OAS Anti-Corruption Mechanism visits The Bahamas, Belize and Suriname

As part of the review conducted by the OAS anticorruption mechanism (MESICIC), during the month of April, MESICIC experts will visit The Bahamas, Belize and Suriname to obtain, clarify, and supplement the information provided by these countries in Responses to the Questionnaire for the 5th Round of Review.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ON SITE VISIT:
The visits are expected to provide the MESICIC Committee of Experts with complete and objective information for the preparation of the respective country reports, which review a country’s legal framework for compliance with the provisions of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption [B-58], and its results.

PROVISIONS REVIEWED OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

FOLLOW-UP ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE FORMULATED IN THE SECOND ROUND OF REVIEW CONCERNING:

- Systems of government hiring and procurement of goods and services.
- Systems for the protection of public servants and private citizens who, in good faith, report acts of Corruption.
- The inclusion as a criminal offense in national legislation, the acts of corruption set out in the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.

Measures intended to create, maintain and strengthen instructions to government personnel to ensure proper understanding of their responsibilities and the ethical rules governing their activities;

Measures that take into account the relationship between equitable compensation and probity in public service.

WHO WILL PARTICIPATE?
Representatives from MESICIC’s review subgroup, with the support of the OAS General Secretariat in its capacity as the MESICIC Technical Secretariat.

For the countries being visited, meetings will be held with government authorities as well as members of civil society, the private sector, academics, and professional organizations.

ABOUT THE COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

THE BAHAMAS
State Party to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption
State Party to MESICIC:
Since: June 4, 2002
Number of anticorruption reports: 4
For more info. On The Bahamas please click here.

BELIZE
State Party to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption
State Party to MESICIC:
Since: June 9, 2003
Number of anticorruption reports: 4
For more info. On Belize please click here.

SURiname
State Party to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption
State Party to MESICIC:
Since: June 4, 2002
Number of anticorruption reports: 4
For more info. On Suriname please click here.

THE MESICIC IN NUMBERS:
• 33 State Parties
• 134 Anti-Corruption Reports
• 49 On – Site Visits to Member States