The principles of transparency, collaboration and participation –nowadays referred to as Open Government– are fundamental for the exercise of democracy as recognized in the Inter-American Democratic Charter.

Secretary General Luis Almagro

Government administrations are changing their business models worldwide. Leading governments shaping these changes for the last decade are effectively making the citizen the center of the equation.





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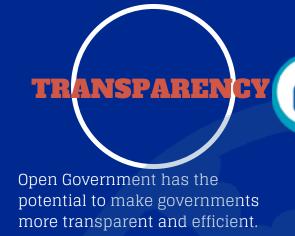
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The cost of corruption is more than 5% of global GDP (US\$ 2.6 trillion) and adds over US\$ 1 trillion paid in bribes each year

According to the World Economic Forum and the World Bank



Open Government has the potential to make governments more transparent and efficient. Innovation in government services to citizens translates to more inclusive and secure governance, restoring trust in public institutions.



Working together with citizens on government service design improves delivery. The Trust for the Americas serves as an incubator for open government projects, providing dedicated expert coaching and funding to the most successful initiatives.

The Trust for the Americas supports the Open Government agenda in the region by:



Capacity building for public officials and civil society



Development of collaboration mechanisms



Technical training on open government and open data principles



High- level events to raise awareness



Promoting participation of executive, judiciary, legislative and municipal authorities

The private sector contributes to open government by improving public services, spurring civic innovation, and capitalizing on open data



Open Government offers citizens the means to engage in decision-making, on improving public service delivery, health or education issues, or connecting business opportunities in the digital economy,