

# Charter of Principles of Directorio Legislativo

Latin America is a highly mixed region steeped in political and social diversity. Recognizing this is at the heart of Directorio Legislativo's work.

We create spaces for dialogue and cooperation between diverse actors - from the public sector, companies, civil society, universities and other specialists. This helps convene and converge disparate audiences and promotes exchange in support of participatory and transparent governance, anchored in access to information.

By doing this, DL also creates links and alliances among the various stakeholders involved, each of which in turn contributes to setting priorities and agendas. Core to this is a belief that the exchange of ideas and experiences along with citizen participation in the design of public policies are central ingredients for robust and open democracy.

Agreements that result from this work fuel and shape public debate with state organizations, nourishing decision making through wide-ranging input and participation. They are rooted in the following key values:

- Equity, diversity and inclusion: integrating and incorporating the voices of the whole of society and especially women and girls, as well as other groups traditionally discriminated against or not listened to.
- Collaboration: promote alliances to share experiences, join forces and forge a more powerful collective voice in pursuit of common goals.
- Compassion: empathy with others and seeking out mutually beneficial scenarios and outcomes.
- Integrity: act to the highest standards of ethics, personal responsibility, transparency and professionalism.
- Innovation: continually exploring new ideas and approaches, questioning conventional thinking and embracing creative and disruptive solutions.
- Sustainability: promoting durable solutions respectful of the balance between social and environmental impacts.

Finally, critical to our organization's ethos is adaptability. Directorio Legislativo, far from turning its back on change seeks always to adjust to new challenges and opportunities – which in turn closely relates to our support for learning and continual training and development.