

Workshop “Political Influence Capacity-Building”

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Participants:

1. [AHA](#) (Africa Humanitarian Action - Ethiopia) is an independent, non governmental organisation founded to provide emergency and development health services, disaster management and relief assistance. Strengthening the capacity of Civil Society is one of its main objectives. Their representative is [Julie Dabo](#).
2. [Cemupro](#) (Centre of Municipal and Provincial Studies - Argentina) is an open and participative space, where different public policy aspects are discussed. The general approach is focused on the socio-economical reality of municipal, provincial, public and private actors. Their representative is [Rodolfo Succar](#).
3. [CIES](#) (Social and Economic Research Consortium - Peru), is conformed by several Peruvian institutions. CIES’ purpose is to strengthen the Peruvian academic community in order to produce and disseminate useful knowledge for analysts and policymakers in the public sector, the civil society and the academia. Ultimately, their mission is to contribute to Peru’s development, raising the level of the national debate on economical and social key policy options. Their representatives are [Carlos Aramburu](#) and [Gina Alvarado](#).
4. [CIPPEC](#) (Centre for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth - Argentina) is an organisation that strives for a more just, democratic and efficient State, in order to improve Argentine’s livelihoods. Thus it focuses on analysing and promoting public policies that foster equity and growth in Argentina. Their representative is [Vanesa Weyrauch](#).
5. [Demysex](#) (Network Democracy and Sexuality - Red Democracia y Sexualidad- Mexico) is a network formed by organisations promoting sexual education and the defence of sexual rights. The members of this network are civil, governmental and academic institutions. Their representative is [José Aguilar Gil](#).
6. [Facultad de Ciencias Sociales de la Universidad de la República de Uruguay](#) (Social Sciences Faculty of the University of the Republic of Uruguay) is the main national public academic centre related to Political Sciences, Political parties, Government and Public Policy in Uruguay. For the last decade, this institution has been developing research on the nexus between social sciences and public policy. Their representative is [Adolfo Garcé](#).
7. [Fundación IDEA](#) (IDEA Foundation- Mexico) is one of the first public policy oriented Mexican think tanks. It is a non partisan, independent, non profit organisation, and its mission is to design and promote innovative public policy to foster equal opportunities for Mexicans through economic development and poverty reduction; and to be a reliable and independent analysis source for government officials and for the general public. Their representative is [Alberto Saracho](#).

8. [Grupo FARO](#) (Foundation for Reforms and Opportunities - Ecuador) is a civil society organisation that promotes active civil society, business sector and public institutions' participation in local and national public policy in order to achieve a more efficient, equitable, inclusive and democratic Ecuadorian State. Their representative is [Maribel Almeida](#).
9. [IFRTD](#) (International Forum for Rural Transport and Development-Latin America) is a global network of individuals and organisations interested in rural transport issues in developing countries. Members of the IFRTD network include representatives from governments, academia, multilateral and bilateral donor agencies, consultancies, technical institutions, national and international NGOs and community organisations. Their representative is [Ana Bravo](#).
10. [ISEC-UCB](#) (Catholic Bolivian University's Socio-Economic Research Institute - Bolivia) is a scientific research centre that tries to address the greatest socio-economic Bolivian problems. Their representative is [Jorge Leiton Quiroga](#).
11. [ILDIS](#) (Latin American Social Research Institute - Bolivia) is the Bolivian representation of the Friederich Ebert Foundation. Their goal is to contribute to development and the strengthening of democracy, by offering a plural space that allows different political, social and institutional actors to think about the most relevant Bolivian problems. Their representative is [Carlos Toranzo](#).
12. [Nitlapán](#) (Nicaragua) is an associated research institute applied to the promotion of local development belonging to the Central American University ([Universidad Centroamericana](#)). This institute promotes sustainable development in Nicaragua through local institutions and the capitalisation of the economic potential of small and medium entrepreneurs. It also favours the dialogue between the university, civil society and the state. Their representative is [Guy Delmelle](#).
13. [ODI](#) (Overseas Development Institute - United Kingdom) is Britain's leading independent think-tank on international development and humanitarian issues. Their mission is to inspire and inform policy and practice which lead to the reduction of poverty, the alleviation of suffering and the achievement of sustainable livelihoods in developing countries. They do this by locking together high-quality applied research, practical policy advice, and policy-focused dissemination and debate. We work with partners in the public and private sectors, in both developing and developed countries. Their representative is [Enrique Mendizabal](#).
14. [RITS](#) (Network for the Information for the Third Sector - Rede de Informações para o Terceiro Setor) is a private, autonomous non for profit organization that strives to be a virtual information network, and that seeks to strengthen civil society organisations (CSOs) and social movements. It pretends to achieve this through the promotion of the interaction between different CSOs' initiatives and projects. Their representative is [Paulo Lima](#).

Observers

1. **Margalit Edelmann** (Merck - United States)
2. **Jesús González Amuchástegui** (FIIAPP - Spain)
3. **Christoph Kornelli** (Fundación Konrad Adenauer - Argentina)
4. **Gustavo Perochena** (Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo - Argentina)
5. **Gabriela Sbarra** (Inter American Foundation - Argentina)
6. **Lucía Sala Silveira** (FIIAPP - Spain)
7. **Nancy Truitt** (Fundación Tinker - United States)