Agenda

3rd Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network - Peru 2018:
Open States for Democratic Governance Against Corruption
On the occasion of the 8th Summit of the Americas
Lima, Peru | April 11-12, 2018

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Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

07:45 Transfer from the official hotel to the Congress of the Republic of Peru

09:00 – 10:00 Inauguration
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

- Member of Congress Luis Galarreta (Peru), President of the Congress of the Republic
- Member of Parliament Robert Nault (Canada), Vice-President of ParlAmericas
- Member of the Legislative Assembly Karla Prendas (Costa Rica), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network – Central America

10:00 – 10:30 Official photograph
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

10:30 – 10:45 Presentation of an Instrument for Consensus Building of the Congress of the Republic of Peru: The Legislative Agenda
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

- Member of Congress Luis Galarreta (Peru), President of the Congress of the Republic

10:45 – 11:30 Keynote address by Mr. Martin Kreutzner
Dean and Executive Secretary of the International Anti-Corruption Academy
Session 1: Taking stock: Is corruption worsening or have transparency measures increased its visibility?

With the recent corruption cases seen in various countries of the hemisphere, it is crucial to better understand this problem in order to adopt effective measures to combat it. Identifying the most pressing challenges within this issue will help parliaments establish and develop clear priorities and actions. This session will examine these challenges and identify the obstacles parliaments face in the fight against corruption.

Lunch offered by the Congress of the Republic

Session 2: Ethics and probity for a parliament with integrity

Ethical standards in public service play a crucial role in strengthening the integrity of parliament. From conflict of interest regulations to codes of conduct within public institutions that prevent and sanction cases of corruption, it is essential to move towards a culture of ethics in order to regain citizen confidence in democratic institutions. This session will explore how ethics, conflict of interest regulations, and gender-sensitive practices can strengthen the integrity of parliament as an institution.

Session 3: The role of women parliamentarians in the fight against corruption

Corruption has differential impacts on women and marginalized groups, which are not always sufficiently recognized or considered in anti-corruption reforms and policymaking. Gender mainstreaming is thus an essential tool for addressing the issue of corruption; and this can likewise help ensure national goals of social and
economic development in accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are achieved – including women’s equal rights and representation in politics. Studies link greater diversity in political representation with numerous positive outcomes including lower perceived levels of corruption. This session will explore the role of women in the anti-corruption agenda as well as multi-partisan and non-partisan mechanisms such as gender caucuses that empower women and center their expertise and experiences in decision-making aimed at improving governance and transforming the conditions that enable corruption to flourish.

17:30  
Transfer to the hotel

Free evening

Thursday, April 12, 2018

07:45  
Transfer from the official hotel to the Congress of the Republic of Peru

09:00 – 11:00  
Session 4: Guidelines to develop open parliament action plans  
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

- Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies Vlado Mirosevic (Chile)  
- Member of the Legislative Assembly Karla Prendas (Costa Rica), Vice-President of the ParliAmericas Open Parliament Network – Central America  
- Senator Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay)

Open parliament action plans developed in collaboration with civil society to advance transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and ethics in the legislative branch are a highlight of the efforts undertaken by parliaments of the hemisphere towards legislative openness. Given the results that have been obtained through these plans, it is important to define guidelines based on the experiences of the five countries that already have this type of action plan in place. During this session, the co-creation processes utilized for these plans will be reviewed through round-table discussions so that guidelines for their development can be established.

11:00 – 12:00  
Session 5: New modernization and legislative openness tools and mechanisms in the Americas and the Caribbean  
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

- Moderator: Member of the National Assembly Gladys López Bejerano (Cuba) and ParliAmericas Board Member  
- Senator Rosa Galvez (Canada)  
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies Paulina Nuñez (Chile)  
- Member of the National Assembly Belkys Pérez Cruz (Cuba)  
- Member of Congress Welsy Vásquez (Honduras)  
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies Teresa Lizárraga (Mexico)  
- Member of Congress Mauricio Mulder (Peru), Third Vice-president of the Congress of the Republic  
- Member of the National Assembly Jennifer Simons (Suriname), Speaker of the National Assembly and ParliAmericas Board Member  
- Member of the National Assembly Djoties Jaggernath (Suriname)  
- Member of the National Assembly Mohamed Amzad Aboel (Suriname)
During this session, parliaments will have a space to share new tools or mechanisms developed since the last gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network in Costa Rica in 2017.

12:00 – 12:30  **Presentation of commitments by parliamentary delegations**  
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

- Moderator: Member of the National Assembly Jennifer Simons (Suriname), Speaker of the National Assembly and ParlAmericas Board Member

12:30 – 12:45  **Elections**  
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

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

12:45 – 13:00  **Evaluations**  
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

13:00 – 13:15  **Presentation of the declaration of the 3rd Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network**  
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

- Member of Congress Ana María Choquehuanca (Peru)

13:15 – 13:30  **Closing**  
Location: Raúl Porras Barrenechea Room

- Member of Parliament Robert Nault (Canada), Vice-President of ParlAmericas
- Member of Congress Luis Galarreta (Peru), President of the Congress of the Republic

13:30 – 15:00  **Lunch offered by the Congress of the Republic**

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