



## CCO REVEALS PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES FOR ARGENTINA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

*In the current context of financial and social crisis aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic, Argentina needs to promote effective mechanisms that allow an adequate implementation of the anti-corruption policies in force.*

**Argentina, October 14, 2021.** Fundación Directorio Legislativo [Legislative Directory Foundation] focal point of the Citizen Forum of the Americas (CFA), along with Citizen Power, within the framework of the Citizen Corruption Observatory (CCO), presented the report results of the follow-up on the Lima Agreement “**Democratic Governance against Corruption**”, signed by the countries as part of the VIII Summit of the Americas in 2018, which aims at keeping a direct fight against corruption in the Americas.

Among the findings, the report reveals that there is a strong gap between the regulatory framework in force and the implementation of anti-corruption policies. In that sense, the study shows that “*while there is an important progress, especially in the national and subnational policies regarding an open government and the promotion of gender equality and its inclusion in the public policies in general, including the ones regarding the anti-corruption field, there are still some important challenges on the core strengthening of the prevention and fight against corruption systems.*”

Among the recommendations, the information gathered shows the need to improve the institutions’ ability to protect the whistle-blowers, witnesses and informants of corruptions acts; to strengthen the autonomy and independence of the control and sanctioning bodies, as well as the vacancy regarding their basic mechanisms to exercise their functions and dissuasive power (inclusion of anti-corruption clauses in public contracts, a solid policy of asset forfeiture, among others); and to improve the efficiency of the Judiciary in the corruption investigation and sanction, a role that cannot be delegated, as well as to defend a trans-feminist justice.

This analysis was done based on the identification of 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, among others, were considered; as well as transparency and 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.

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 government’s measures and

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their challenges, as well as to research, document and systematically analyze evidence on the effectiveness of the anti-corruption efforts in the region.

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