

INTER-AMERICAN NETWORK ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (INGP)

Created in 2004, the INGP has Statutes and a political body – elected every two years – that comprises a president and an Executive Committee comprising representatives of the five geographical areas of the Hemisphere (North America, the Caribbean, Central America, the Andean Region, and the Southern Cone); and the Organization of American States as its Technical Secretariat.

The Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) is an Inter-American system mechanism that provides high-level horizontal technical cooperation to generate and strengthen linkages among its members; promote the exchange of human, technical, financial, and material resources to generate knowledge, experiences, and best practices in public procurement among the [member states of the Organization of American States](#).

OAS General Assembly Resolution GA/RES. 2894 (XLVI-O/16) (June 2016)

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

DIALOGUE

- Exchange of Best practices and lessons learned
- To reinforce concepts and to improve knowledge of public servants in public procurement through training workshops and online training.
- To identify common needs and challenges to provide effective solutions.
- To generate important inputs for national/regional project's planning and execution.

CAPACITY

- To strengthen the Technical Capacity for contributing to training public servants.
- To strengthen the Political Capacity for achievement of institutional priorities and goals
- To strengthen the Legal Capacity in the formulation, encouragement and implementation of laws and public policies.
- To strengthen the Capacity of national institutions to achieve more efficiency and effectivity in their public procurement processes.

KNOWLEDGE

- To identify key topics in public procurement where information is not available.
- To develop regional studies, reports, and diagnosis that address of public procurement's state of art in the hemisphere and provide recommendations.
- To develop Guides that allows adopting monitoring and implementation methodologies.
- To develop Cases of Study as replicable reference models in other countries.

INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

- To assist to regional public procurement agencies, as requested, for establishing synergies between countries and experts.
- To generate synergies with International organizations, academia, civil society and private sector.
- To create institutional relations with other sub-regional and international networks in order to share experiences and lessons learned.
- To support, recognize and promote the successful initiatives' replicability as a models for other countries.
- To promote regional strategies (supranational demands).

INGP IN NUMBERS...

More than

200 spaces for exchange of experiences

through workshops, webinars, seminars, working sessions, bilateral exchanges, etc.

15 Conferences of Public Procurement

Highest Authorities in 10 Latin-American and Caribbean countries, with more than 7,000 participants.

More than

65 publications (case of studies, diagnosis, guides, etc.) about several topics in public procurement.

60 Workshops in **30** Latin-American and Caribbean countries with more than

9,000 participants benefitted from public and private sector, civil society, academia.

4 Technical Assistances implemented in: Costa Rica; El Salvador, Dominican Republic & Paraguay.

553 international & regional exchanges of experiences (best practices and lessons learned) from **32** countries & International experts in diverse public procurement topics.



5 e-Courses on government procurement: Management in Public Procurement, Sustainable Public Procurement, MSMEs Participation in Public Procurement, ICTs, in Public Procurement & Value for Money in Public Procurement.

2,600 trained public servants from

30 Latin-American and Caribbean countries through e-Courses.

1,771 projects submitted by public servants through e-Courses.

150 full scholarships offered to public

servants from **16** Latin-American countries for the “e-Master in Public Procurement”.

Development of the “Online Platform in Sustainable Public

Procurement” with full Information of **11** Latin-American and Caribbean countries in coordination with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

2 Signed Declarations by INGP Member States about “Women in Public Procurement” & “Digital Transformation in Public Procurement”.

Co-elaboration of the “Open Data Guidelines in Public Procurement” with the Latin American Initiative for Open Data (ILDA).

INGP IS...

Synergy & compromise

involving & linking collaborative networks to implement initiatives and projects in order to encourage greater transparency, efficiency and innovation in public procurement processes.

Sensitization

of the public procurement agencies to include key topics in Government of the Americas' national agendas.

Tendency

in leading-edge public procurement topics:

✓	Implementation of public procurement electronic systems.
✓	Sustainable public procurement.
✓	Institutionalization in public procurement.
✓	MSMEs as state suppliers
✓	Women participation in public procurement.
✓	Contracting Mechanisms: Framework Agreement & Reverse Public Auction.
✓	Public expenditure & public procurement.
✓	Public Works.
✓	Transparency, Integrity and Efficiency in Public Procurement.
✓	Open Data in Public Procurement.
✓	Professionalization of the public purchaser
✓	Public procurement dispute settlement mechanisms.
✓	Innovative Public Procurement & Innovation in Public Procurement Procedures.
✓	Mechanisms to identify performance indicators.
✓	Efficiency in public procurement procedures & contracts management.
✓	Public-private partnerships.

