

## Agenda

### 4<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change *Advancing Climate Action through Legislation and Parliamentary Oversight*

Paramaribo, Suriname | August 8-9, 2019



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*All meetings will be held at the **Royal Torarica Hotel, Royal Ballroom**. Address: Kleine Waterstraat 10, Paramaribo, Suriname.*

#### Wednesday August 7, 2019

Throughout the Day      Arrival of participants

#### Thursday August 8, 2019

08:15 – 08:45      **Registration**  
Location: Royal Ballroom

09:00 – 09:30      **Welcoming Remarks**

- Hon. **Jennifer Simons**, Speaker of the National Assembly (Suriname), member of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas and Vice President - South America, Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
- Hon. **Ana Belén Marín**, Member of the National Assembly (Ecuador) and Alternate Vice President - South America, Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

09:30 - 09:50      **Keynote address**

- **Ana F. González Guerrero**, Co-Founder and Managing Director of Youth Climate Lab

09:50 – 10:00      **Official Photograph**

10:00 – 10:15      **Coffee Break**

10:15 – 11:20      **Session 1: Outcomes of COP 24 (Poland) and Preparations for COP25 (Chile)**

*The [Katowice Climate Package](#) was agreed in December 2018 at COP24 in Poland by all participating Parties. The package includes a set of modalities, procedures and guidelines*

for transparency that have implications on the national implementation of the Paris Agreement.

*This session will provide a summary of the key-points of the Katowice Climate Package with a focus on transparency and the differential but common responsibilities that are expected of each country. It will also allow a reflection on what Parliamentarians can do to oversee the implementation of the Katowice Climate Package -including the Transparency Framework- and explore ways legislators can best support Parties to make COP25 a success and strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of countries.*

**Moderator:** Naomi Samidin, Member of the National Assembly (Suriname)

- **Carlos Fuller**, International and Regional Liaison Officer of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre and Chair of the Alliance of Small Island Nations
- Hon. **Iván Flores García**, President of the Chamber of Deputies (Chile)

11:20 – 11:40

**Presentation of Costa Rica’s National Decarbonization Plan**

- **Paola Vega**, President of the Special Permanent Commission for the Environment of the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica

11:40 – 12:00

**Presentation on the creation of a multi-party green caucus in the Congress of the Republic of Peru**

- **Ana María Choquehuanca**, Member of Congress (Peru), coordinator of the multi-party green caucus

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch offered by the National Assembly of Suriname

13:30 – 16:00

**Session 2: Taking Climate Action and Building Resilience through the Power of Legislation**

*This session will briefly discuss the climate and environmental impacts that are being observed and are projected to occur in the hemisphere, referencing the [IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C](#) and the [GEO-6 report](#). The session will primarily demonstrate how legislative measures can contribute to raising ambition and fostering climate mitigation and adaptation actions to enhance the next-generation of NDCs. Parliamentarians through interactive rounds of discussion with case study presenters and fellow colleagues will address concrete cases around the following themes: (1) Circular economy: Plastic and waste reduction; (2) Ocean and coastal protection: sustainable tourism; (3) Disaster risk reduction; (4) Climate-smart extractive industries; (5) Sustainable Agriculture.*

**Facilitator:** **Keisha Garcia**, GEO-6 Expert and Former President of the Cropper Foundation, based in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

**Case studies presented by:**

- *Climate-smart extractive industries:* Hon. **David M. Wells**, Senator (Canada)
- *Sustainable Agriculture:* **César Pachón**, Representative (Colombia)
- *Disaster Risk Reduction:* **Ana Belén Marín**, Member of the National Assembly (Ecuador)

- *Ocean and Coastal protection*: Dr. **Sewnath Naipal** (Suriname)
- *Circular economy*: Hon. **Osbert Richard Frederick**, Deputy President of the Senate (Antigua and Barbuda)

16:00 – 17:30

**Session 3: Overcoming the Obstacles and Seizing Opportunities for Implementing Carbon Market and Non-Market Mechanisms**

*This training session will examine how parliaments can support the creation, management and oversight of carbon market and not-market mechanisms in their respective countries. It will allow participants to analyze, through concrete case studies, the most common challenges, as well as opportunities for cooperative implementation of mechanisms that can help countries in achieving their NDCs. The workshop will also foster exchanges of good practices and lesson learned among parliamentarians.*

**Facilitator: Carlos Ruiz-Garvia**, Regional Coordinator, Regional Collaboration Center, Latin America and Caribbean, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

**Case studies presented by:**

- *Market Mechanism*: **Grace Watamaleo** and **Riad Nurmohamed**, Members of the National Assembly (Suriname)
- *Non-Market Mechanism*: Hon. **Arthur E. Holder**, Speaker of the House of Assembly (Barbados)
- *Non-Market Mechanism*: **Nelly Lenz Roso**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies (Bolivia)

17:30 – 19:30

**Reception offered by the National Assembly of Suriname**

**Location:** The Pier at the Royal Torarica

**Friday August 9, 2019**

09:00 – 9:05

**Presentation on the advancements of the Sendai Framework**

**Raúl Salazar**, Chief of Office, UNDRR Regional Office Americas and the Caribbean

09:05 – 10:30

**Session 4: Raising Ambition and Accessing Climate Financing**

*The Paris Agreement dictates that developed nations should provide and mobilize climate finance to allow and assist developing country parties to mitigate and adapt to climate change. This session will provide key information on what climate finance is, examine and discuss available funds for countries in the Americas and the Caribbean, and show how capacity can be raised to make climate finance more accessible. The session will explore funds that are available for forest preservation, adaptation and loss and damage at a regional scale.*

**Moderator: Mayuli Martínez Simón**, Senator (Mexico)

- Hon. **Robby Ramlakhan**, Ambassador and Advisor to the Cabinet of the President – Coordination Environment (Suriname)
- **Victor Viñas**, Board member representing Latin America and the Caribbean in the Adaptation Fund and Green Climate Fund

- **César Falconi**, Inter-American Development Bank representative in Suriname

10:30 – 11:00	<b>Call for Action - Parliamentary Declaration</b> <i>Outcome to be presented as a parliamentary contribution to the UN Climate Action Summit and COP25.</i>
11:00 – 11:05	<b>Elections of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change</b>
11:05 – 11:30	<b>Evaluations</b>
11:30 – 11:40	<b>Closing</b>
11:40 – 13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00 – 16:00	<b>Site Visits – The “Palmentuin” followed by the “<a href="#">Weg naar Zee</a>”</b>

*August 9<sup>th</sup> is Indigenous Peoples Day (Ingi Dei), as part of the day delegates will visit the “Palmentuin” gardens and take part in an activity organized by Indigenous peoples.*

*Afterward, delegates will visit the “Weg naar zee” also known as the vegetable garden of Paramaribo, a low-lying coastal region that is highly vulnerable to future climate-induced sea level rise. Due to the conversion of these traditionally mangrove areas to agricultural land, fishing ponds and settlements the coast is susceptible to flooding and erosion – leading to land degradation/loss. The Building with Nature project supported by Professor Naipal is working to replant/restore mangroves using Sediment Trapping Units as a climate adaptation method.*

**Facilitator:** Professor **Dr. Naipal** (Anton de Kom University of Suriname)



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