

Agenda

3rd Gathering of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
***Fostering Climate Action in the Americas and the Caribbean:
The Role of Parliaments within the Climate Agenda***
Panama City, Panama | October 4-5, 2018



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Thursday October 4, 2018

08:15 – 08:45 Participant registration

09:00 – 10:00 **Inauguration**

Welcoming speech

- **The Honourable Rolando González Patricio**, Member of the National Assembly (Cuba), Secretary of Commissions of Parlatino
- **The Honourable Robert Nault**, Member of Parliament (Canada), President of ParlAmericas
- **The Honourable Javier Ortega**, Member of the National Assembly (Panama), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

Honour table

- **The Honourable Issa Kort**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies (Chile), President of the Parlatino committee on Energy and Mines
- **The Honourable Julio César Longo Maldonado**, Member of Congress (Guatemala), President of the Parlatino committee on Environment and Tourism
- **The Honourable Mariela Vega**, Member of the National Assembly (Panama), member of the ParlAmericas' Board of Directors

10:00-10:15 Official photo

10:15 – 12:00 **Session 1: International Climate Action and the role of National Parliaments**

In this session, the key themes and the foreseen milestones of the climate negotiation process will be discussed, such as the implementation manual for the Paris Agreement, the stocktaking events and the second round of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The aforementioned will be accomplished with the purpose to better understand the obstacles and opportunities for National Parliaments to assist their countries in the implementation of the climate targets found within their NDCs by 2030.

Moderator: Julio César Longo Maldonado, Member of Congress (Guatemala), President of the Parlatino committee on Environment and Tourism

- **Carlos Ruiz-Garvia**, Regional Coordinator, Regional Center of Collaboration, Latin America and Caribbean, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- **The Honourable Ana Belén Marín**, Member of the National Assembly (Ecuador), Alternate Vice President - South America, Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 **Session 2: The socio-economic challenges and opportunities of limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius**

The achievement of the climate goals will require transformational changes within governments, businesses, municipalities, financial entities, labour organisations, researchers and innovators and individuals. This session will present some of the challenges faced and invite parliamentarians to share their views on the socio-economic costs and opportunities of accelerating a transition towards low-emissions and climate-resilient within nations.

Moderator: The Honourable Andy Daniel, Speaker of the National Assembly (Saint Lucia), Vice President – The Caribbean, Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

- **Gian Carlo Delgado**, Member of the Working Group II, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- **Nidya Pesántez**, Program specialist, UN Women Ecuador

14:30 – 15:30 **Session 3: Loss and Damage in the Americas and Caribbean: Beyond adaptation**

The unavoidable damages caused by human-induced climate change, which go beyond adaptation, are known as “loss and damage”. In the Paris Agreement, developed countries agreed to include loss and damage, however with the clarification that it “does not involve or provide a basis for any liability or compensation”.

This session will present the central debates in the climate negotiations and discuss the political-legislative perspective of the mechanisms to transfer risks and climate-proof national economies in the face of projected climate impacts that go beyond current adaptation capacities.

Moderator: François Choquette, Member of Parliament (Canada)

- **Raúl Salazar**, Chief of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) Secretariat for the Americas

15:30 – 16:30

Interactive Report: Parliamentarian Contribution to the Climate Agenda



This session will permit an interchange between parliamentarians and climate experts from different international organizations, promoting dialogue on the various aspects of the climate agenda, through the knowledge and experiences of the legislators. Participants will seek to identify concrete opportunities and priorities to advance the climate agenda at the national and regional level on different issues, in their respective countries. An innovative methodology will be used to facilitate an interactive reporting of the major conclusions to the plenary.

Moderator: Gladys Mercedes López Bejerano, Member of the National Assembly (Cuba), member of the ParlAmericas' Board of Directors

Friday October 5, 2018

09:00 – 10:30

Session 4: Carbon Pricing in the Americas and the Caribbean

Carbon pricing is the mechanism designed to capture the external costs of emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG). The price on carbon assigns responsibility for emissions on the emitter and provides an economic incentive to shift towards more clean energy. Selecting the best model is critical for driving innovation and incentivizing transformation in key sectors such as energy and mining to limit climate change. At the most recent Conference of the Parties, several issues relevant to pricing and carbon markets remain in negotiation for the rulebook of the Paris Agreement such as double counting, additionality and upholding rights of local stakeholders.

This session will present the central debates of the international negotiations and present the various carbon pricing models, highlighting the role of national parliaments to assure new economic opportunities for all national stakeholders.

Moderator: Norma Haydée Durango, Senator (Argentina)

- **The Honourable Jennifer Simons**, Speaker of the National Assembly (Suriname) and Vice president – South America, Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
- **Alexis Leroy**, CEO, ALLCOT Group (greenhouse gas emissions management expert)

10:30 – 12:30

A Political Message for the Conference of the Parties

The political phase of the Talanoa Dialogue will take place at COP 24 in Poland with the participation of the Ministers of the signatory parties.

This session will provide parliamentarians the opportunity to share their political perspective on the stocktaking questions of the Talanoa dialogue.

*Where we are?
Where do we want to go?
How do we get there?*

(Methodology would include space to record individual statements by parliamentarians for the purpose of compiling a video to be circulated within the Talanoa Dialogue platform which is the mechanism through which stakeholders can channel input into the COP process.)

Moderator: Patricia Chávez Noe, Member of the Chamber of Deputies (Bolivia)

12:30 -13:00

Declaration

13:00

Closing

- **The Honourable Robert Nault**, Member of Parliament (Canada), President of ParlAmericas
- **The Honourable Elías Castillo**, Member of the National Assembly (Panama), President of Parlatino

13:30

Lunch



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