

## Agenda

### *5th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network: Countering Disinformation to Promote Responsible Public Discourse*

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament**

March 22nd, 2021 | 13:00 (UTC – 04:00)

11:00 (GMT-6)	12:00 (GMT-5)	13:00 (GMT-4)	14:00 (GMT-3)	
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The 3rd Meeting of the OPN Staff Network will provide a space for parliamentary staff of the Americas and the Caribbean to exchange experiences and good practices on **technological innovation**, a topic identified during the previous OPN Staff Network Meeting.

- 13:00 – 13:10     **Inauguration**
- Senator Silvia del Rosario Giacoppo (Argentina), ParlAmericas Board Member
  - Blair Armitage (Canada), Clerk Assistant, Committees, Senate
- 13:10 – 13:40     **Panel on Technological Innovation in Parliaments**
- Dr. Tiago Carneiro Peixoto, Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank
  - María Paz Hermosilla, Director of the Public Innovation Lab (GobLab), School of Governance, University Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile

- Diego Subero, Consultant, Cybersecurity Program, Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE), Organization of American States (OAS)
- Chris Beall, Policy Lead, Platform Governance, Centre for International Governance Innovation

*The emergence of new information and communication technologies (ICT), as well as its effects on social interactions, the provision of public services, and their impact on democratic functioning, invites us to rethink their use to ensure the continued strengthening of the work of parliaments, in the face of the new challenges in contemporary societies. This panel will explore different mechanisms and strategies to promote technological innovation, including new practices that use ICT for parliamentary modernization through collective and artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity, as tools that contribute to the functioning of the legislative branch, while continuing to advance the principles of open parliament and efforts to counter disinformation.*

13:40 – 13:50

#### **Presentation of the Open Data Hub**

- Patricia Almeida (Brazil), Coordinator of Innovation and Digital Strategy of the Chamber of Deputies and Coordinator of the Open Data Center

13:50 – 14:10

#### **Questions and Answer Period**

14:10 – 15:30

#### **Thematic Working Groups: Fostering Parliamentary Innovation**

*These working groups will offer participants the opportunity to further discuss different topics relevant to strengthening technological innovation in parliaments, to improve the efficiency of legislative work. Technological innovation is essential for legislative openness as it enables the transparency of public information, the establishment of a permanent interaction with citizens, as well as more effective accountability mechanisms for parliamentary work.*

##### Working Group 1: Artificial Intelligence in Parliaments (available with interpretation to English, French, Portuguese and Spanish)

- Moderator: Soufiane Ben Moussa (Canada), Chief Technology Officer, House of Commons
- Cristian Carrión (Chile), Deputy Head of the Department of Information Technologies, Senate
- Patricia Almeida (Brazil), Coordinator of Innovation and Digital Strategy of the Chamber of Deputies and Coordinator of the Open Data Center
- Jorge Paulo de França Junior (Brazil), Executive Director, Secretariat of Participation, Interaction and Digital Media, Chamber of Deputies

*As parliaments update their systems and procedural standards with the use of technological tools, a discussion on the responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) becomes essential. This working group will include presentations demonstrating the use of AI by parliaments to improve interactions with citizens, the collection of data for parliamentary research, as well*

*as the visualization and publication of public information. Likewise, the complementarity of AI with collective intelligence will be analyzed together with specialists in the field.*

Working Group 2: Maximizing resources to modernize parliament, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association – United Kingdom (CPA-UK)  
*(English only)*

- Moderator: Garreth Ferguson (Trinidad and Tobago), Director of IT and Communications of the Parliament
- Jonathan King (Isle of Man), Deputy Clerk and Clerk of the Legislative Council of the Tynwald

*Parliaments across the hemisphere are continuously innovating, using ICT tools to facilitate parliamentary processes and improve their connection with constituents. The application of such tools can not only modernize parliamentary work, but also allow parliamentarians and staff to do more with limited resources. This working group will explore how parliaments can prioritize the use ICT tools to achieve the highest impact in terms of strengthening legislative work.*

Working Group 3: Cybersecurity in parliaments *(Spanish only)*

- Moderator: Sonia Vezaro (Argentina), Responsible for the Multilateral Parliamentary Diplomacy, Chamber of Deputies
- Pablo Torrealba (Chile), Information Systems Advisor, Chamber of Deputies

*With the transition of parliaments to remote work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the use of digital platforms to enable the continued functioning of legislatures, additional cybersecurity challenges arise. This working group will include experiences from parliaments on institutional practices to strengthen cybersecurity for the protection of private data, as well as for safeguarding and protecting the information and content of parliamentary institutions.*

Working Group 4: Virtual Sittings and Digital Transformation of Parliaments  
*(Spanish only)*

- Moderator: Claudio Prieto (Ecuador), Coordinator General for Information Technology, National Assembly
- Juan Manuel Cheppi (Argentina), Secretary General, Chamber of Deputies
- Anabel Dávila (Peru), Head of the Department of Rapporteurship and Agenda of the Congress of the Republic

*It has been a year after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and parliaments' transition to remote work and their adoption of digital platforms across the region to allow their continued functioning. Participants will reflect and analyse the challenges faced over the past year in the implementation of these tools in their parliaments, the innovation and modernisation process they have undergone, as well as the results in terms of efficiency and effectiveness of legislative work. This working group will include reflections on the experiences of parliamentary officials from the region in the digital transformation of parliaments, as well as recommendations to further support parliamentary functions.*

15:30 – 15:50

**Report Back by Working Groups**

- Presentation of discussion highlights by moderators (5 min each)

15:50 – 16:00

**Closing Remarks and Next Steps**

- Evaluations
- Luis Rojas (Chile), Deputy Secretary General, Chamber of Deputies



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