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 Coral)

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)

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 Salamin, 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

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 (Salón Portobelo)

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 National Assembly of Panama

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 (Pool patio)

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
- 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