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Meeting with Puerto Rican Delegation - 27 March 2013

On 27 March 2013, Ms. Elia Yi Armstrong, Officer-in-Charge in DPADM, and Ms. Almaz Atnafu, Officer-in-Charge in PACB/DPADM, met with Dr. Eneida Torres de Durand, Executive Director of Center for Public and Corporate Governance at Universidad del Turabo of Puerto Rico. The Center's mission is "to promote research opportunities and the sharing of knowledge and best practices on good governance, visionary leadership, transparency, accountability and anticorruption practices". The Center asserts that the lack of transparency and accountability distorts the capability of citizens to fully assess the performance of the political leadership and government program outcomes. Transparency and accountability reforms are crucial to challenging those political, legislative and public administration processes that are driven by lobbyist and financial resources and not by public benefit outcomes. During the meeting those present explored collaboration possibilities on research and capacity development initiatives. Dr. Durand stated that they will consult with their Advisory Board about various options.



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