



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 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 participatory multi-stakeholder approach; lead by a core group of key public actors acting as a cohesive national open government body.

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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:***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 the École supérieure d'études internationales and a B.A. in Public Affairs and International Relations from Laval University.

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Ott is an Advisor of the Government Office's Strategy Unit, and serves as the Point of contact of the Government of Estonia to the OGP.

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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