



BELIZE OPEN GOVERNMENT WEBINARS PROGRAM

In the framework of the Project:

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

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Webinar 2: National Steering Committees in Open Government; principles and world cases

This session is intended to provide an in-depth overview of the in-country mechanisms established to guide the implementation of open government. The session will touch on their role, configurations, practices, and also roles taken by their participants.

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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 Cornejo***

Carolina is the Director of Open Government at the Office of Chief of Cabinet of Minister and serves as Argentina's Point of Contact before the Open Government Partnership. She has been working on issues of institutional strengthening, transparency and citizen engagement for the past decade, first as civil society advocate at ACIJ (a non-profit organization), and since 2017, as government officer.

Carolina holds a degree in Political Science (University of Buenos Aires) and an MA in Development Management and Policy (Georgetown University). She is OAS Fellow on Open Government and has written several publications, including her master thesis, on citizen engagement in public accountability.

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Ricardo currently serves as Director of Transparency in the General Directorate of Open Government and Transparency of the National Institute of Transparency, Access to Information and Protection of Personal Data (INAI) and is pursuing the Doctoral Program in Political Science. Ricardo has Master in Government and Public Administration from the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM), has a degree in Economics and a degree in Political Science from the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM). He has experience in managerial positions at the Federal and Municipal levels. He has also served as a professor in various universities. Administration and International Relations at the Complutense University of Madrid

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.

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