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ParlAmericas organizes parliamentary panel in online meeting on gender-responsive policymaking organized by IRI-Panama with the National Assembly of Panama

Today, the International Republican Institute (IRI) - Panama, through its Women Democracy Network, and in partnership with ParlAmericas and the National Assembly of Panama, held a webinar on gender-responsive policymaking. This virtual meeting brought together Panamanian parliamentarians, alternate parliamentarians, and mayors for dialogue and practical training on applying a gender lens to their work.

Welcoming remarks were offered by Mr. Humberto Collado, program manager for IRI-Panama; Her Excellency Lilly Nicholls, Canadian Ambassador to Panama; and Member of the Chamber of Deputies Fernando Arce (Panama), member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors.

As part of the webinar, ParlAmericas organized a panel with interventions from local and international speakers who highlighted examples of how gender-equal decision-making has benefited their countries. The panel was moderated by Member of the National Assembly Ana Giselle Rosas (Panama) and featured remarks by Senator Rosa Gálvez (Canadá) and Ms. Betzaida Guerrero Moreno, a representative of Panama's National Forum of Women in Political Parties (FONAMUPP, in Spanish). Each of the panellists highlighted strategies for working across political party lines to advance shared goals for women's equality and human rights.

Following the panel, IRI facilitators and invited experts led an online training session with the aim of providing guidance on implementing the types of good practices presented in the panel. The session drew from the Women Democracy Network's "Gender-responsive Policymaking Handbook." The webinar concluded with remarks by Member of the Chamber of Deputies Corina Cano (Panamá), who emphasized the importance of building alliances and solidarity networks to institutionalize the good practices discussed.