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Parliamentarians participate in a dialogue on strengthening parliamentary oversight in the framework of the 4th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

On March 12-14, ParlAmericas will host the 4th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network, titled *Beyond the Walls of Parliament: Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight*, in Quito in collaboration with the National Assembly of Ecuador.

During this meeting, which will be held in the National Assembly, legislators from more than 27 countries of the Americas and the Caribbean will discuss the importance of developing and implementing innovative measures that strengthen the parliament's oversight role in order to promote openness and counter corruption. In addition, they will exchange openness strategies and practices that support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Honourable Elizabeth Cabezas, President of the National Assembly of Ecuador and Vice-President of ParlAmericas, affirmed that, "this gathering provides parliamentarians of the hemisphere with a unique opportunity to share with their peers and representatives from local civil society organizations good legislative practices that have shown to be effective in strengthening political oversight and combating corruption. On behalf of the National Assembly, it is a pleasure to welcome the participating parliamentary delegations and to promote dialogue on a topic of such high importance in our region."

"The ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network continues to promote hemispheric discussions on legislative openness and the importance of strengthening – through the exercise of the parliamentary oversight function – the transparency and accountability of the different governmental institutions, as well as the effective implementation of adopted legislation and relevant public policies," declared Senator Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), President of the Network.

The Honourable Member of Parliament Robert Nault (Canada), President of ParlAmericas, stated that "this meeting will allow participating legislators to advance in the consolidation of an ambitious regional agenda to confront corruption with a systemic approach, and, through this, support our countries' advances towards fulfilling the Lima Commitment, strengthening collaboration with civil society and other branches of government, and consolidating democratic governance, rule of law and the fight against corruption."

For more information or updates on the gathering, we invite you to consult the [agenda](#) and follow us on our social media outlets with the hashtag #ParlAmericasOPN.

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