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## **International gathering on Parliament's Role in the Open Government Partnership**

On November 21, ParlAmericas, in partnership with the Open Government Partnership's Legislative Openness Working Group, Directorio Legislativo Foundation and the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina, will be hosting a parliamentary meeting on *Parliament's role in the Open Government Partnership (OGP)* within the margins of the OGP Americas Regional Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This meeting will take place within the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina, and will gather legislators from 15 countries across the Americas and the Caribbean. On November 22, the delegation will attend sessions of the OGP Americas Regional Meeting at the Centro Cultural Kirchner.

Since its creation, the OGP has promoted transparency, citizen empowerment, the fight against corruption, and the use of new technologies to improve governance in countries that have joined this international initiative. Through this activity, supported by Members of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina, Margarita Stolbizer and Karina Banfi, legislators will receive a briefing on the OGP and its impact to date, and discuss how results of the National Action Plans adopted through this multilateral initiative can improve citizens' lives and support legislatures in the exercise of their representation, law-making and oversight functions. The keynote address will be presented by the Honourable Scott Brison, President of the Treasury Board of Canada, and supporting government co-chair on the OGP Steering Committee.

"Parliaments play a critical role in the achievement of OGP objectives and in ensuring the sustainability of this initiative throughout electoral cycles and changes in governments" expressed Senator Hernán Larraín, President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament, "it is important for legislators to be aware of the open government agenda, the role of the OGP, the benefits of these initiatives for the work of the legislature and for citizens' lives, and to build cross-partisan support to continue prioritizing and monitoring this work".

For further information, consult the [agenda](#) and follow @ParlAmericas on social media.

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