

THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

A MECHANISM FOR
COOPERATION



SCOPE OF THE PRESENTATION

- I. General information about the Mechanism
- II. Review process of the States
- III. Other activities
- IV. Civil Society participation
- V. Publicity and access to information



I. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MECHANISM

1. ABOUT THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

**34 STATES
PARTIES**



Working together to
address corruption
comprehensively



2. ABOUT THE MESICIC:

THE MESICIC IS A
COOPERATION MECHANISM
OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
CHARACTER, WITH BROAD
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIL
SOCIETY PARTICIPATION.

33 STATES PARTIES

- They are evaluated reciprocally under equal conditions.
- Exchange of best practices.
- Development of cooperation tools, such as legislative guides and model laws.



II. REVIEW PROCESS



1. TOPICS, SCHEDULE, ORDER AND REVIEW SUB-GROUPS

- »» **THE TOPICS AND THE SCHEDULE** are adopted by the Committee of Experts at the plenary meeting preceding the start of a Round of Review.
- »» **THE REVIEW ORDER** begins with States that voluntarily wish to be reviewed at the start and then by order of ratification of the Convention.
- »» **THE REVIEW SUBGROUP** are selected at random, taking into account previously established rules.

2. TOPICS UNDER REVIEW

Selected for the 5th round:

Instructions to government personnel to ensure proper understanding of their responsibilities and the ethical rules governing their activities;

Relationship between equitable compensation and probity in public service.



Follow-up of the 2nd round:

»» Topics reviewed in the four previous Rounds:

- Standards and mechanisms for the prevention of conflicts of interest, the proper conservation of public resources and the obligation to report acts of corruption.
- Systems for registering the income, assets and liabilities.
- Civil Society participation in preventing and combating corruption.
- Legal cooperation to prevent and combat corruption and reciprocal assistance for prosecuting acts of corruption.
- Denial or prevention of favorable tax treatment for expenditures made in violation of the anticorruption laws.
- Prevention of bribery of domestic and foreign government officials, by requiring companies to have in place internal controls that prevent it.
- Criminalization of transnational bribery and illicit enrichment.
- Extradition of those who commit acts of corruption.
- Oversight bodies, with a view to implementing modern mechanisms for preventing, detecting, punishing, and eradicating corrupt acts that trigger disciplinary; administrative; financial or civil; and criminal responsibility.

3. SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR THE REVIEW



4. ON SITE VISITS



OBJECTIVES OF THE MESICIC VISITS



Specify, clarify or complement the information provided by the reviewed State

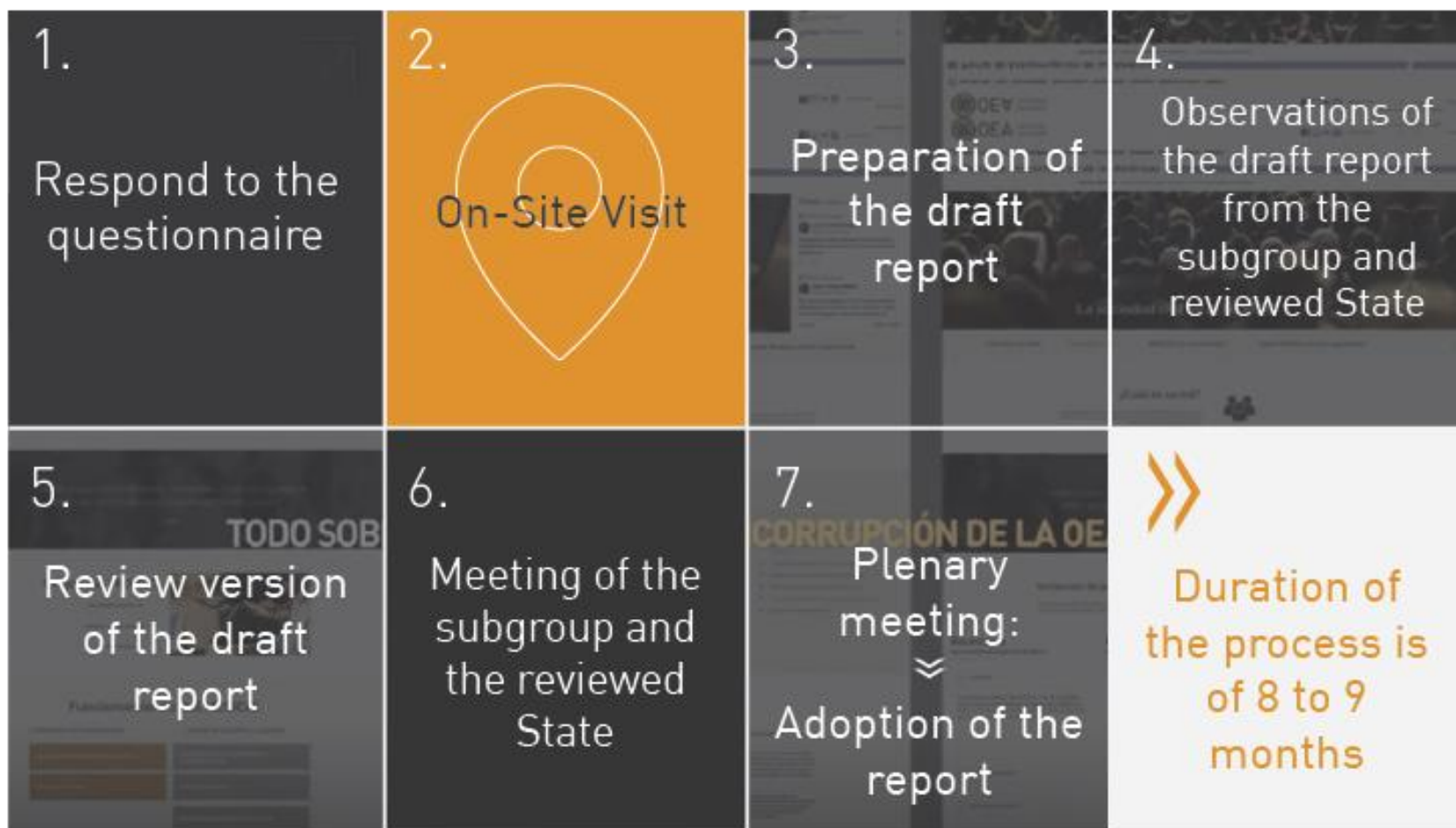


Interview government authorities



Interview members of civil society

5. STEPS IN THE REVIEW PROCESS

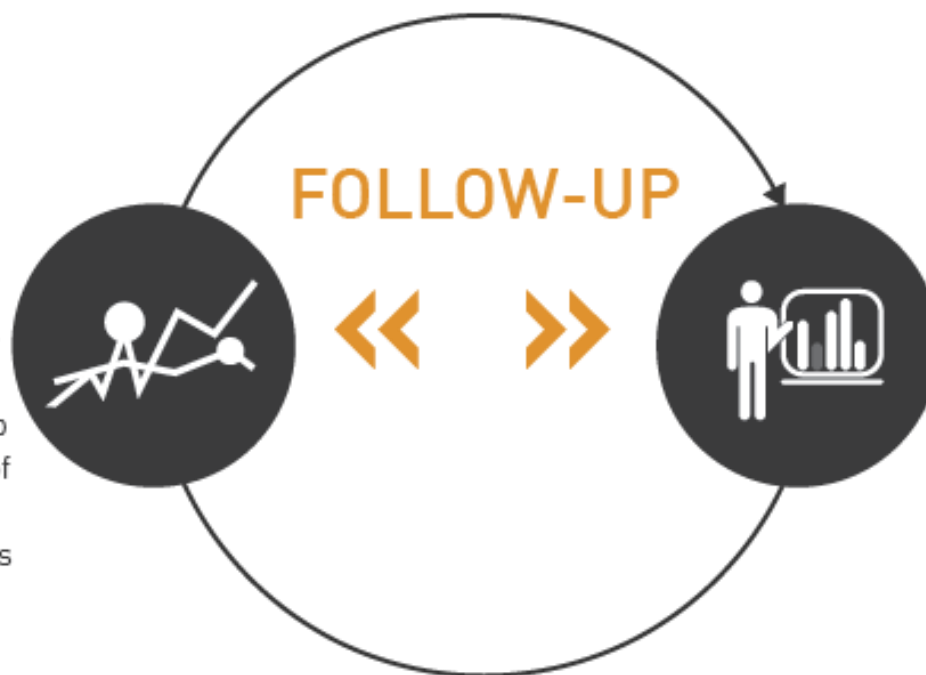


6. FOLLOW-UP

At the beginning of a new Round, the Questionnaire includes a "Follow-up of Recommendations" section that allows for a review of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations made in country reports of previous Rounds.

Follow-up of previous recommendations:

In each Round, in addition to reviewing the new selected provisions of the IACAC, a follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations made in previous Rounds is carried out.



National Progress Reports:

Additionally, the States present before the Committee, at their first annual plenary meeting, a report on their progress in the implementation of the recommendations.

7. HEMISPHERIC REPORT

At the end of each Round the Committee adopts a **Hemispheric Report** that consist of:



1. A general and comprehensive analysis based on the country reviews and the collective recommendations.
2. A summary of objectives accomplished.

REVIEWED COUNTRIES



Argentina	Grenada
Bahamas	Guyana
Belize	Honduras
Bolivia	Jamaica
Brazil	Mexico
Canada	Panama
Chile	Paraguay
Colombia	Peru
Costa Rica	Suriname
Dominican Republic	Uruguay
Ecuador	
El Salvador	

COUNTRIES TO BE REVIEWED



Antigua and Barbuda
Dominica
Guatemala
Haití
Nicaragua
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Sanint Lucia
Saint Vicent and the
Granadinas
Trinidad and Tobago
United States
Venezuela



III. OTHER ACTIVITIES

