



# TIMELINE

## February to July 2008

- **Feb. 08** – James Fishkin visits Porto Alegre as a speaker at the World Conference on Development of Cities: “Democratic innovation and social transformation for inclusive cities in the 21st century”
- **Apr. 08** – Governor Yeda, together with secretaries Erik Camarano and Fernando Schüller, meets professor Fishkin at Yale Club, N.Y.
- **July 08** – Fishkin makes his first technical visit to Rio Grande do Sul, led by the State Government Secretary-General Department, where he meets with several secretaries of state, government technicians and members of the Agenda 2020 movement

## September to December 2008

- **Sep. 08** – Alice Siu, assistant to professor Fishkin, makes the second technical visit to Porto Alegre to prepare the Deliberative Polling® topics
- **Oct. 08** – The Sectorial Chamber of Public Management and Finances evaluates the advances in career plans and their harmonization with the teaching career
- **Dec. 08** – The formulation of Deliberative Polling® topics is completed by the career group, which is composed of State Government technicians under the supervision of the Secretary-General Department

## January to May 2009

- **Jan. 09** – Governor Yeda approves the Deliberative Polling® and its work schedule
- **Feb. 09** – The State Government forms a partnership with the PGQP for the joint implementation of this initiative
- **Feb. 09** – Alice Siu makes the third technical visit to prepare the questionnaire and the briefing materials
- **Mar. 09** – The Methodus Institute presents the fieldwork’s polling and structuring concept
- **Apr. 09** – Four panelists are invited to the event
- **May. 09** – The field survey gets started (1st questionnaire): 1,651 Rio Grande do Sul residents are interviewed, in 29 cities, representing the state’s population

## May to June 2009

- **May. 09** – Methodus Institute recruiters start contacting the participants who accepted the invitation to the face-to-face event in Porto Alegre in order to prepare them to attend the event. On average, thirty phone calls to every participant were necessary, including disabled participants
- **May. 09** – Participants receive an invitation from the State Government Secretary-General, formalizing a leave-of-absence request in order to head for Porto Alegre
- **June 4, 09** – Twenty volunteer moderators are directly trained by Alice Siu and the Secretary-General Department team to perform their role during small-group discussions

## June 2009

- **June 5, 09** – Participants start arriving in Porto Alegre and are welcomed at the bus station by Methodus Institute recruiters
- **June 6-7, 09** – The face-to-face event takes place over a weekend at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUC), in Porto Alegre, with 226 participants from 29 Rio Grande do Sul cities selected by sampling among the 1,651 first-stage participants
- **June 8, 09** – The secretaries become aware of the first polling conclusions in a private meeting with the Governor at the Administrative Center

## June to August 2009

- **June 9, 09** – Governor Yeda Crusius holds a press conference together with the professors in charge of the polling: James Fishkin, Robert Luskin and Alice Siu, at Piratini Palace’s Galpão Crioulo, where details are given about the polling method and the quality of the sampling of the state’s population
- **July-Aug.09** – Start of simulations for the preparation of bills to be submitted to the Rio Grande do Sul State Legislature for career reform
- **Aug 25, 09** – The State Government Secretary-General, Erik Camarano, presents the Deliberative Polling® results, with professor Fishkin participating from Stanford University’s Center for Deliberative Democracy by video conference

## DESCRIPTION OF STAGES



The following insert shows the main steps necessary for running the experiment of the “1st Rio Grande do Sul Deliberative Democracy Polling”, whose topic was “Valuing State Careers”. The preparation of this type of polling requires considerable effort to organize the briefing materials, decide on the field of activity, obtain the necessary infrastructure for the face-to-face meeting, choose the panelists and communicate the results.

The preparation of this work by the State Government was very quick, considering the complexity of the topic chosen for consultation. In addition, the successful application of this method was only possible with the committed action of the teams involved in this work, not only on the part of the government, but also, and especially, with the dedication of private partners (the Methodus Institute and PGQP), which accepted to take part in this initiative.