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The Department for Effective Public Management of the Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy of the Organization of American States presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the OAS and request the support in the dissemination of the **Data Challenge for Democracy: 25 Years of the Inter-American Democratic Charter**.

This regional initiative is being carried out to **commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Inter-American Democratic Charter** and seeks to mobilize open data, digital innovation, and civic creativity to develop solutions that contribute to strengthening democracy in the Americas. Participating teams may propose digital tools, platforms, dashboards, data visualizations, analytical models, applications, or prototypes that address democratic challenges such as transparency and public accountability, anti-corruption and public integrity, citizen participation, access to public information, democratic institutional strengthening, combating disinformation, public trust, inclusion, and democratic resilience. The call for proposals is open until **July 26, 2026**. Selected teams will have the opportunity to further develop their prototypes and present their solutions as part of the Challenge process. Finalist teams will be eligible to receive recognition from the OAS, including a certificate of recognition, a recognition plaque, and a scholarship to participate in one of the courses offered by the OAS School of Governance.

The Department would be grateful for the kind support of the Permanent Missions in disseminating this opportunity among relevant institutions, universities, civil society organizations, innovation communities, youth networks, startups, developers, researchers, and other stakeholders in their respective countries.

An informational webinar will also be held on **Tuesday, July 7, 2026**, to present the Challenge, explain the participation process, and respond to questions from interested teams.

For additional information, please visit the event page:

<https://www.oas.org/ext/en/main/calendar/event/id/1806>

To participate in the informational webinar, please register here:

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

The Department for Effective Public Management avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the OAS the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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