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ParlAmericas participates in meetings of the Inter-American Task Force on Women's Empowerment and Leadership at UN CSW

On March 13, ParlAmericas participated in a series of meetings organized by the Inter-American Task Force on Women's Empowerment and Leadership, with the support of the Governments of Canada, Peru, and the Dominican Republic. The meetings took place at the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the principal global intergovernmental body dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. CSW is held each year at UN Headquarters in New York City.

The Task Force convened a high-level [ministerial dialogue](#) under the title of "Women's Leadership in the National Agendas of the Americas and the Caribbean." Ministers responsible for gender equality from across the Americas and the Caribbean gave remarks on the priorities of their countries for closing the gaps on women's leadership. The dialogue session additionally featured remarks from representatives of Task Force member institutions including UN Women, UNDP, CIM, IACHR, and ECLAC.

The Task Force also held a technical session attended by government and parliamentary representatives who exchanged experiences in relation to key themes aimed at advancing women's leadership and achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality. ParlAmericas supported discussions at a working table on the theme of Political Participation.

The outcomes and knowledge shared at the ministerial and technical sessions will be used to shape future initiatives and actions of the Task Force.

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Announced at the 8th Summit of the Americas, the [Inter-American Task Force on Women's Empowerment and Leadership](#) is a consortium of inter-American and international institutions with expertise and programming that contribute to achieving SDG 5 on gender equality across multiple sectors. As a founding member of the Task Force, ParlAmericas works with partner institutions to jointly increase the impact and sustainability of efforts to strengthen women's leadership and gender equality in the Americas and the Caribbean – particularly from the perspective of legislative politics.

ParlAmericas is the institution that promotes parliamentary diplomacy in the inter-American system. Composed of the 35 national legislatures in North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean, ParlAmericas promotes cooperative political dialogue, facilitates the exchange of good legislative practices, and produces tailored resources to support parliamentarians in their work. The International Secretariat of ParlAmericas is headquartered in Ottawa, Canada. For more information, visit www.parlAmericas.org or write to info@parlAmericas.org.