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Parliamentary delegations and civil society organizations to discuss lobbying regulations

On Monday, May 29, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Congress of the Republic of Peru, *Directorio Legislativo* and the Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency, will hold a co-creation meeting entitled *International Standards for Lobby Regulation*, with the participation of parliamentary delegations and civil society representatives from 8 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 lobbying regulations to prevent conflicts of interest, whether actual, apparent, or perceived, and ensure that the impact of lobbying on decision-making is transparent and that legislators are held accountable. The discussion will be based on an adapted version of the [International Standards for Lobbying Regulations](#) developed by Transparency International, Access Info Europe, Sunlight Foundation and Open Knowledge International, to create *International Standards for Lobbying Regulations for Latin America*, considering the circumstances, systems in place and challenges of the region.

Delegates will discuss concepts and definitions related to lobbying, exceptions, the establishment and publication of lobbying registries, oversight of lobbying regulations and the administration of sanctions as well as ethics and probity in the public sector and its relation with lobbying. *Directorio Legislativo* will publish the resulting *International Standards for Lobbying Regulations for Latin America* in August 2017.

The activity will be held at the Congress of the Republic of Peru. For updated information please consult the agenda of the [co-creation meeting](#) and follow the hashtag [#ParlAmericasOPN](#).

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