

Agenda

Workshop on Post-Legislative Scrutiny

**4th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
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Tuesday March 12, 2019

14:30 – 14:45

Welcome Remarks

Location: Former Presidents Room

- Cesar Solórzano (Ecuador), Member of the National Assembly
- Randy Boissonnault (Canada), Member of Parliament and VicePresident of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

14:45 – 15:10

Introduction to Post-Legislative Scrutiny

- Devin O'Shaughnessy, Director of Programmes, Westminster Foundation for Democracy
- Franklin De Vrieze, Senior Governance Adviser, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

As parliament is responsible for adopting legislation, it also has a role in monitoring the implementation of legislation and evaluating whether the laws it has passed have achieved their intended outcomes. This session will introduce the rationale and strategic relevance for post-legislative scrutiny in national parliaments, and its place within the legislative process as an important oversight tool.

15:10 – 16:30

Post-Legislative Scrutiny Practices in the Americas and the Caribbean

- Moderator: Fernando Burbano, Member of the National Assembly (Ecuador)
- Senator Percy Downe (Canada)
- María Fernanda Arreguín Gámez, Coordinator of Post Legislative Scrutiny, State Congress of Guanajuato, Mexico
- Angelique Massiah, Parliamentary Clerk, Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago
- Chile

Parliaments from across the world and this hemisphere have adopted various post-legislative scrutiny practices. This session will offer a comparative overview of such practices in selected parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean to complement other case studies that participants can consult in the [Westminster Foundation for Democracy's Post-Legislative Scrutiny: Comparative study of practices of Post-Legislative Scrutiny in selected parliaments and the rationale for its place in democracy](#).

- 16:30 – 18:00 **Applying Post-Legislative Scrutiny Principles and Practical Steps**
- Facilitator: Franklin De Vrieze, Senior Governance Adviser, Westminster Foundation for Democracy
- [Principles of post-legislative scrutiny](#) have been conceptualized from good practices applied in parliaments and provide guidance for those interested in initiating or strengthening these practices. This session will allow participants to work in groups on a practical exercise based on case studies that will be provided.*
- 18:00 – 18:25 **Global Declaration on Post-Legislative Scrutiny**
- Devin O’Shaughnessy, Director of Programmes, Westminster Foundation for Democracy
 - Franklin De Vrieze, Senior Governance Adviser, Westminster Foundation for Democracy
- The Global Declaration on Post-Legislative Scrutiny aims at raising awareness about the role of parliaments in overseeing the implementation of legislation and galvanising locally-appropriate action from legislators, experts and citizens. This session will provide an overview of the declaration and call on participants to encourage their parliaments to endorse it.*
- 18:25 – 18:30 **Closing Remarks**
- Cesar Solórzano (Ecuador), Member of the National Assembly
- 18:30 – 18:45 **Transfer to the hotel**
- 19:00 – 21:30 **Sightseeing and welcome reception**
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