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Parliamentarians to explore collective strategies to advance women's economic empowerment

ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Senate of the Republic of Mexico, will hold the 11th Gathering of the [Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality](#), titled [Achieving Balance in the World of Work](#), from June 18 to 20 in Mexico City, Mexico. This gathering will bring together legislators from more than 20 countries of the hemisphere to explore strategies to advance women's labour rights and empowerment, thereby contributing to national economic growth, development, and the realization of human rights.

During the gathering, delegates from across the Americas and the Caribbean will exchange good legislative practices through a series of panel sessions and workshops on that will analyze the cultural and legal barriers to women's entry and full contribution to the workforce. Civil society and multilateral stakeholders, including actors part of the [Inter-American Task Force for Women's Leadership and Empowerment](#), will join parliamentary delegates in conversations on collective actions to forge more inclusive economies that promote autonomy and dignity in the working lives of all members of society in the region.

"I am honoured to welcome our colleagues from across the region to Mexico on this noteworthy occasion: ParlAmericas' 11th annual gathering dedicated to gender equality. I look forward to taking part in the conversations over the next three days on how we can work together to achieve true equality of opportunity in the labour force, a requirement for women's full economic empowerment in the Americas and Caribbean," stated Senator Antares Vázquez Alatorre (Mexico), host of the gathering and member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors.

The Honourable Member of Parliament Robert Nault (Canada), President of ParlAmericas, further emphasized that, "As our countries continue to undertake new partnerships and innovative resourcing mechanisms to achieve women's economic and labour rights, it is crucial that we share our learning to accelerate progress. ParlAmericas is committed to creating spaces for this sharing of experiences, and this gathering is a wonderful opportunity to dedicate our attention to the shared priority of guaranteeing the labour rights of all women and men."

The gathering will be preceded by a workshop on frameworks to prevent and address workplace sexual harassment, facilitated by colleagues from the Latin American Team for Gender Justice and the Equal Opportunities Commission of Trinidad and Tobago.

For the most recent updates on the gathering, consult the agenda and follow [@ParlAmericas](#) on social media using the hashtag #ParlAmericasGEN.

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