

Agenda

Dialogue on disaster risk reduction
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All meetings will be held at the Miraflores Room at the Wyndham Albrook Mall Hotel. Address: Marginal Ave. Albrook Mall, Corregimiento de Ancón, Panama City.

Thursday February 22, 2018

- 08:15 – 08:45 Registration
- 08:45 – 09:15 **Inauguration**
- **Javier Ortega**, Member of the National Assembly (Panama), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
 - **Mariela Vega**, Member of the National Assembly (Panama)
 - **Karine Asselin**, Ambassador of Canada to Panama
 - **Raúl Salazar**, Head of Regional Office, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - The Americas
- 09:15 – 09:20 Official Photograph
- 09:20 – 09:30 **Introduction**
- **José Di Bella**, Program Manager, Climate Change and Sustainability, ParlAmericas
- 09:30 – 10:30 **Session 1: Basic concepts of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation**
- **Pilar Moraga**, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Chile, Centre for Environmental Law and Principal Researcher, Centre of Climate Science and Resilience

In this session, the main concepts and actors related to the disaster risk reduction agenda will be explained, as well as the overlaps and differences with climate change adaptation activities.

10:30 – 12:00 **Session 2: The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**

- **Raúl Salazar**, Head of Regional Office, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - The Americas

This session will present the goals, objectives, priorities for action and principles established by the Sendai framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, as well as their relationship with the objectives of the sustainable development agenda and climate change adaptation. Participants will then consider how national parliaments can support the integration of disaster risk reduction measures in consultations, legislative actions, budgets and monitoring.

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:00 **Session 3: Disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and the Paris Agreement**

- **Cayetano Casado**, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change UNFCCC
- **Alma Pérez**, Regional Assistant, Peace and Security, Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean, UN Women

This session will present the links between the disaster risk reduction agenda and climate change adaptation in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement and identify ways parliamentarians can accelerate their implementation within their legislature. The importance of gender responsive measures within this agenda will also be highlighted.

14:00 – 15:15 **Session 4: Dialogue on the experiences and lessons learned by civil society in the implementation of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation plans**

- **María Bastías**, Regional Coordinator for Latin America and Caribbean, Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction

This session will present civil society organizations' experiences with the implementation of the Hyogo Framework and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and explore strategies through which civil society organizations can work jointly with parliamentarians to advance national agendas.

15:15 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 16: 45 **Session 5: Dialogue on case studies and legislation on disaster risk reduction**

- **Darcy De Los Santos**, Member of the Chamber of Representatives (Uruguay)
- **Bridgid Annisette-George**, Speaker of the House of Representatives (Trinidad & Tobago)
- **Máxima Apaza**, Senator (Bolivia)

In this session, examples of legislations on disaster risk reduction will be presented to generate a dialogue around the similarities and differences of national regulatory frameworks. Likewise, in this session parliamentarians will reflect on the current status of disaster risk reduction and adaptation systems in their countries.

Friday February 23, 2018

08:20 Meeting in Lobby

08:30 – 12:30 **Field visit**

- **Representative**, National Civil Protection System of Panama SINAPROC
- **María Bastías**, GNDR

Through this interactive field activity, parliamentarians will learn about the relationship between exposure, vulnerability, sources of risk and actions to promote integral disaster risk reduction, and the role of local organizations and civil society in reducing disaster risk.

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 **Session 6: Dialogue on parliamentary actions to support the implementation of disaster risk reduction measures and the development of the new Parliamentary Protocol for Disaster Risk Reduction**

- **Pilar Moraga**, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Chile, Centre for Environmental Law and Principal Researcher, Centre of Climate Science and Resilience

In this dialogue session, parliamentarians will review and present accounts of legislative actions that promote and facilitate the implementation of disaster risk reduction measures, and provide input for the ParlAmericas-UNISDR new parliamentary protocol for disaster risk reduction and adaptation for the hemisphere.

15:30 – 16:00 **Closing**

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