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 **THEMES:** Legislative openness, transparency, accountability, citizen participation, ethics and probity

 **DATES:** September 28, 2022

 **LOCATION:** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

 **PARTICIPANTS:** More than 75 parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, youth, and representatives of civil society and international organizations from 11 countries in the region attended the event

 **CO-ORGANIZER:** Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic

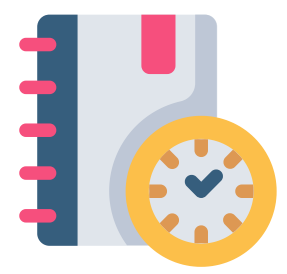


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## Inter-Parliamentary Meeting: Promoting Legislative Openness in the Region

During the Open Americas regional conference, ParlAmericas and the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic organized an inter-parliamentary meeting with the objective of promoting strengthened parliaments in the region through legislative openness. Parliamentarians and representatives of international organizations and civil society participated in a panel and working groups, outlining progress on open parliament efforts in the region, including good practices during co-creation processes and initiatives related to transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and ethics. The importance of continuing to advance this agenda, while incorporating a gender perspective and initiatives to expand the participation of women in these processes, was highlighted throughout this forum.



## Agenda Highlights

### Opening:

- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Alfredo Pacheco Osoria** (Dominican Republic), President of the Chamber of Deputies
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Nelsa Shoraya Suárez Ariza** (Dominican Republic), Secretary of the Board of Directors and Host of the Inter-Parliamentary Meeting
- Senator **Bertha Caraveo** (Mexico), Vice-President for North America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network (OPN)

### Panellists:

- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Carolina Delgado** (Costa Rica), ParlAmericas Board Member
- **María Barón**, Global Executive Director, Directorio Legislativo
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Vlado Mirosevic** (Chile), ParlAmericas Board Member
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Elíaz Báez de los Santos** (Dominican Republic)
- Member of the National Assembly **Nathalie Arias** (Ecuador)
- **María Liz Sosa**, Director General, Directorate of Institutional Development and External Cooperation, Chamber of Senators of Paraguay
- **Rosario Pavese**, Regional Lead for South America, Senior Parliamentary Advisor (Global), Open Government Partnership

### Working group leads:

- Senator **Bertha Caraveo** (Mexico), Vice-President for North America of the ParlAmericas OPN
- Member of Congress **Karina Paz** (Guatemala)

### Moderators:

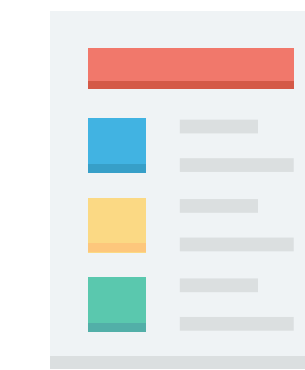
- **Guadalupe Valdez** (Dominican Republic)
- **Rocío Noriega**, Advisor to the Bicameral Group on Transparency, National Congress of Chile

### Closing:

- Member of the National Assembly **Corina Cano** (Panama), Vice-President for Central America of the ParlAmericas OPN
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Nelsa Shoraya Suárez Ariza** (Dominican Republic), Secretary of the Board of Directors and Host of the Inter-Parliamentary Meeting

### KEY CONCLUSIONS FROM THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE.

- Strengthening transparency and access to information, accountability, citizen participation, and ethics and probity is an urgent need and a commitment for those who recognize legislative openness as an essential principle of good governance.
- Broadening participatory spaces as well as strengthening the availability of virtual mechanisms for participation would enable citizens to meaningfully engage in public affairs and parliamentary decision-making processes.
- Public integrity should be an objective not only for the branches of government, but for society as a whole in order to build a culture of integrity based on the highest legal and ethical standards for all interactions between the public and private sectors, civil society, and individuals.
- Although several countries in the region have a legal framework for citizen participation, there is still much work to be done in terms of citizen ownership and their participation through these mechanisms.

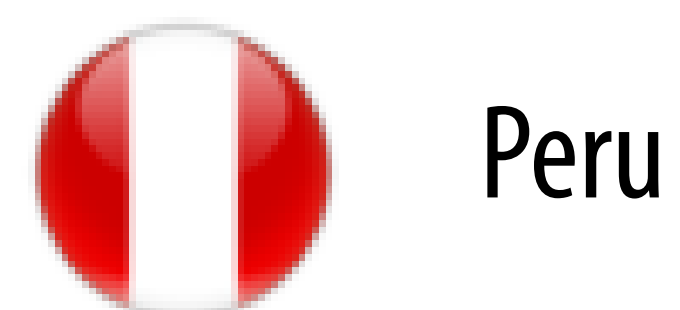
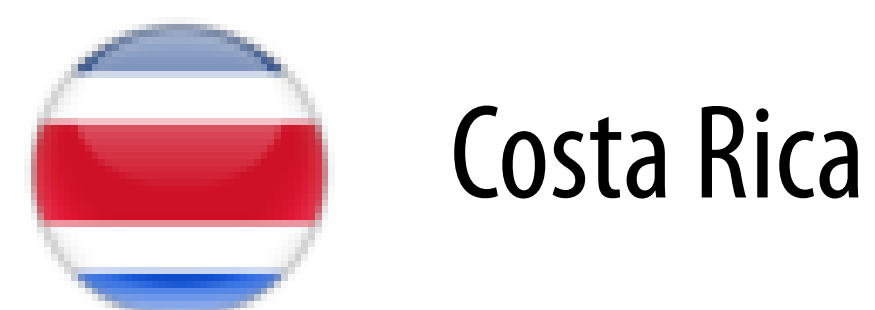
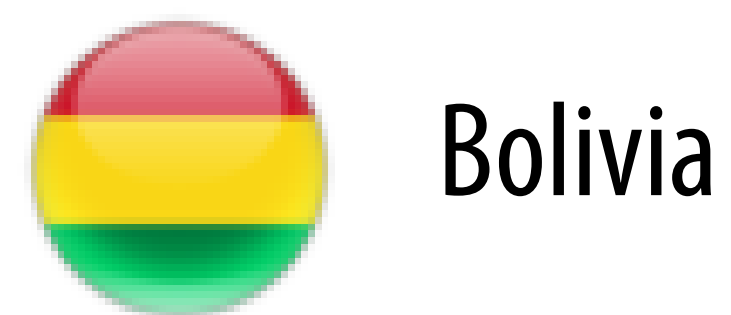


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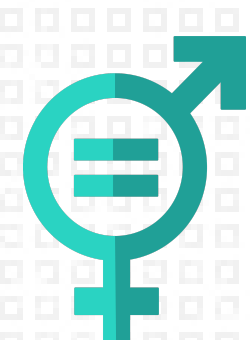
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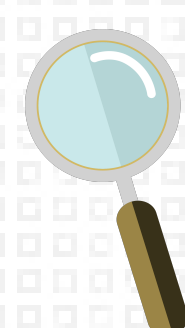
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