



Agenda

IX Annual IDB Group-Caribbean Civil Society Meeting

November 12th, 2019
Bridgetown, Barbados

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Needham Meeting Room

[Hilton Barbados Resort](#)

Needham's Point St Michael
Bridgetown, Bridgetown
BB15158
Barbados

8:00 am

[Registration and networking](#)

9:15 am – 9:30 am

[Opening remarks](#)

- **Juan Carlos de la Hoz**, IDB Group Country Representative in Barbados
- **Hon. Colin E. Jordan**, Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations, Barbados

9:30 am – 10:15 am

[How civil society can strengthen transparency and reduce corruption in the Caribbean?](#)

- **Alexandre Meira da Rosa**, Vice President for Countries, IDB
 - **Hon. Marsha Caddle**, Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment, Barbados
 - **Therese Turner-Jones**, Manager Caribbean Region, IDB
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10:15 am – 10:30 am

Coffee break

10:30 am – 11:45 am

How much access to information do we have and how is it delivered?

What are the challenges in Caribbean countries regarding freedom of information policies? How to advocate for improvement?

- **Trevor Munroe**, Executive Director, National Integrity Action, Jamaica
- **Marie Legault**, High Commissioner of Canada in Barbados
- **Kay Sharon McConney**, Senator and Minister of Innovation, Science, and Smart Technology, Barbados
- **Insights from our audience participants**

Moderator: Francesco de Simone, Transparency Sector Specialist, IDB

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Monitoring the use of public resources through citizen engagement: What is access to information for?

How can access to information provide better understanding of public sector functioning? Can access to information help citizens and the private sector follow taxpayer's money? Can citizens use information to define the budget?

- **Laura Neuman**, Director, Rule of Law Program, Carter Center
- **Gavin Hayman**, Executive Director, Communications and Engagement, Open Contracting
- **Manuel González Caballero**, Latin America Regional Manager, CoST
- **Insights from our audience participants**

Moderator: Nicolas Dassen, Modernization of State Senior Specialist, IDB

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Lunch

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Media and citizen participation: allies or foes?

- **Julian Rogers**, Managing Director, Jamaica Observer
- **Kiana Wilburg**, Guyana Press Association
- **Carol Martindale**, Executive Editor, Nation Publishing, Barbados
- **Afra Raymond**, Columnist for transparency and accountability, Trinidad & Tobago

Moderator: Pablo Bachelet, Communications Principal Specialist, IDB

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

Citizen Participation for Transparency: scenarios toward the future

Which will be our role towards the future regarding the new schemes of public governance? How are CSOs present in the room planning to build trust as a commodity after it has shifted from CSOs, from Governments and Private Sector to a hashtag?

Moderator: Flavia Milano, Operations & Citizen Participation Sr Specialist, IDB

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Takeaways and reflections

- **Selwin Hart**, Executive Director for The Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago, IDB

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Closing remarks

- **Hon. Dale D. Marshall**, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Barbados

5:15 pm – 7:00 pm

Cultural event and closing cocktail
