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PARLAMERICAS DELEGATION BROUGHT LEGISLATIVE PERSPECTIVES TO THE 2018 LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN CLIMATE WEEK AND THE 12TH LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN CARBON FORUM

On August 20 to 23, ParlAmericas participated in the 2018 Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week and 12th Latin America and Caribbean Carbon Forum (LACCF), in Montevideo, Uruguay. The LACCF is organized annually by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), World Bank, and other multilateral agencies to foster knowledge exchanges and opportunities for cooperation between private and public sector climate finance and emission market stakeholders. This year, the LACCF was held in conjunction to the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week, a regional summit to drive forward climate action in the hemisphere.

Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname and Vice President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change, Jennifer Simons, participated in the summit's high-level session about carbon pricing. In her presentation, Speaker Simons outlined the instrumental role of parliamentarians in the development of legal frameworks to implement carbon pricing mechanisms, while underlining the need for robust oversight systems that incorporate parliaments and for related technical, financial and training support to ensure that intended impacts of carbon pricing on emission reductions are achieved.

Member of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina, Juan Carlos Villalonga, in turn, participated in a high-level panel that evaluated the interrelationship between the Sustainable Development Goals and Global Climate Agenda. Mr. Villalonga emphasized the importance of including parliamentarians and non-governmental organizations to promote synergies between these agendas.

ParlAmericas was also represented by Member of Congress of Peru, Ana María Choquehuanca in a session that examined strategies to integrate a gender lens into climate actions. In addressing this topic, Ms. Choquehuanca presented the case of Peru's Framework Law on Climate Change as a benchmark for Latin America through its promotion of targeted mechanisms for participation of women and indigenous peoples in the formulation of climate policies, and of education on climate issues with an intercultural lens.

ParlAmericas thanks Global Affairs Canada for the support that made our engagement in these meetings possible. For further information on ParlAmericas' work in Climate Change contact us at parlamericasc@parlAmericas.org. Follow the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change (PNCC) on Twitter using the hashtag [#ParlAmericasCC](https://twitter.com/ParlAmericasCC)

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