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**Parliamentary delegations and civil society organizations to meet to discuss citizen participation, fiscal transparency, and anti-corruption measures**

On Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Congress of the Republic of Colombia, will hold a co-creation meeting entitled *Toolkit on Citizen Participation*, with the participation of parliamentary delegations and civil society representatives from nine Latin American countries.

One of the main objectives of the meeting will be to continue promoting the implementation of ParlAmericas' [Road map towards legislative openness](#) by reflecting on the participation and involvement of citizens in public decision-making processes. Delegates will identify mechanisms, their key aspects, and best practices with the goal of formalizing and facilitating the implementation of the agreements laid out in the *Road map*. This activity will provide a space for parliamentarians and civil society representatives to jointly create and design a toolkit that will serve as a reference for parliaments in their work in promoting citizen participation.

On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, there will also be a workshop on *Building Trust Between Parliaments and Citizens*, which will examine the importance of fiscal transparency as well as measures and initiatives to increase citizens' trust in parliaments and fight corruption.

Both activities will be held on the premises of the Congress of the Republic of Colombia. For updated information please consult the agendas of the [co-creation meeting](#) and the [workshop](#) and follow the hashtags [#ParlAmericasOPN](#) and [#CongresoAbierto](#)

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