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Parliamentary delegations from the Americas participated in a workshop on fiscal transparency co-organized by the National Congress of Chile and the World Bank

The National Congress of Chile and the World Bank co-organized a workshop on fiscal transparency in which parliamentary delegations from five countries in the Americas participated. Today and tomorrow these delegations will take part in a study visit on legislative openness, organized by ParlAmericas and the National Congress of Chile.

Parliamentarians from Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Paraguay and Peru exchanged ideas and discussed the budgetary cycle, evaluation and management of results, role and function of oversight in the commission that examines the national budget, as well as accountability in public spending and citizen participation in budgetary policymaking.

The discussions that took place emphasized the need for concrete examples of the positive impact of fiscal transparency in the fight against corruption. They also looked for experiences favouring the joint participation of both the executive and legislative powers in the development and approval of the national budget. Civil society representatives presented initiatives including the Fiscal Observatory (*Observatorio Fiscal*) from the *Fundación Contexto Ciudad* and the Open Budget Survey by the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency.

The study visit will coincide with the launch of the "Roadmap on legislative transparency", a document co-created by legislators from the region and civil society organizations, including the Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency (RLTL). This document was approved by more than 50 parliamentarians from 20 countries in the Americas and the Caribbean during the 1st Gathering of the Open Parliament Network this past May in Asuncion, Paraguay.

For updates on the study visit, follow the event hashtag: [#VisitaOPN](#).

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