

## ***Preliminary Agenda***

**15<sup>th</sup> ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly:  
*Promoting Inclusive Societies for Sustainable Development*  
September 9 - 12, 2018 | Victoria, British Columbia, Canada**



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***All meetings will take place at the Fairmont Empress Hotel, unless otherwise specified.  
Address: 721 Government St, Victoria, BC V8W1W5***

### **Sunday, September 9, 2018: Arrival**

All day           Arrival of participants and accompanying persons  
Transfer by bus from the airport to the Fairmont Empress Hotel  
  
Dinner at leisure

### **Monday, September 10, 2018: Arrival, Board of Directors Meeting, and Training Session**

All day           Arrival of participants and accompanying persons  
Transfer by bus from the airport to the Fairmont Empress Hotel  
  
08:00 – 18:45   *Registration and information desk for participants and accompanying persons  
Location: Palm Court – Lobby Level (L)*  
  
08:30 – 12:15   **46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas**  
*Closed-door meeting for Board Members of ParlAmericas  
Location: Crystal Ballroom*  
  
12:15 – 12:30   **Official Photograph of the Board of Directors**  
  
12:30 – 14:00   **Lunch offered by the Parliament of Canada**  
*Location: Bengal Room*

14:00 – 17:00 **Training Session on Parliamentary Budget Consultations** (Concurrent sessions)

**English / French (interpretation provided)**

*Location: Crystal Ballroom*

- Facilitator: **Helaina Gaspard**, Director, Governance and Institutions, Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy, Canada
- Opening remarks: **Sheila Malcolmson** M.P., Member of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas
- **The Honourable Wayne Easter**, M.P., Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance, House of Commons of Canada
- **Kate Ryan-Lloyd**, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, Canada
- **Nicole Olivierre**, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, Trinidad and Tobago

**Spanish (no interpretation provided)**

*Location: Rattenbury A*

- Facilitator: **Juan Pablo Guerrero**, Network Director, Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency
- Opening remarks: **Blanca Ovelar**, Senator, Paraguay, President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- **Randy Boissonnault**, M.P., Vice-Chair of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, Vice-President - North America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- **Karina Arteaga**, Member of the National Assembly, Ecuador, Vice-President - South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- **María Melgarejo**, Member of Congress, Peru

18:45 **Departure for the Royal BC Museum**

19:00 – 21:00 **Welcome Dinner Reception hosted by the Honourable George J. Furey, Q.C., Speaker of the Senate of Canada and the Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018: 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly**

08:00 – 17:30 *Registration and information desk for participants and accompanying persons*  
*Location: Palm Court – Lobby Level (L)*

09:00 – 09:45 **Inauguration and Opening Remarks**  
*Location: Crystal Ballroom*

- Introduction by the Master of Ceremonies
- Aboriginal Welcome
- Opening Remarks
  - The Honourable **George J. Furey, Q.C.**, Speaker of the Senate of Canada
  - The Honourable **Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P.**, Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada
  - The Honourable **Robert Nault, P.C., M.P.**, Chair of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas and Vice-President of ParlAmericas

- 09:45 – 10:15 **Keynote Address – Tarcila Rivera Zea**  
Executive Director of the Center for Indigenous Cultures of Peru, Founder of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas and the International Indigenous Women's Forum  
*Location: Crystal Ballroom*
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Official Photograph**
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Health Break**  
*Location: Palm Court – Lobby Level (L)*
- 10:45 – 11:30 **Opening Plenary Session**  
*Location: Crystal Ballroom*
- 11:30 – 13:15 **Working Session 1: Economic Inclusion – Accessible and Equitable Labour Markets**  
*Location: Crystal Ballroom*

An inclusive labour market mobilizes the talents and resources of all citizens so that they can contribute to, and benefit from, the growth of their country. This session will consider strategies and laws adopted by parliaments in the Americas and the Caribbean to strengthen equity and access of traditionally marginalized populations to labour market opportunities. It will include a focus on youth (un)employment and on strengthening the rights of women workers in the informal sector.

Moderator: **Stephanie Kusie**, M.P., Member of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas

Panellists:

- **Michael Prince**, Professor, Faculty of Human and Social Development, University of Victoria, Canada
- **Shirley Pryce**, Founder and Chair, Caribbean Domestic Workers' Network, Jamaica
- **Joshua Mittroti**, Former Director General, Agency for the Reincorporation and Normalization, Colombia
- **Paulina Núñez**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Chile

- 13:15 – 14:45 **Lunch offered by the Parliament of Canada**  
*Location: Rattenbury A*

14:45 – 16:45 **Working Session 2: Political Inclusion – Advancing Indigenous Women’s Leadership**

*Location: Crystal Ballroom*

This session will raise awareness about the importance of indigenous women leadership in combating violence and poverty to building more inclusive societies. It will consider the role of parliaments in adopting laws, and applying consultative practices that respect and protect indigenous political, cultural, economic and social rights and institutions. The session will also analyse effective mechanisms and strategies being applied in the Americas and Caribbean to strengthen the representation of indigenous women’s perspectives in the work of parliaments.

Moderator: **Bridgid Annisette-George**, Speaker of House of Representatives, Trinidad and Tobago

Panellists:

- **Eva Clayton**, President of the Nisga’a Nation, Canada
- **Maxima Apaza**, Senator, Bolivia
- **Florence Levy Wilson**, Member of the National Assembly, Nicaragua

17:00 **Departure for Government House of British Columbia**

18:00 – 21:00 **Reception and dinner hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and the Parliament of Canada**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018: 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly**

09:00 – 10:15 **Working Session 3: Social Inclusion – Case Studies on Migration, Forced Displacement and Integration**

*Location: Crystal Ballroom*

This session will consider civil society and expert perspectives on effective practices to integrate refugees and migrants in the context of evolving trends in regional and in-country movement of people. Case studies of initiatives to support the integration and social protection of refugees and migrants in Canada, Latin America and the English Caribbean will be presented. The feminization of forced displacement and migration will also be considered through an emphasis on factors that uniquely shape women’s experience of exile and migration.

Facilitator: **Diego Beltrand**, Regional Director for South America, International Organization for Migration

Panellists by Case Study

- *Canadian Immigration and Social Integration Policies.*  
**Marc Serré**, Member of Parliament, Canada

- *Model legislation and policies for economic and social integration of migrants in South America.*  
**Elizabeth Cabezas**, President of the National Assembly, Ecuador
- *Climate-Induced Displacement/Resettlement measures in the English Caribbean.*  
**Alincia Williams-Grant**, President of the Senate, Antigua and Barbuda.
- *Best practices and legislation for social protection and integration of migrants in Central America.*  
**José Arturo Martínez Dell**, Member of the Congress of the Republic, Guatemala

10:15 – 11:45 **Roundtable discussion: Parliamentary Perspectives on Migration, Forced Displacement and Integration**  
*Location: Crystal Ballroom*

11:45 – 12:00 **Evaluations**  
*Location: Crystal Ballroom*

12:00 – 13:00 **Closing Plenary Session**  
*Location: Crystal Ballroom*

- Reading of the Declaration
- Announcement of the host country for the 16<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly
- Announcement of the next ParlAmericas meeting
- Elections

13:00 **Departure for the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia**

13:30 – 15:15 **Luncheon hosted by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia**

15:15 **Departure for the Songhees Wellness Centre**

15:30 – 17:30 **Cultural Excursion – Songhees Wellness Centre**

17:30 Return to the hotel and end of official program

17:45 Evening at leisure and departures



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