

## ADDRESSING COVID-19 THROUGH OPEN GOVERNMENT

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### OPEN RESPONSE + OPEN RECOVERY

#### BELIZE OPEN GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT IN TIMES OF COVID-19

##### PROJECT: Transformation to an Open Public Administration in Belize

The pandemic COVID-19 has shown to be capable of distressing almost all aspects of our very own existence. Each citizen, business, and government have faced it or suffered it in different ways. The pandemic came unexpectedly as well as the responses. None of us were prepared to face such an emergency. Moreover, the losses around the world are plenty and difficult in terms of human lives or to the economies. As travels were restricted, economic activity was halted, and impacted negatively countries relying primarily in sectors such as tourism and threatening also the capacity of producers to continue growing their crops or distributing produce and supplies.

To face the crisis situation and the recovery with a participatory approach, open government is addressing worldwide the importance of designing and deciding solutions that can match and benefit from the views and concerns of complementary actors, including government officials, citizens, the private sector, and others.

In advancing open government in Belize through a multi-stakeholder co-creation approach, the Trust for the Americas and the Organization of the American States (OAS) are supporting during 2020 the process for developing Belize's first open government action plan. The Action Plan is intended to serve as the instrument to orient the actions of stakeholders in Belize to accomplish certain open government commitments that are identified and agreed by government and non-government actors in different topics and/or sectors. Given the diverse challenges posed by COVID-19 in Belize, the exercise of developing Belize's open government action plan seeks to contribute to define priority areas in which open government could add more value or have a greater impact for COVID-19 related emergency response and/or recovery.

The **Transformation to an Open Public Administration in Belize** project in coordination with **the Belize Open Government Steering Committee** invites you to participate of this session, intended to launch the co-creation phase of the Belize open Government action plan with a COVID-19 scope; where all participants will have the opportunity to contribute to that process according to the following agenda.

03:00 PM	Opening remarks
03:15 PM	Presentation on the COVID-19 government response   Mr. Michael Singh, <i>Advisor, e-Governance and Digital Transformation, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Belize.</i>
03:45 PM	Open Response + Open Recovery by OGP
04:15 PM	Breakout dialogue sessions
4:45 PM	Conclusions of breakout dialogue sessions by moderators and final dialogue
5:00 PM	Closing