume very low
Robin:Still low
David Aguilar [Galen University]:I can hear you fine... but I am wearing headphones.
Ruth Esquivel [CCB]:I can hear fine.
Mike Mora :i suggest tp participants to rise your volume for this presentation. I am 1/4 of my volume at car hear fine, of course, it will not work the same in every equipment, as it does for me.
i noble:good morning everyone, I am here on behalf of the ministry of Education in Belize. My name is Ismael Noble and am the ICT manager for the MInistry of Education. I currently poses a Master's degree in Information Systems and Applications from Taiwan. and am also a member of the Belize Open source comunity with experience is api development and design as well as service security standards.
Mike Mora :Welcome Noble
Marta Hendrikk:visual presentation is not synchronized with verbal.
Melissa - BSCAP:Will the powerpoint presentations be shared with us?

Mike Mora :the session is also being recored and will be distributed and published, together with the presenttions.

Melissa - BSCAP:thanks

Mike Mora :Gustavo. recuerda que puedes prender tu camara

Mike Mora :and To you Melissa

Mike Mora :thanks you

Mike Mora :Thank*

Mike Mora :You can also learn more about the policy areas in this OGP link:

<https://www.opengovpartnership.org/policy-areas/>

Gustavo Pérez Ara - IRM/OGP:Please feel free to contact me if youhave any questions or concerns. Find my email here as well: gustavo.perez@opengovpartnership.org

Senator Markhelm Lizarraga:appologies, I allocated one hour for this and must now leave to attend to other commitments. Please provide me with relevant material when possible. markliz2@yahoo.com thank you!

Malenie Barnes (TRUST) 2:Ok Senator Lizarraga, thanks for being with us. For further communication mbares@trust-oes.org is my contact

Malenie Barnes (TRUST) 2:mbarnes@trust-oes.org

Robin:trust-oas*

Robin:oea*

Robin:Good morning all, I am Audrey Robin, local coordinator for the Open Government project in Belize along with Malenie Barnes

Yvette and Roberto Mazariegos M&M Distributors:Good morning Robin, welcome

Robin:For any question or additional information, don't hesitate to email us at arobin@trust-oea.org and mbarnes@trust-oea.org

Mike Mora :Remember to send your questions to speakers here to this chat tool

Byron Tesecum - Min. Public Service:Good Morning, Byron Tesecum from Ministry of Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities, Belize. I am a Database Administrator with the Human Resource Management System.

Mike Mora :Welcome Byron

Mike Mora :Thanks for joining

Melanie Eiley (BCSP):Good Morning everyone! Hello Mike Mora!

Mike Mora :Good morning Melanie!

Mike Mora :Belize, get ready! this type of open government engagement cycle is something we wiant to help recreate with all of you this year!! The Trust/OAS project will support, together with partners such as OGP, and experiences like Canada/TBS

Melanie Eiley (BCSP):Wonderful! Looking forward to it.

Juan Pablo Ruiz - MoH IT:Currently, what percentage of the population is using open government platforms?Are there any specific features/deliverables that have significantly increased usage rate?

i noble:how scalable is the current platform in place, and in terms of the system in place i herd it was made using opensource software which platform was it based off of and is there documentation available?

Mariela Coc:it was having difficulties logging in, will the information be available for reference purpose.

Malenie Barnes (TRUST) 2:Hi Mariela, yes the webinar is being recorded and presentations will be available

ShaunF:What is the stated Theory of Change for the Open Government policy in Canada and by extension, what are the main intended national development impacts and outcomes from the policy?

Malenie Barnes (TRUST) 2:Please feel free to contact myself (mbarnes@trust-oea.org) or Audrey Robin (arobin@trust-oea.org) for any support, information or questions.

Paco Smith [Belize PEACE Movement]:Might you be able to share a bit more concerning the "Citizen Initiative portal" with regard to (1) Its development, (2) Its function and (3) Its current utility?

i noble:<https://ckan.org/>

i noble:fyi

TBS CANADA:You will find here the link to have access to our open source code for our data portal:

<https://github.com/open-data/ckanext-canada>

i noble:im glad the financial aspect was raised

i noble:thanks, ill look at it shortly

Paco Smith [Belize PEACE Movement]:Therefore it serves as the "main hub"?

Marta Hendrikx:Will this series this year assist with defining of 'substantive' areas that would be beneficial specifically to Belize? What approach will this take?

Paco Smith [Belize PEACE Movement]:Yes, thanks!

TBS CANADA:yes, it serves at a main hub, a single window.

mike:Michael Link - Ministry of Natural Resources, IT Manager

Yvette and Roberto Mazariegos M&M Distributors:Hi, I am interested in the implementation of systems for procurement and tendering processes in governmentfor transparency,

Marta Hendrikx:Ditto

Marta Hendrikx:Thank you. Excellent introductory presentations.

Yvette and Roberto Mazariegos M&M Distributors:To have fair tendering and contracts to minimize donorsn financiers of politicians benefiting in contracts illegally

GILROY MIDDLEOTN JR. (UNIVERSITY OF BELIZE):Thank you.

Byron Tesecum - Min. Public Service:Thank you..

David Aguilar [Galen University]:Thank you.

Yvette and Roberto Mazariegos M&M Distributors:Thank you

Erick López. Green Zone:Thank you all.

Melanie Eiley (BCSP):Thank you too!

Paco Smith [Belize PEACE Movement]:Cheers

Sandra Miranda:thank you

mike:Thanks.

i noble:bye

Mariela Coc: thank you!

Melissa - BSCAP:thank you