



CCO REVEALS PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES FOR BOLIVIA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

- **Bolivia has a larger policy development and faces the challenge of implementing the anti-corruption actions.**

Bolivia, October 27, 2021. In the city of Tarija, the Foundation CONSTRUIR [To Build] Coordinador Nacional [National Coordinator] and Punto Focal [Focal Point] of the Citizen Forum of the Americas, along with Red de Participación Ciudadana y Control (Red PCCS) [Citizen Participation Network and Control]; and the organizations that conform the Citizen Corruption Observatory (CCO), Somos Sur [We are South]; Estudios D [Studies D]; Boliviagay PuntoCom; Movimiento TransFeminista Bolivia [Transfeminist Movement of Bolivia]; La Guardiania [The Guardian], Fundación Veeduría ciudadana de los Derechos Humanos (FVCDDHH) [Foundation Citizen Observatory of Human Rights], Junta Vecinal Tabladita [Neighborhood Council Tabladita] and Colectivo Angirü [Angirü Group] presented the report results of the follow-up on the Lima Agreement **“Democratic Governance against Corruption”**, signed at the VIII Summit of the Americas in 2018, which aims at keeping a direct fight against corruption in the Americas.

Among the report findings, it reveals that all the commitments have their biggest development in the policy dimension, with previous policy development to 2018. The practical dimension of all the commitments show the challenge of Bolivia in the fight against corruption, including the human component.

Among the recommendations, the information gathered shows the need to generate mechanisms for an active participation of the vulnerable groups, as well as the civil society in the anti-corruption measures. Also, to strengthen the transparency units of the government bodies to gather and process statistic information and data on the implementation of anti-corruption policies.

The analysis was done by identifying the regulatory and practical developments in order to comply with the Lima Agreement in 19 countries of the region. Subjects related to the reinforcement of democratic governance were considered; transparency, access to information, protection of whistle-blowers, and human rights, including freedom of expression; financing of political organizations and election campaigns; prevention of corruption in public works and public procurement and contracting; and international legal cooperation, the fight against bribery, international corruption, organized crime, and money laundering, and asset recovery.

The CCO is a shared effort between the **Citizen Forum of the Americas (CFA)**, the **Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (LACND)**, **national chapters of Transparency International (TI) in Latin America and over 150 Civil Society Organizations** in the Americas to promote citizen participation and to monitor the progress of the governments measures and their challenges, as well as to research, document and systematically analyze evidence on the effectiveness of the anti-corruption efforts in the region.