



## 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 3: More of co-creation and setting ambitious commitments

*This session is intended to explore deeper into the processes of setting the commitments for the open government action plans and how these have worked well in other countries. The exchange will encourage participants to think about what commitments maybe of interest to pursue in Belize for the development of its first open government action plan.* Thursday February 27, 2020 - 10:30AM-12:00PM (BZE-CST)

Venue: University of Belize Auditorium, Belmopan



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[PRESENTATION](#)



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**Objective:**

To build capacities and raise awareness of members of the Belize Open Government National Steering Committee on their role by exposing them to knowledge and experiences from around the world that have contributed to the implementation of successful open government steering committees.

**Rationale:**

The introduction of open government in any give 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 working group willing to orient the open government actions to be adopted. With the inception of the very first national open government steering committee in Belize in 2020, this project seeks to contribute in the preparation of those actors willing to participate of the steering committee by providing three basic training sessions on fundamentals of the role and expected actions; including the development of the national open government action plan. Upon successful completion of the training sessions, members of the Steering Committee will acquired the necessary proficiency to successfully undertake their roles. The sessions will be accompanied by the project's coordinating team in Belize and will be delivered to the group in Belize by international experts in a videoconference format, overseen by the OAS and the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

**Speakers BIOs:*****Carolina Matamoros***

Carolina is the Lead Data Analyst for the Open Data Initiative of the Digital Government Division of the Ministry of ICT of the Government of Colombia. She has a Master of Public Policy, another in Industrial Engineer and a Master of Engineering specialized in applied Operational Research and Statistical Analysis for the development and implementation of public policies. Prior to her current post, she was the advisor for the Presidential Commissioner for Innovation and Digital Transformation in the development and implementation of the national digital public policy. In her current post, she is responsible to increase open data use and improve open data quality at a national level, among others. For over four years she was a methodology advisor and coach for the Military Forces and the National Police of

Colombia, where she co-developed and co-deployed the long-term strategic planning methodology for the Defense Sector.

### ***Alari Rammo***

Alari has worked since 2004 for the Network of Estonian Non-Profit Organizations, and currently is responsible for government relations as a Head of Policy with the network. Since 2018 he has coordinated the CSO network of OGP in Estonia. His previous positions include the Estonian Parliament, business sector and journalism. Alari holds master's degrees in Mass Communication and Estonian Public Law.

### **Links Shared:**

<https://www.datos.gov.co/>

<https://www.riigikantselei.ee/en/open-government-partnership>

### **Chat Transcript:**

Mike Mora :I want to thank Alari from his presentation today, also in particular given the 8 hour time difference with Estonia right now

Shaun Finnetty:Thanks for very informative and frank presentation Alari. Are there any other Estonian public administration improvement initiatives that the OGP agenda and work activities are aligned to?

Alari Rammo:Thanks. Guess I didn't have time to mention any examples actually of the commitments, but besides OGP we do have a lot going on all the time. They could be OGP commitments as well, but again, this 2y cycle. We also follow suggestions from OECD, how to improve governance. If you are interested in any special part of public administration, I can find out, what have we done.

Shaun Finnetty:That would be great, thanks!

Alari Rammo:alari@heakodanik.ee

UB Auditorium:no question here

Deseree Arzu (Wildlife Conservation Society):What approach would you guys recommend for non-profit organizations such as conservation NGO like WCS, to become actively involved in the process of OG?

Deseree Arzu (Wildlife Conservation Society):Thank you Carolina

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