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Openness: For what?, For whom?
International Encounter
#OpennessWithNoException

The **Openness International Encounter: For what?, For whom?** is an open space for a collaborative and constructive dialogue where we will share experiences, good practices, diagnoses, success stories and challenges on subjects like institutional openness and proactive transparency that were implemented from different sectors: academia, investigative journalism, social activism and international networks related to poverty, transparency, construction of peace, democracy and human rights.

The main idea of the encounter will be on how the openness tools help to detect and identify peoples' and communities' needs from public institutions, civil society organizations and multilateral institutions, with the objective to develop actions to tackle those needs.

We think that institutional openness and proactive transparency acquire special importance when they are used to benefit societies and communities, and contribute to the exercise of human rights in any ordinary or extraordinary circumstance, like the actual pandemic caused by COVID-19.

The #OpennessWithNoException Encounter will take place on Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 from 10:00 to 15:00 CDT in a virtual format. We will have an opening ceremony, two discussion panels and the closing act. The topic of the first discussion panel will be on who receives the benefits of the institutional openness during the COVID-19 pandemic with experts that come from countries in the Americas, Europe and Asia. In the second panel, the discussion will cover topics on communications and proactivity with journalists and experts that come from Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Mexico.

We will also have two keynote lectures, one on poverty, transparency and peace, and the second on democracy and human rights during the COVID-19 pandemic. The #OpennessWithNoException Encounter puts together focalized openness and proactive transparency with the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals 1 - No poverty, 3 - Good health and well-being, 5 - Gender equality, 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions.

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