

Preliminary Agenda

5th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network: Countering Disinformation to Promote Responsible Public Discourse

Brasilia, Brazil | April 1-3, 2020

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Tuesday March 31, 2020

Throughout the day **Arrival of participants and transfer from the airport to the official hotel**

Wednesday April 1, 2020

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| 08:00 | Transfer of ParlAmericas Board Members to the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil
Location: Official Hotel Lobby |
| 08:30 – 13:00 | ParlAmericas Board Meeting
Location: TBD |
| 11:00 | Registration of participants
Location: Official Hotel Lobby |
| 12:00 | Transfer to the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil
Location: Official Hotel Lobby |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch
Location: TBD |

14:00 – 18:00 **Workshop: Trends and Good Practices on Innovation in Parliaments**

Location: TBD

As society continuously evolves at a fast pace given the emergence of new technologies and its accompanying challenges, public institutions are required to innovate to improve and adapt the way they operate to meet citizens' needs and expectations. While parliaments, as most public institutions, have not traditionally been established with processes that facilitate innovation, this need has been widely recognized and many have developed and implemented new practices to better connect with citizens, develop more inclusive legislation, and improve the efficiency of parliamentarians' work. This workshop will explore methodologies applied by parliaments to innovate, such as design thinking, as well as resulting new practices involving open data, big data and artificial intelligence.

18:00 – 18:15 **Transfer to the hotel**

19:00 – 21:30 **Welcome reception**

21:30 **Transfer to the hotel**

Thursday April 2, 2020

08:00 **Transfer of participants to the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil**

09:00 – 10:00 **Inauguration**

Location: TBD

- Elizabeth Cabezas (Ecuador), President of ParlAmericas
- Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), Senator and President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- Rodrigo Maia (Brazil), President of the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil

10:00 – 10:30 **Official photograph**

Location: TBD

10:30 – 11:00 **Keynote Presentation**

- Dr. Stephan Lewandowsky, Professor at the School of Psychological Science of the University of Bristol

11:00 – 12:30 **Working Session 1: Disinformation Tactics and Strategies**

Location: TBD

- Dr. Gergely Dzsini, Board Member of the Cybersecurity Advisors Network
- Francisco Guerrero, Secretary for Strengthening Democracy of the Organization of American States

Disinformation is a phenomenon that has seen its expansion as a result of the massive use of social networks and has biased public debates and, at times, even polarized discussions within contemporary societies. Those who use disinformation in their favor ensure that they have the means and resources to guarantee its effectiveness: from access to large sets of personal data and the use of algorithms, to content with specific characteristics that allow a particular message to be transmitted. In this working session, specialists will explain the tactics and strategies utilised to

distribute disinformation today and provide recommendations for parliamentarians' consideration in their efforts to combat this phenomenon.

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

Location: TBD

14:00 – 15:30

Working Session 2: Legislative Frameworks and Open Parliament Initiatives to Counter Disinformation

Location: TBD

- Member of the Chamber of Deputies Paulina Núñez (Chile)

Parliaments across the world have and continue to study, debate and develop legislative proposals to address disinformation while respecting the freedom of speech, particularly in the context of democratic elections. In addition, as parliaments continue their efforts to open their institution, through initiatives that improve transparency and access to public information, accountability, citizen participation and ethics and integrity, they are contributing to countering disinformation. This working session will explore legislative frameworks and open parliament initiatives adopted by parliaments in the hemisphere to address this issue.

15:30 – 17:00

Working Session 3: Developing Recommendations for Parliamentary Action

Building on the experiences shared in the previous working session, participants will work in small groups to further analyze the initiatives presented, and develop recommendations for the establishment of legal frameworks to address disinformation that takes place through social networks and during electoral campaigns, and open parliament initiatives to prevent disinformation disseminated by public officials, counter it through stronger transparency and accountability practices, and educate citizens on how to identify it.

17:00

Transfer of participants to the hotel

Friday April 3, 2020

08:00

Transfer of participants to the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil

09:00 – 09:10

Presentation of the ParlAmericas, GIFT & IFSD resource *Strengthening Accountability through Fiscal Openness: A Toolkit for Parliamentarians in the Americas and the Caribbean*

09:10 – 09:20

Presentation of the Latin American Legislative Transparency Index

- Marcelo Espinel, Coordinator of the Latin American Legislative Transparency Network

09:20 – 10:00

Presentation of the result of open parliament commitments presented at the 4th Gathering of the Open Parliament Network and presentation of new commitments

Location: TBD

Parliamentary delegations are invited to report on the progress achieved to implement the commitments they presented at the previous Gathering of the Open Parliament Network which

have been published on [ParlAmericas' Open Parliament Commitment Tool](#), as well as present new commitments that they intend to implement over the next year.

10:00 – 12:00 **Working Session 4: Collaboration with Various Stakeholders Towards a Joint Agenda to Counter Disinformation**

- Moderator: Daniel Arnaudo, Advisor for Information Strategies at the National Democratic Institute
- Nazima Raghubir, 1st Vice President of the Association of Caribbean Media Workers

The challenges and impacts of disinformation in contemporary societies require that the responses and measures adopted involve all actors, both from the political sphere and from civil society and the private sector. Initiatives, laws, public policies and reform efforts that may originate from parliaments require the participation and experience of, for example, technology companies, media, local governments and parliaments, academia, and civil society organizations, among others. This session will present initiatives and progress achieved by these actors, with the objective to establish a joint agenda to combat disinformation.

12:00 – 12:15 **Elections**

- President of the Open Parliament Network
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for North America
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for Central America
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for South America

12:15 – 12:45 **Declaration**

12:45 – 13:00 **Evaluations**

13:00 – 13:15 **Announcement of upcoming ParlAmericas activities**

13:15 – 13:30 **Closing**

- Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), Senator and President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- Elizabeth Cabezas (Ecuador), President of ParlAmericas
- Rodrigo Maia (Brazil), President of the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil

13:30 – 15:00 **Lunch**

Location: TBD

End of official program



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