Recognition

as Leader Regional Network in Public Procurement, and worldwide **reference**

for other networks such as: South Asian Public Procurement Network. African Public Procurement Network & South Korean Public Procurement Network.

Relevance

through 3 OAS General Assembly Resolutions: GA/RES 2894 (XLVI-O/16), GA/RES 2905 (XLVII-O/17) and GA/RES 2927 (XLVIII-O/18); and the Summits of the Americas' Lima Compromise (2018) as an effective tool against the corruption.

Teamwork

with different actors from public and private sectors, civil society, academia, Sub-National and Federal Networks & Multilateral and International organizations.

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INGP MEMBER STATES

Antigua & Barbuda <i>Ministry of Finance</i>	Argentina <i>Oficina Nacional de Contrataciones (ONC)</i>	Bahamas <i>Ministry of Finance</i>	Barbados <i>Central Purchasing Department, Ministry of Finance</i>
Belize <i>Ministry of Finance</i>	Bolivia <i>Ministry of the Economy and Finance</i>	Chile <i>Directorate of ChileCompra, Ministry of the Treasury</i>	Brazil <i>Ministry of Planning, Organization and Management</i>
Canada <i>General Directorate for the Defense Procurement and International Cooperation Public Works and Government Services</i>	Colombia <i>National Contracting Agency Colombia Compra Eficiente</i>	Costa Rica <i>Directorate of Property Administration and Administrative Contracting, Ministry of Finance</i>	Dominica <i>Ministry of Finance and Planning</i>
Ecuador <i>National Public Contracting Service (SERCOP)</i>	El Salvador <i>Procurement and Contracting Regulatory Unit (UNAC), Ministry of the Treasury</i>	Guatemala <i>Directorate of State Contracting and Acquisitions Policy Ministry of Public Finance</i>	Guyana <i>Administrative Council for National Procurement and Tender, Ministry of Finance</i>
Grenada <i>Ministry of Finance</i>	Haiti <i>National Public Procurement Commission (CNMP)</i>	Jamaica <i>Procurement and Asset Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance</i>	Honduras <i>State Contracting and Procurement Regulatory Office (ONCAE), Presidential Directorate for State Transparency, Modernization, and Reform-Secretariat for General Government Coordination</i>
Mexico <i>Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit</i>	Nicaragua <i>Directorate of State Contracting, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit</i>	Panama <i>General Directorate of Public Contracting</i>	Paraguay <i>National Directorate of Public Contracting</i>
Peru <i>State Contracting Oversight Agency (OSCE)</i>	Dominican Republic <i>General Directorate of Public Contracting</i>	St. Kitts & Nevis <i>Ministry of Finance</i>	St. Lucia <i>Department of Finance, Ministry of Finance, Economic Growth, Job Creation, External Affairs and Public Service</i>
St. Vincent & the Grenadines <i>Ministry of Finance and Economic Administrative Centre</i>	Suriname <i>Ministry of Finance</i>	Trinidad & Tobago <i>Central Tenders Board, Ministry of Finance</i>	Uruguay <i>State Procurement and Contracting Agency (ACCE)</i>

THE OAS AS INGP TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

The Organization of American States (OAS) is an international public organization that seeks among other things to pursue cooperation to bring about economic, social, and cultural development in the countries of the region.

To fulfill its foremost purposes, the OAS work is based on the following pillars: democracy, human rights, security, and development. These pillars are mutually supporting and cross-cutting, through a structure that comprises policy dialogue, inclusion, cooperation and legal and follow-up tools, and also provides the OAS the tools needed to carry out and maximize its work in the Hemisphere.

Among these purposes, the OAS provides member states vital support to build institutional and human capacity so as to effectively address new challenges.

As part of this support, since 2008 the OAS has been serving as Technical Secretariat to the INGP, through the Department for Effective Public Management, with a view to serving as a hemispheric reference channel to facilitate forums for dialogue and partnerships; promote cutting-edge procurement issues, identify regional needs and challenges; prepare cooperation proposals and action plans; coordinate activities; manage and execute funds, etc.