



ParlAmericas is an independent forum that promotes **PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY** in the **INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM**



ParlAmericas is composed of the **NATIONAL LEGISLATURES** of the member States of the OAS from North, Central and South America and the Caribbean



ParlAmericas facilitates the exchange of parliamentary **BEST PRACTICES** and promotes **COOPERATIVE POLITICAL DIALOGUE**



ParlAmericas mainstreams **GENDER EQUALITY** by advocating for women's political empowerment and the application of a gender lens in legislative work



ParlAmericas fosters **OPEN PARLIAMENTS** by advancing the principles of transparency, accountability, citizen participation, ethics and probity



ParlAmericas promotes policies and legislative measures to mitigate and adapt to the effects of **CLIMATE CHANGE**



ParlAmericas works towards strengthening democracy and governance by accompanying **ELECTORAL PROCESSES**



ParlAmericas is headquartered in **OTTAWA, CANADA**



## WHAT IS OPEN PARLIAMENT?

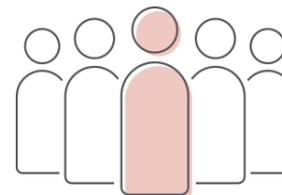
A new form of interaction between citizens and legislative powers that promotes parliamentary openness to ensure transparency and access to public information, accountability, citizen participation, and ethics and probity in parliamentary work.



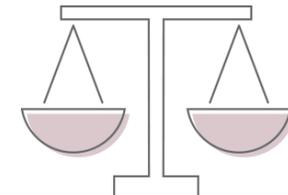
TRANSPARENCY



ACCOUNTABILITY



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION



ETHICS AND PROBITY

## WHAT IS THE OPEN PARLIAMENT NETWORK?

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The Open Parliament Network is a permanent ParlAmericas working group that promotes legislative transparency among the organization's member parliaments. During the International Seminar on Transparency and Probity in the National Congress and Political Party System, held in Santiago, Chile, in 2012, the parliamentarians attending signed the *Santiago Declaration on Parliamentary Transparency and Integrity in Parliaments and Political Parties*.

The declaration emphasizes strengthening democratic governance by focusing on four pillars. The document also contains a commitment to creating the Inter-American Parliamentary Network on Transparency, Access to Public Information, and Probity.

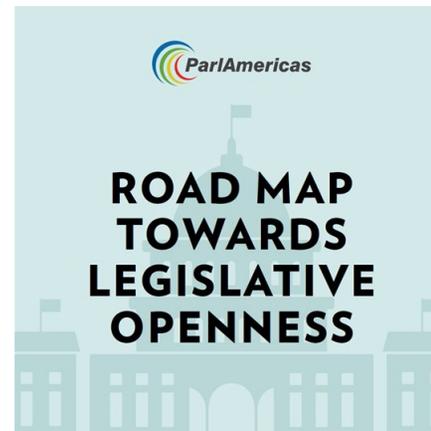
With the aim of implementing the declaration and supporting the network's work, the National Congress of Chile created the Bicameral Transparency Group. This body acted as the Executive Secretariat of the Network until August 2015. During ParlAmericas' 12<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly, the network was integrated into the governance structure of the organization under the name Open Parliament Network. Senator Hernán Larraín (Chile) has led this Network since its inception.

## ROAD MAP TOWARDS LEGISLATIVE OPENNESS

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- Provides a framework to help guide parliamentarians in producing their own action plans and/or initiatives for legislative openness at the national level.
- Promotes specific measures to make progress on the principles outlined in the *Declaration on Parliamentary Openness* and the *Santiago Declaration on Parliamentary Transparency and Integrity in Parliaments and Political Parties*.



The Road Map was developed by parliamentarians and civil society organizations from across the hemisphere and was finalized during the 1<sup>st</sup> Gathering of the Open Parliament Network of ParlAmericas in

Asuncion, Paraguay, on May 26-27, 2016 with the contributions of more than 50 legislators from 20 countries in the Americas and the Caribbean.