



Directorio Legislativo Charter of Principles

Latin America is an essentially heterogeneous universe with a rich political and social diversity. The starting point of the work carried out by Directorio Legislativo (DL) Foundation is to acknowledge and appreciate this diversity.

In this context, DL *fosters the strengthening of legislative powers and democratic consolidation through dialogue, transparency and access to public information.*

To this effect, DL promotes the creation of autonomous, flexible, democratic and independent spaces by encouraging dialogue among players from the public, private, academic and civil society sectors. These are spaces for meetings, convergence and exchange that recognize the multiplicity of associations, non-profit-making organizations and platforms with the aim to influence on public policies so as to achieve a more responsible and accountable government.

In this respect, DL becomes a complementary instance to unite and promote the capabilities of non-governmental organizations to facilitate dialogue, encounter, organization, and experience-sharing. Similarly, DL endorses networking and alliances among organizations and associations from public and private sectors to build the public agenda in a joint and collaborative manner; accepting that exchanging ideas and experiences, and citizen participation in the public policy-creating process are essential for a robust and responsible democracy.

Resulting agreements seek to contribute to public debate within State powers, thus enhancing them and including the point of view of external stakeholders. The ultimate goal of all DL's initiatives is public interest.

Commitments entered into as well as the results of dialogue spaces promoted by DL are underpinned by several fundamental values:

- Equality: to acknowledge the institutions' voting and speaking privileges;
- Respect and cooperation: to recognize the wisdom of all stakeholders and the benefits arising from exchanging ideas and viewpoints, preserving mutual respect;
- Compassion: to show empathy for others and benefit from each other;
- Integrity: to act in agreement with ethics and professional trust;
- Access to information

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DL plays the role of process guarantor by promoting and coordinating spaces. By doing so, DL offers the space and subsequent follow up of agreements and disagreements, enabling free and horizontal exchange among participants. Working session outcomes are always based on consensus, even if they are not aligned to the interests of institutions that might support DL's work.