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ParlAmericas participates in the Third Andean Meeting of Ibero-American Youth

Member of the National Assembly Ana Belén Marín (Ecuador), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change, participated as a panelist in the Third Andean Meeting of Ibero-American Youth, organized by the NGO *Jóvenes Iberoamericanos* and held on November 9-13, 2020.

The dialogue gathered young speakers and leaders from Bolivia, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and Venezuela to address issues of regional interest related to education, gender equality, sustainability, peace-building, and circular agriculture.

Member of the National Assembly Marín made a presentation at the end of the event, on November 13, on the importance of youth participation in politics, particularly in areas related to gender equality and combatting climate change. In her speech, she highlighted ParlAmericas' commitment toward facilitating forums for youth participation in the region's parliaments, sharing experiences such as the first Young Women in Leadership program carried out in Trinidad and Tobago in March of this year (YWILTT), and the 12th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality, *Designing inclusive futures in partnership with youth*, carried out via a series of online events in September and October of this year.

Member of the National Assembly Marín ended her presentation by calling upon the young attendees to engage in politics with proposals based on serving their communities. She also shared strategies that parliaments could implement to promote their participation, such as youth parliaments, political forums, and mentoring programs.

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