SECRETARIA
TECNICA

BEST PRACTICES

The MESICIC promotes the exchange of best practices among its member states in matters of prevention and fight against corruption, based on a methodology adopted by the Committee, in which its presentation is regulated in a standard format, as well as its compilation, dissemination and use.

STUDIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

The Committee may invite specialists to present the results of their studies or research in specific areas or recommend the carrying out of certain studies, investigations or analysis, which allow the members of the Committee to have a better understanding when addressing a specific topic.

TOPICS OF COLLECTIVE INTEREST

The Committee can propose considering topics of collective interest with a view to defining specific lines of action that will allow strengthening cooperation among the States within the framework of the Convention.

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IV. CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION

THERE ARE BROAD OPPORTUNITIES OF PARTICIPATION FOR **CIVIL SOCIETY**

Meetings of the
Conference of States
Parties



Organizations can take part as observers at meetings by invitation.

Meetings of the
Committee of Experts



They can present the documents they sent for the preparation of the report on the country under review.

Country
reports



They can present documents and proposals for review in future Rounds, as well as present documents with specific information related to the questions referred to in the current review questionnaire.

On-Site Visits

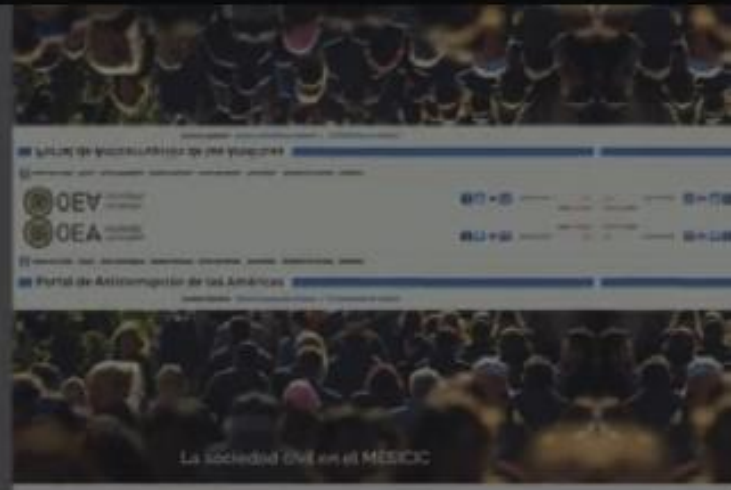


The organizations that sent documents for the preparation of the report, as well as other organizations, participate whenever they are invited.

