



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 3: Steering Committees & the development of National Open Government Action Plans

This session is intended to dive deeper into the role of the national open government committees in relation to the processes of developing the national open government action plans. What to do, what to expect, how to navigate and encourage a participatory process and decision making.

Wednesday February 26, 2020 - 3:30PM-5PM (BZE-CST)

Venue: CITO, Belmopan



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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:***Ana Gabriel Zuñiga Aponte***

Ana Gabriel served as Vice-Minister of Political Affairs and Citizen Dialogue of the Presidency of the Republic of Costa Rica during the Solís Rivera Administration, between May 2014 and May 2018. She was responsible for assuming three work agendas: The citizen dialogue for conflict management, open government, and co-create public policies, which allowed to be the Solís Rivera Administration the era with less social conflict since 1992 in Costa Rica.

Ana Gabriel was responsible in his role as Deputy Minister for the implementation of the Open Government, which made Costa Rica the first country to establish an Open State strategy according to the OECD, also to be host of Abrelatam-ConDatos in 2017; to be co-leader of Open Government in Latin America together with Chile, and to have the best qualification of the country in the Index of Corruption Perception of Transparency International to date. Finally, the intercultural dialogue with indigenous peoples allowed the co-creation of a General Mechanism for Indigenous Consultation, one of its kind, which regulates ILO Convention 169. Before assuming as Vice Minister, she was an activist for human rights groups, an independent consultant on environmental and governance issues, and legislative advisor in the Presidency of the Congress of the Republic responsible for monitoring relations with sectors and populations, environment agenda, human rights, access to public information and the implementation of a free software policy. She currently works as Transparency Project Manager for the Hivos Latin America organization and as a Professor of the specialized Open State course of the University of Costa Rica.

Eng Virginia Pardo, PMP

Virginia is a System Engineer, graduated from Universidad de la República Oriental del Uruguay. She is currently the Digital Citizenship Area Director for the e-government Agency of Uruguay (AGESIC), responsible for carrying out projects related to Unify Portal, Government Open Data, Citizen e-participation, and e-government regulatory framework since 2010. She is a Council member of the Public Information Access Unit (UAIP), and the Personal Data Control and Regulatory Unit (URCDP), of Uruguay, Since 2010. Among others, she is responsible of articulating and promoting Open Government in Uruguay; therefore, she is the local representative (POC) of the Government of Uruguay to the Open Government Partnership (OGP) since 2011, She has been in charge of the construction of the 4 national action plans of Uruguay. Virginia has an extensive experience in project management, specifically in the area of e-government, IT information and telecommunications. She has also been Software Development Project Manager for implementation and improvement of processes and standards in the National Telecommunications Administration (ANTEL), as well as teaching Project Management and IT Service Management.

Christopher Schultz

Christopher is the Strategy Team Lead on Open Government of the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. Mr. Schultz has been in his current position for nearly a year. He joined the Open Government Team at TBS just prior to the Open Government Partnership Global Summit, which was held in Ottawa last May, 2019. His team is responsible for open government planning and prioritization, including responding to and reviewing international studies and surveys, researching emergent topics, and being the lead authors on OGP National Action Plans. Mr. Schultz previously worked as an investigator and operations manager for Canada's Information Commissioner, and has worked and studied at Carleton University and Western University as an educator and in professional development.