

On February 18th, the Carter Center, Accion Ciudadana, the Institution of the Human Rights Ombudsman, the Presidential Secretariat for Women, the Office of the Ombudsman for Indigenous Women, and UN Women organized a joint stakeholder meeting to generate creative solutions to address inequities faced by women in the exercise of the fundamental right of access to information. Over 60 government representatives, community leaders, and civil society champions working to advance transparency, accountability, freedom of information, and women's right came together to discuss the findings of the recent Carter Center) o

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1. Create an Inter-Institutional committee, led by the Human Rights Ombudsman, the Ombudsman for Indigenous Women, and the Presidential Secretariat for Women, via a memorandum of understanding, and including key government

2. Develop a joint campaign addressed at men, to raise awareness about the value of access to information for women, families and their community. These specific campaigns should seek to engage male leaders, including traditional leaders.
3. Periodically review the Guatemalan access to information law, regulations, policies, and related norms to identify provisions and practices that may serve as deterrents or obstacles to women's exercise of the right of access to information, and consider potential modifications.