Topics of Collective
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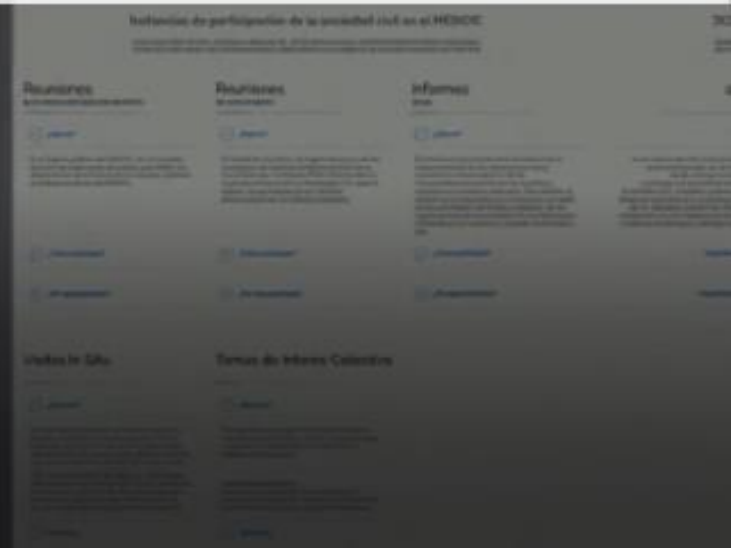
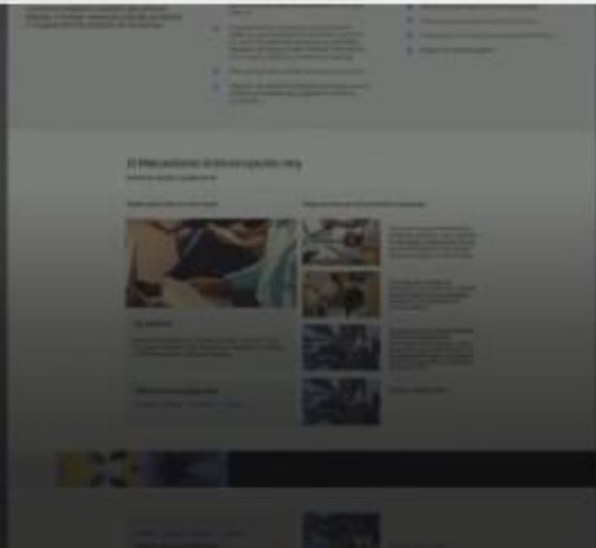
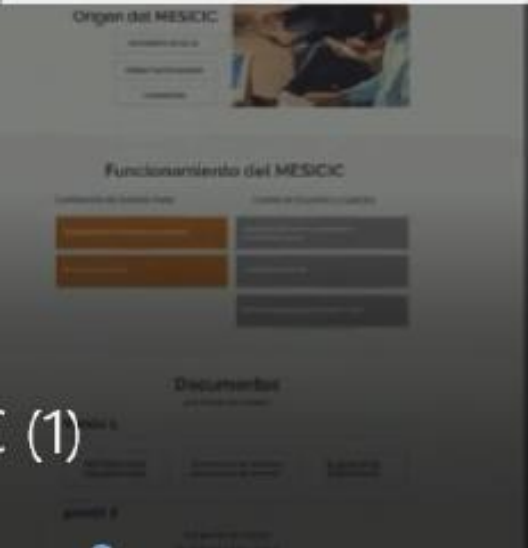


The organizations that have relevant developments on topics that the Committee is considering, will be invited to present them, in the meetings of this Committee.



V. PUBLICITY AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

TODO SOBRE EL MECANISMO DE ACCESO A LA INFORMACION EN LA OEA



The MESICIC is a **transparent mechanism**,
where all the information is public.

» Anticorruption
Portal of the
Americas

» Anti-Corruption
Bulletin

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Follow-Up Mechanism for the Implementation of the
Inter-American Convention against Corruption

More information: www.oas.org/anticorruptionportal