

## Preliminary Agenda

10<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality:  
***Gender-Responsive Climate Action***  
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago | May 22-24, 2018



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### **Background**

Climate change poses a serious global threat that is increasingly being felt in many areas of the Americas and the Caribbean. All members of the population experience the impacts of climate change differently, but some groups, including women, are likely to experience compound levels of risk. These groups also tend to have unequal access to decision-making processes at all levels, which hinders their ability to contribute their knowledge and experience to climate-related planning, policy-making, and implementation. Parliamentarians can play a critical role in ensuring that their countries and legislatures adopt a gender-responsive approach to climate action. This will help to ensure that entire populations are involved in, and protected by, efforts to understand and adapt to climate impacts.

### **Monday, May 21, 2018**

All day      **Participant arrivals and transfers from the airport to the official hotel, Hyatt Regency Trinidad (Address: #1 Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain)**

### **Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

All day      **Participant arrivals and transfers from the airport to the official hotel**

13:00 – 14:00      **Lunch**  
*Location: TBC*

14:00 – 18:00      **Training session: Gender budgeting for ParlAmericas' Anglophone membership**

**Training session: Gender budgeting for ParlAmericas' Hispanophone membership**

Delivered in collaboration with UN Women – Multi-Country Office - Caribbean

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19:00 – 21:00 **Welcome reception for all delegates**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

08:30 **Participant registration**

09:00 – 10:00 **Inauguration**

Opening remarks:

- The Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP, Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister (Trinidad and Tobago)
- The Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis, MP, Minister of Planning and Development (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies Karina Banfi (Argentina), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Senator Marcela Guerra (Mexico), President of ParlAmericas
- The Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George, MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives (Trinidad and Tobago), host of the gathering and member of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas

10:00 – 10:20 **Keynote address on linking the gender and climate change agendas**

- Bridget Burns, Co-Director, Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO)

10:20 – 10:45 **Official photograph and coffee break**

10:45 – 13:00 **Session 1. Approaching climate risks from a gender perspective: Entry points for parliamentary action**

- Moderator: TBC
- Itzá Castañeda, Gender and Sustainable Development Special Adviser, Global Gender Office, International Union for the Conservation of Nature
- UnaMay Gordon, Principal Director, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation of Jamaica
- Jennifer Guralnick, Programme Management Officer, Sendai Framework Monitoring, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)-Americas

*This session will provide an introduction to assessing climate risk from a gender lens in order to inform planning and legislation. It will focus on the role parliamentarians can play in promoting gender-responsive risk assessments and in ensuring sufficient investment and resource mobilization. Relevant international frameworks and treaties will be discussed as tools to support parliamentary oversight on government commitments.*

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 17:00 **Session 2. Centring women in climate adaptation**

- Moderator and expert speaker TBC
- 3-4 parliamentarian panellists TBC

*This session will examine the importance of undertaking and financing climate adaptation measures from a gender perspective. Following an overview on the topic, panellists will present different national initiatives that have integrated women's experiences and expertise. Emphasis will be placed on the factors that created enabling environments for success.*

19:00 – 21:00 **Dinner**  
*Location: TBC*

### **Thursday, May 24, 2018**

09:00 – 12:00 **Session 3. Gender, health, and climate change: Promoting responsive and sustainable planning**

- Moderator and expert speakers TBC

*This session will apply a gender lens to analyze the impacts of a changing climate on the health sector. Best practices will be considered for increasing capacities to respond to emergency situations such as natural disasters, ensuring equitable access to needed health services and emergency supplies for all members of society. Participants will also exchange legislative strategies to strengthen infrastructure over the long term in ways that take into account gender differences in health risks exacerbated by climate change.*

12:00 – 12:15 **Evaluations**

12:15 – 12:45 **Presentation of final declaration**

12:45 – 13:00 **Results of elections for vacant positions on the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality**

13:00 – 13:15 **Closing**

13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch (TBD)**

14:30 – 15:30 **Closed-door meeting of the Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality**

### **Friday, May 25, 2018**

All day **Transfers from the official hotel to the airport for departures**

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