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**The virtual workshop “Parliament’s Role in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda” was held in Panama, with the support of ParlAmericas.**

On May 5 and 6, the National Assembly of Panama, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) organized the virtual workshop “Parliament’s Role in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda,” in collaboration with ParlAmericas.

The purpose of the workshop, which was carried out with the participation of Members of the National Assembly and parliamentary staff, was to transfer knowledge about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the 2030 Agenda and socialize actions that can be promoted by parliaments for their achievement. In addition, Emilie Lemieux, Deputy Director of Open Parliament and Sustainable Development and Maria Boada, Climate Change Program Officer at ParlAmericas, gave a presentation on the role of parliaments in the implementation of the SDGs, which included good practices from parliaments in the hemisphere.

Member of the Chamber of Deputies of Panama Fernando Arce, who participated in the inauguration of the workshop on behalf of ParlAmericas, stated that “as legislators, we have a responsibility to contribute to the implementation of the SDGs through our role in legislation, supervision, budgetary allocation and representation. Parliamentary work is essential to advancing the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals and to meeting citizens’ demands and building fairer and more inclusive societies in which no one is left behind.”

This activity is part of a broader program carried out by the Parliamentary Office for the Monitoring and Implementation of the SDGs of the National Assembly of Panama to support the exchange of knowledge and the development of new tools to promote parliamentary activities for advancing the 2030 Agenda. A [parliamentary meeting](#) had been previously organized on January 19, 2021, in collaboration with ParlAmericas, during which Members of the National Assembly of Panama discussed and shared their knowledge about mechanisms to better integrate parliamentary activities with the goals of the 2030 Agenda. Afterwards, a [technical meeting for the staff](#) of the National Assembly of Panama, organized by ParlAmericas, was held on February 24 to address a series of good practices that are being carried out in other parliaments in order to share lessons learned and ideas to lay the foundation for advancing the SDGs. Lastly, on April 20, the International Relations Unit of the National Assembly of Panama organized a [meeting for Members of the National Assembly and parliamentary staff](#), in collaboration with ParlAmericas, to introduce a new tool developed to track the SDGs in legislative committees.

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