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Chief Technology Officer
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As **Chief Technology Officer**, Erick Stephens, supports policy decision and delivers technology relevance and scalable solutions into public sector markets in APAC:

- Aligns IT value propositions to public policies such as: healthcare, education, environment and local social and economic development.
- Promotes a digital agenda on top policy areas such as innovation, security and privacy, technology neutrality, accessibility and interoperability.

Erick participates in the Industry Council of the Open Government Partnership (<http://www.opengovpartnership.org/>) coordinated by the National Information Society Agency of Korea, Center for International Private Enterprise and Microsoft. He is also a member of the World Quality Council for Local Governments, which promotes and facilitates good practices in management systems of government activities.

Before joining APAC, Erick was the National Technology Officer for Microsoft Mexico and was a relevant actor in the ICT industry:

- President of South-Center Region at the ITC National Chamber CANIETI -2011-2013, representing 15 states and more than 50% of the industry in Mexico.
- President of Navega Protegido (<http://www.navegaprotegido.org.mx/>) -2007 – 2013, non-profit internet safety program which promotes an internet safety culture among families (parents, students), businesses (internet banking and e-commerce) and protects data privacy and information.

Before joining Microsoft, Erick has over **20 years of IT experience**, both in private & public sector:

- Private sector: as entrepreneur (National Technology Award -SeguriData, 2005; Science & Technology Innovation Award -Adavox, 2006) and IT executive (Latin American Business Developing Manager -GTE CyberTrust 2000, Counselor and international speaker -Grupo NEXOS, 2006). ISO 18091 worldwide counselor for local governments.
- Public sector: Transparency, e-government & SME ICT advisor for federal & state governments. Essay in Book (2008): Public services for citizens and the intricacies of the interaction between government and society, (in collaboration with Andres Hofmann and Mariano Garza Cantú). Published in the book The Citizen is in command ("El que Manda, el Ciudadano"). Informatics Committee of State and Municipal Public Administration. Mexico.

He holds an engineer degree in **Computer Science** and **MBA** both from ITAM University. Post-graduate courses in **e-Government** (ITESM) and **Public Policies** (CIDE) reinforcing public sector

expertise. He has over **20 years as Professor** at ITAM (IT, Innovation and Security courses). ITAM Professional Merit Award of in 2007 <http://www.itam.mx/en/acerca/carrera/carrera.php>.

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