



AGENDA

12th Plenary Assembly
Legislating for Prosperity with Equity

September 4-5, 2015 | Panama City, Panama

All activities take place at the Hotel El Panamá unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, September 3

- During the day Arrival of delegates and transportation to the hotel
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Board of Directors Lunch (*Salón Cora*)
- 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Meeting of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas (*Salón Zafiro*)
- 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Welcome Reception for all delegates (*Salón Bellavista, 9th floor*)**
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Friday, September 4

- 8:15 am – 8:45 am Registration
- 9:00 am – 9:45 am **Inauguration of the 12th Plenary Assembly (*Salón Diamante*)**
- Welcome remarks:
- Javier Ortega, Member of the National Assembly of Panama and Chair of the 12th Plenary Assembly
 - Marcela Guerra, Senator of Mexico and President of ParlAmericas
 - Jennifer Simons, Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname and President of the Group of Women Parliamentarians
 - Rubén de León Sánchez, Speaker of the National Assembly of Panama
- 9:45 am – 10:00 am Official photograph
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am **First Session of the Plenary Assembly**
- Approval of the agenda
 - ParlAmericas' annual report presented by the President of ParlAmericas
 - Presentation of resolutions / recommendations from the Board of Directors
 - Announcement of election procedures
 - MOU with UN Women
 - Words by Irune Aguirrezabal, on behalf of Luiza Carvalho, Regional Director of UN Women
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **Keynote Address by Dr. Marcel Salamín, Director of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama**
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am Break
- 11:30 am – 1:30 pm **Panel Session I. "Education, Health, Energy and Security: Legislative Case Studies"**
- Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies Alicia Comelli (Argentina)
 Education: Senator Blanca Margarita Ovelar de Duarte (Paraguay)
 Health: Senator Humberto Costa Lima (Brazil)
 Energy: President of the Senate Chester Humphrey (Grenada)
 Security: Member of the National Assembly Gladys Lopez (Cuba)
- Panel discussion

	Question and answer session
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Lunch (<i>Salón Portobelo</i>)
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Presentation on Gender-Sensitive Parliaments by Jutta Marx, IPU representative
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Strategic Consultation: Part I
	Overview of “Strengthening the Parliaments of the Americas” project by Alisha Todd, Director General of ParlAmericas
	Round table discussions
7:30 pm	Meet at lobby for transportation to dinner at <i>National Assembly of Panama</i>
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Traditional dinner at National Assembly of Panama offered by the President of the National Assembly

Saturday, September 5

9:00 am – 11:00 am	Panel Session II. “Migration, Environment, Citizen Participation, and Democratic Governance: Legislative Case Studies”
	Moderator: Representative German Blanco (Colombia) Migration: Senator Tanisha Tynes (Bahamas) Environment: Member of the Chamber of Deputies Ignacio Urrutia Bonilla (Chile) Citizen Participation: Member of the National Assembly Ana Matilde Gomez (Panama) Democratic Governance: Member of the National Assembly Marllely Vasconez (Ecuador)
	Panel discussion Question and answer session
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Exchange between representatives of international organizations and parliamentarians
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Strategic Consultation: Part II
	Round table discussions
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Lunch and Casting of Election Ballots (<i>Pool patio</i>)
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Meet at lobby for transportation to the Panama Canal
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Official visit to the Panama Canal
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Progress Reports by Representative of Delegations
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Official closing of the Plenary Assembly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Announcement of election results ▪ Nomination of country to host the 13th Plenary Assembly ▪ Reading of the final Declaration ▪ Closing remarks by Javier Ortega, Member of the National Assembly of Panama and Chair of the 12th Plenary Assembly; and Marcela Guerra, Senator of Mexico and President of ParlAmericas
8:30 pm	Closing dinner offered by the Mayor of the Capital District, José Isabel Blandón