

Open Call

Data Challenge for Democracy: 25 Years of the Inter-American Democratic Charter

The Organization of American States invites innovators from across the Americas to participate in the **Data Challenge for Democracy: 25 Years of the Inter-American Democratic Charter**, a regional innovation competition designed to transform democratic principles into practical digital solutions.

As the Inter-American Democratic Charter marks its 25th anniversary, this Challenge seeks to mobilize open data, technology, and civic creativity to strengthen transparency, accountability, citizen participation, access to information, institutional effectiveness, and democratic resilience across the region.

We are calling on **multidisciplinary teams** — including developers, civic organizations, universities, startups, young innovators, public institutions, data communities, journalists, researchers, and civil society actors — to propose and develop open-data-based solutions that respond to today’s democratic challenges.

How to participate

1. **Put your team together.**

Build a multidisciplinary team with the skills, experience, and creativity needed to turn data into democratic impact.

2. **Select the article or articles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter your team will focus on.**

Identify the democratic principle, challenge, or commitment that will guide your solution.

3. **Develop your idea and send us your proposal.**

Design an open-data-based solution that can help strengthen democracy, transparency, participation, accountability, or public trust.

4. **If selected, develop your prototype and compete.**

Selected teams will receive guidance and support to turn their ideas into functional prototypes or minimum viable products.

5. **Win!**

Present your solution, showcase your impact, and compete to be recognized as one of the most promising democratic innovation initiatives in the Americas.

What kinds of solutions are we looking for?

Teams are invited to design digital tools, applications, platforms, dashboards, data visualizations, analytical models, or prototypes that use open data to address issues such as:

- Transparency and public accountability
- Anti-corruption and public integrity
- Citizen participation and civic engagement
- Access to public information
- Democratic institutional strengthening
- Countering disinformation
- Public trust, inclusion, and democratic resilience

Selected teams will receive guidance and support to develop their ideas into functional prototypes or minimum viable products, with the opportunity to present their solutions before regional leaders, experts, and members of the open data and civic innovation ecosystem.

Why participate?

This is an opportunity to contribute concrete solutions to strengthen democracy in the Americas. Your idea can help make public information more accessible, empower citizens, improve institutional accountability, and demonstrate how open data and digital innovation can support the effective exercise of democracy.

The Data Challenge will also provide visibility for promising initiatives and create a space for collaboration among innovators, governments, civil society, academia, and regional partners committed to democratic strengthening.

Key dates

Call for applications: June 1 – July 26

Introductory webinar: July 07, 11:00 a.m. [Register here](#)

Pre-selection of applications: July 27 – July 30

Notification of selected teams: July 31st

Prototype development: July 31 – August 31

Pre-selection of semifinalists: September 1



Final prototype refinement: September 2 – October 8

Pitch Day: October 9, during Abrelatam-ConDatos in Guatemala

Announcement and communications: October 12

Introductory webinar

An informational webinar will be held on **July 7 at 11:00 a.m.** to present the objectives of the Challenge, explain the rules and evaluation criteria, review the application process, and discuss the relevance of the Inter-American Democratic Charter in the current democratic context. The session will also highlight how open data, digital innovation, and emerging technologies can help address the challenges facing democracy in the region.

To participate in this webinar register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KnyPUSzcRXaTIQj4ELQzFg

Final showcase and recognition

Semifinalist teams will present their solutions during **Pitch Day**, to be held on **October 9** within the framework of **Abrelatam-ConDatos in Guatemala**. A jury will evaluate the proposals based on their democratic relevance, innovation, use of open data, feasibility, scalability, and potential impact.

The finalist team will receive a **certificate of recognition from the OAS**, an **award plaque**, and a **scholarship to take one of the courses of the OAS School of Governance**.

How to apply

Teams interested in participating should submit their proposal during the application period: **June 1 – July 26**.

Application link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/WPGV6xUY3g>



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Join the **Data Challenge for Democracy** and help build practical, data-driven solutions for a more transparent, participatory, and resilient democratic future in the Americas.