MACCIH-OAS Sponsors New Program of Young Leaders to Promote Transparency and Citizen Participation in Honduras

The Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH) of the Organization of American States (OAS) will sponsor the "OAS Fellowship on Open Government in Honduras" program, which aims to create a network of 25 young leaders to become part of the next generation of change agents in public administration, civil society and the private sector in Honduras.

The Program, promoted by the MACCIH in collaboration with the Department for Effective Public Management (DGPE) and the OAS School of Government, seeks to provide young participants with knowledge, tools and methodologies to promote transparency, citizen participation, collaboration and instill the need for accountability of public resources.

The program developed by the DGPE/OAS between 2015 and 2017 with a hemispheric scope will be implemented for the first time exclusively in one country. The OAS Fellowship on Open Government consists of a virtual course on "Strategies of open government in Latin America," a first face-to-face seminar, a 4-month project development phase, and a second face-to-face seminar for the presentation of said projects. It includes training in:

- promotion of transparency
- open data
- use of new technologies to prevent corruption
- citizen participation with international experts
- exchange of best practices among international participants and guests
- leadership training
- networking opportunities

Participants must come from the public sector, civil society and private sector of different cities and localities in Honduras. The projects to be developed during the Fellowship should contribute to the prevention and fight against corruption and impunity in Honduras.

Those interested in participating in the program can apply until August 18, 2019. For more information about the initiative and the application process, visit the webpage http://www.oas.org/es/sap/dgpe/OpenGovFellowship/.

With the launch of this initiative that promotes transparency, accountability and business ethics, the MACCIH contributes to fulfilling its mandate to strengthen Honduran institutions in both combat and prevention of corruption and impunity.