

Preliminary Agenda

4th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network Beyond the Walls of Parliament: Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight

Quito, Ecuador | March 12-14, 2019

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Monday March 11, 2019

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

Tuesday March 12, 2019

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| 08:00 | Transfer of ParlAmericas Board Members to the National Assembly of Ecuador
Location: Official hotel lobby |
| 08:30 – 13:00 | ParlAmericas Board Meeting
Location: To be confirmed |
| 12:00 | Registration of participants and transfer to the National Assembly of Ecuador
Location: Official hotel lobby |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch
Location: To be confirmed |
| 14:30 – 18:30 | Workshop on post-legislative scrutiny in collaboration with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy
Location: To be confirmed |

Post-legislative scrutiny is the practice used to monitor and evaluate the implementation of legislation, ensuring laws benefit constituents in the way originally intended by lawmakers. This workshop will introduce the principles of post-legislative scrutiny and guide participants through recommended methodological steps to organize post-legislative scrutiny in parliament. It will provide an opportunity to hear about the experience of various parliaments through a series of case studies.

18:30 – 20:30 **Welcome reception**
Location: To be confirmed

20:30 **Transfer to the hotel**

Wednesday March 13, 2019

08:00 **Transfer of participants to the National Assembly of Ecuador**

09:00 – 10:00 **Inauguration**

Location: To be confirmed

- Elizabeth Cabezas (Ecuador), President of the National Assembly and ParlAmericas Board Member
- Robert Nault (Canada), Member of Parliament and President of ParlAmericas
- Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), Senator and President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

10:00 – 10:30 **Official photograph**

Location: To be confirmed

10:30 – 12:30 **High-level panel of experts: Towards a systemic transformation to counter corruption**

Location: To be confirmed

Following the Lima Commitment adopted at the 8th Summit of the Americas on “Democratic Governance Against Corruption”, the Inter-American Development Bank commissioned a Report by an Expert Advisory Group on Anti-Corruption, Transparency, and Integrity in Latin America and the Caribbean to identify innovative and effective approaches to combat corruption in the region. Based on this report, this session will analyze the key features of corruption in the region and propose an ambitious agenda toward more systemic transformation, focusing on the implementation of the rule of law and in controlling corruption.

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

Location: To be confirmed

14:00 – 17:00 **Working session: Strengthening parliamentary oversight to promote openness and counter corruption**

An open parliament is transparent, accountable, creates opportunities for citizen participation and respects the highest ethical standards. It also promotes the application of these principles in the executive branch of government, through its oversight function. This session will explore strategies and mechanisms to strengthen parliamentary oversight of legislative frameworks and practices to open governments, prevent corruption, prosecute perpetrators and recover stolen assets.

Thursday March 14, 2019

09:00 – 09:30 **Results of open parliament commitments presented at the 3rd Gathering of the Open Parliament Network**

Location: To be determined

Parliaments that presented commitments at the previous gathering of the Open Parliament Network will present the results of these commitments, which are listed on the Parliamentary Commitment Tool on ParlAmericas' website.

09:30 – 10:00 **Presentation of new open parliament commitments by parliamentary delegations**

Parliamentary delegations will present new commitments for the following year, which will be published in the Parliamentary Commitment Tool on ParlAmericas' website, along with their respective results.

10:30 – 12:30 **Working session: Applying openness practices to advance sustainable development**

Parliament's oversight role goes beyond good governance frameworks to everyday issues, including those covered within the Sustainable Development Goals, which truly impact citizens' lives. Promoting the application of openness principles in government policies and programming related to these issues, as well as in the parliament's oversight of these areas, can strengthen this process and lead to better public policy. This session will focus on developing concrete actions that can be taken by parliaments to foster a more open State, through case studies focusing on gender equality, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, and migration.

12:30 – 12:35 **Elections**

- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for the Caribbean

12:35 – 13:00 **Declaration**

13:00 – 13:15 **Evaluations**

13:15 – 13:30 **Closing**

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- Robert Nault (Canada), Member of Parliament and President of ParlAmericas
- Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), Senator and President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

13:30 – 15:00 **Lunch**

Location: To be confirmed