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ParlAmericas to be represented at ECLAC's 56th meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

On October 5-6, 2017, ParlAmericas will participate in the [fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) in Havana, Cuba.

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a permanent subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) convened every three years. The Presiding Officers meet between the Conferences to provide continuous follow-up on member Government's progress in gender mainstreaming. The fifty-sixth meeting will focus in particular on gender equality planning in the context of sustainable development.

ParlAmericas' participation will offer a valuable legislative perspective to these discussions. Ligia Fallas, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica and Vice-President of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality for Central America, will represent ParlAmericas. She emphasized that, "Parliamentarians play an important role in ensuring that national legislation and budgets are aligned with international commitments on sustainable development and gender equality, which helps to further social inclusion and improve the lives of our populations." Such points will also be highlighted during Ms. Fallas' intervention on a high-level panel on the first day of the meeting.

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