



WEBINARS PROGRAM

In the framework of the Project:

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

Implemented by the Trust for the Americas and the Department for Effective Public Management of the OAS, with the Support of the Embassy of the United State of America in Belize

For: Interested participants of the Open Government Belize ecosystem

Objective:

To build capacities and raise awareness about the rules and guidelines for participants of the multi-stakeholder open government Belizean ecosystem when engaging in formal open government co-creation processes such as the national open government action plan.

Rationale:

The introduction of open government in any given 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 process willing to work towards establishing open government commitments to be embraced. With the initiative to develop the very first national open government action plan in Belize in 2020, this project seeks to contribute in the preparation of those stakeholders willing to participate of co-creation processes by providing three basic training sessions on fundamentals of their role and expected actions. Upon successful completion of the training sessions, participants would have acquired the necessary proficiency to engage in the co-creation of the national action plan. The sessions will be delivered to participants in Belize by international experts in a videoconference format, overseen by the OAS and the Open Government Partnership (OGP), and accompanied by the project’s coordinating team in Belize, for those participants attending in person. Only participants attending all sessions (in person or through webinar) will receive a certificate of completion. Sessions details:

Participants can attend online or in person (to the venues shown below. Refreshments provided)

Webinar 1: Open Government: overview of the path to 2020

Date: Thursday February 13, 2020 – 10:30AM-12:00PM (BZE-CST)

Duration: 1 ½ hrs (presentations and questions and answers)

Venue: BTEC, Belize City

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.

Experts:

1. **Open Government Partnership:** Country Support & Independent Reporting Mechanism
2. **Canada experience:** Canadian OGP Point of Contact, Treasury Board Canada Secretariat (TBS)

Topics to be presented and discussed:

- Snapshot of countries, action plans, commitments, and performance.
- Formal in country mechanism (an in-country steering committee)
- Things that worked and things that did not work.
- Challenges ahead.

Webinar 2: Development of National Open Government Action Plans; principles and world cases

Date: Thursday February 20, 2020 - 10:30AM-12:00PM (BZE-CST)

Duration: 1 ½ hrs (presentations and conversation)

Venue: BTEC, Belize City

This session is intended to provide an in-depth overview of the standards and practices when developing open government national action plans. What are actions plans, what's in them, and how to get there, will be all topics to be covered. We will dive into the processes that had enable co-creation, also looking at the specific case of Uruguay, where government and civil society have incrementally progressed in the embracing of open government.

Experts:

1. **Open Government Partnership:** Country Support
2. **Government of Uruguay:** AGESIC
3. **Uruguay Civil Society:** Open Government Network/Red de Gobierno Abierto

Topics to be presented and discussed:

- Code of Conduct?
- Co-creation processes
- What are “ambitious” commitments
- How does the ecosystems engages properly in co-creation; what to do and what no to do
- World samples of plans of actions and commitments (including stellar commitments)

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

Date: Thursday February 27, 2020 - 10:30AM-12:00PM (BZE-CST)

Duration: 1 ½ hrs (presentations and conversation)

Venue: University of Belize Auditorium, Belmopan

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.

Experts:

1. **Open Government Partnership:** Country Support
2. **Estonia Civil Society:** (TBD)

Topics to be presented and discussed:

- World samples of plans of actions and commitments (including stellar commitments), continues
- Lining-up next steps for developing an action plan in Belize

Note: as a result of the training, participants will be asked to submit the outline of desired commitments for a Belize open government action plan through a concise concept note. Participants will receive a one pager template for this. The Belizean Open Government Steering Committee will evaluate the submissions and classified them for consideration at the launching of the official co-creation process. Not all submission will be selected. Only the submissions that properly abided to basic criteria, standards and significance will be considered.

Other aspects:

- Power point presentation, demos and/or other resources will be part of the training.
- The sessions will be recorded and available to participants as a permanent training resource for them and others, together with presentation and other materials shared.
- The training will be delivered through the Adobe Connect platform, managed by the OAS.

Platform: <http://oasconnect.adobeconnect.com/gpab2/>

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