

## Agenda

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering of the Open Parliament Network of ParlAmericas: Strengthening the ties between citizens and legislatures**

San José, Costa Rica | March 15-18, 2017



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#### **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

Throughout the day **Arrival of participants and transfer to the Radisson Hotel, Holiday Inn and Palma Real Hotels**

#### **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

Throughout the day **Arrival of participants and transfer to the Radisson, Holiday Inn and Palma Real Hotels**

12:30 **Transfer of participants staying at the Holiday Inn and Palma Real Hotels to the Radisson Hotel**

13:00 – 17:15 **Training Session: Maximizing the use of social networks to promote citizen participation**

Location: Zurqui IV (Radisson Hotel)

Facilitator: **Mr. Sebastián de Lara Gomís**, Managing Director, Navegación Política

*A key aspect of the open parliament agenda and [ParlAmericas' Road Map towards Legislative Openness](#) is facilitating access to parliamentary information through the use of innovative techniques to increase citizen participation in decision-making processes. Currently, parliamentarians face new challenges when it comes to interacting on social networks. Nevertheless, these platforms represent innovative ways to communicate that can be used in parliamentary work to involve voters in public decisions. In this training session, tools and strategies for using social networks will be presented and participants will reflect on their benefits and their potential for promoting citizen participation.*

19:00 **Transfer of participants staying at the Holiday Inn and Palma Real Hotels to the Radisson Hotel**

19:30 – 21:30 **Welcome reception hosted by the Legislative Assembly**  
Location: Europa (Radisson Hotel)

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

08:00 – 08:30 **Participant registration**  
Location: Lobby (Radisson & Holiday Inn hotels)

08:30 – 09:00 **Transfer to the Legislative Assembly**

09:00 – 09:50 **Inauguration**  
Location: Former Presidents of the Republic (Legislative Assembly)

- Member of the Legislative Assembly Karla Prendas (Costa Rica), Host
- Member of the Legislative Assembly José Alberto Alfaro Jiménez (Costa Rica), Interim President of the Legislative Assembly
- Senator Marcela Guerra (Mexico), President of ParlAmericas
- Senator Hernán Larraín (Chile), President of the Open Parliament Network
- Member of the Legislative Assembly Ligia Fallas (Costa Rica), Member of ParlAmericas' Board of Directors
- Mr. Pablo Collada, Representative of the Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency
- Member of the Legislative Assembly Gonzalo Ramírez (Costa Rica), First Secretary of the Board of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

09:50 – 10:00 **Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ParlAmericas and the Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency**  
Location: Former Presidents of the Republic (Legislative Assembly)

10:00 – 10:15 **Official photograph**  
Location: Former Presidents of the Republic (Legislative Assembly)

10:15 – 10:30 **Transfer to the Radisson Hotel**

10:30 – 13:00 **Session 1. New horizons for citizen participation: international initiatives within the framework of the Open Government Partnership**  
Location: Zurqui IV (Radisson Hotel)

Facilitator: Ms. Guadalupe Valdez (Dominican Republic)

- Senator Hernán Larraín (Chile), President of the Open Parliament Network
- Mr. Scott Hubli, Director of Governance Programs, National Democratic Institute
- Ms. Agustina De Luca, Director of Legislative Transparency, Fundación Directorio Legislativo
- Ms. María Fernanda Avendaño Mora, President, ACCESA

*The participation of citizens in the design and implementation of public policies has led to a new way of managing public resources in all spheres of government, including legislatures. To this end, the Open Government Partnership (OGP) has been promoting the adoption of co-creation processes that allow for the incorporation of citizens' voices and proposals in government initiatives, promoting inclusive and participative decision*

*making. This session will start with a group discussion on the level of citizen confidence in parliaments and its relationship with citizen participation, and will conclude with a panel presenting the OGP principles and standards in reference to its new legislative policy and co-creation processes.*

13:00 – 14:30

**Lunch**

Location: Acuarelas Restaurant (Radisson Hotel)

14:30 – 17:00

**Session 2. Smart parliaments: Enabling inclusive and innovative legislative processes**

Location: Zurqui IV (Radisson Hotel)

Facilitator: Mr. Cristiano Ferri, Director of the Hacker Lab, Chamber of Deputies of Brazil

- Sen. Mauricio Lizcano (Colombia), President of the Senate
- Ms. Haydee Hernández Pérez, Head of the Technical Unit on Gender Equality, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

*The modernization of public management has demanded great efforts to facilitate the provision of public services, as well as a more intelligent and strategic use of state resources. Technology has played a large role in advancing these efforts towards constant innovation and to guarantee better and easier interaction with citizens. This session will consist of group exchanges around the challenges and needs of legislators at all phases of the legislative process, to explore how citizen participation mechanisms can be of assistance within these phases.*

19:00

**Transfer of participants staying at the Holiday Inn and Palma Real Hotels to the Radisson Hotel**

19:30 – 22:00

**Traditional Costa Rican night offered by the Legislative Assembly**

Location: Garden and terrace (Hotel Radisson)

**Friday, March 17, 2017**

08:30

**Transfer of participants staying at the Holiday Inn and Palma Real hotels to the Radisson Hotel**

09:00 – 09:15

**Transparency Advances of the National Assembly of Suriname**

- Member of the National Assembly Jennifer Simons (Suriname), Speaker of the National Assembly

09:15 – 11:30

**Session 3. Working collaboratively: Analysis and application of a practical case**

Location: Zurqui IV (Radisson Hotel)

Facilitator: Ms. Hannia Vega, Advisor, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

- Mr. Lemarque Campbell, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, Citizens for a Better Bahamas
- Dr. Magaly McLean, Senior Counsel, Department of International Law, Organization of American States (by video)

*One of the crucial functions of parliamentarians is to represent the interests of citizens who voted for them. In the different phases of legislative production, there are spaces where parliaments at the institutional level or legislators at individual level undertake efforts to work together with society in general in order to faithfully represent their voices and ideas. This session will consist of a simulated co-creation process to resolve and analyze a case study related to access to public information and enforcement agencies, with the objective of arriving at an agreement in a collaborative way to solve the situation presented.*

- 11:30 – 12:00     **Election of the Open Parliament Network Executive Committee and announcement of the host parliament for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gathering in 2018**  
Location: Zurqui IV (Radisson Hotel)
- 12:00 – 13:00     **Evaluation, Reading of the Declaration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering of the Open Parliament Network and Closing**  
Location: Zurqui IV (Radisson Hotel)
- Member of the Legislative Assembly Karla Prendas (Costa Rica), Host
  - Senator Marcela Guerra (Mexico), President of ParlAmericas
  - Senator Hernán Larraín (Chile), President of the Open Parliament Network
  - Member of the Legislative Assembly Antonio Álvarez Desanti (Costa Rica), President of the Legislative Assembly
- 13:00 – 14:30     **Lunch**  
Location: Acquarelas Restaurant (Radisson Hotel)
- 14:30 – 16:00     **Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Open Parliament Network elected for the period 2017-2019 (open to observers)**  
Location: Zurqui IV (Radisson Hotel)

### **Saturday, March 18, 2017**

- 09:00 – 12:30     **42<sup>nd</sup> ParlAmericas Board of Directors Meeting (closed door)**  
Location: Zurqui IV (Radisson Hotel)
- 12:30 – 14:00     **Lunch offered by the Legislative Assembly**  
Location: Acquarelas Restaurant (Radisson Hotel)
- 14:00 – 17:00     **Continuation of the 42<sup>nd</sup> ParlAmericas Board of Directors Meeting (closed door)**  
Location: Zurqui IV (Radisson Hotel)