Agenda

Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives

5th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

Addressing Inequalities to Enable Climate Ambition: A Just Transition to Achieve the Paris Agreement

June 15, 2021 | 17:00 (UTC – 04:00)

This session will provide a space for parliamentarians and civil society and youth representatives to dialogue and learn from each other on practices to improve communication and citizen participation in parliamentary work around climate objectives. Discussions will focus on strategies to provide a space for the diverse perspectives that should be considered to ensure that climate strategies help alleviate social inequalities, as well as concrete measures that can be implemented to ensure climate legislation and policies don’t contribute to these inequalities.

Welcoming remarks
- Senator, the Honourable Yokymma Bethelmy (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Senator Beatriz Paredes (Mexico), President of the Committee on Foreign Relations with Latin America and the Caribbean

Introduction
- Carlos Ruiz-Garvia, Regional Lead of the Regional Collaboration Centre for Latin America, UNFCCC
- Vintura Silva, Regional Lead of the Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean, UNFCCC

Parliamentary Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives
• **Moderator**: Member of the Legislative Assembly Paola Vega (Costa Rica), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change for Central America

The dialogue will be structured in two thematic rounds followed by an opportunity to provide final reflections. Parliamentarians, civil society, and youth representatives will be invited to share their perspectives on priority issues and challenges that relate to addressing inequalities to enable climate ambition, thereby contributing to shaping parliamentary action on these issues.

**Round 1 - Inclusive Climate Action:** Climate action should be transparent and designed with an intersectional lens ensuring that policies and programmes are meaningfully designed in consultation with communities and respond to the needs of traditionally marginalized populations, making certain that these do not further exacerbate inequities. The transition to a more environmentally sustainable society should be rooted in climate justice, and seek to improve community resilience, ensure a just transition, and leave no one behind.

**Round 2 – Action for Climate Empowerment:** This concept originated from article 12 of the Paris Agreement, to promote efforts to build understanding and capacity of all members of society to improve their engagement in climate action by strengthening public policies in six focus areas: education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation.

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### Closing remarks

- Member of Parliament Marc Serré (Canada), ParlAmericas Board Member

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