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 **THEMES:** climate commitments, enhancing technical capacity, parliamentary staff work

 **DATE:** August 16, 2023

 **LOCATION:** Virtual

 **PARTICIPANTS:** More than 50 parliamentary staff and representatives of women's organizations and multilateral organizations from 20 countries.



This activity aligned with SDGs 5, 13, 16, and 17.



2nd Meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Climate Change

In follow-up to the launch of the Parliamentary Staff Network on Climate Change (PNCC–Staff) in December 2022, this meeting served as the first occasion to convene parliamentary staff of the region and subject matter experts in alignment with the objectives of the Staff Network, which include facilitating knowledge exchanges that help promote the uptake of good practices on parliamentary climate action. Through expert presentations and a round table discussion, the meeting explored the ways parliamentary staff can provide support to parliamentary work to oversee efforts to meet national and international climate commitments, institutional actions to build capacity of parliamentary actors to engage on these topics, and initiatives to promote citizen participation in related decision making processes to ensure no one is left behind.



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Opening remarks:

- **Frédéric Forge** (Canada), Senior Director of International Affairs and Integrated Reference Services Division of the Library of Parliament of Canada and PNCC-Staff General Coordinator

Presentations:

- **Cali Villalonga**, President of GLOBE Legislators
- **Nadia Manning-Thomas**, Planning and Coordination Specialist for UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean

Panellists:

- **Brian B. Caesar** (Trinidad and Tobago), Clerk of the Senate
- **Juan Manuel Moreira** (Argentina), Director General for Environment and Sustainable Development of the Chamber of Deputies and PNCC-Staff Focal point
- **María Victoria Lumaca** (Uruguay), Technical Secretary, Committee on the Environment of the Senate and PNCC-Staff Focal point

Moderators:

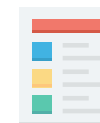
- **Laura Prado Chacón** (Costa Rica), Advisor to the Executive Directorate and PNCC-Staff Regional Coordinator for Central America
- **Jatziri Pando Medina** (Mexico), Technical Secretary, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Committee, Senate of the Republic and PNCC-Staff Regional Coordinator for North America

Closing remarks:

- **Alisha Todd**, Director General of ParlAmericas

MAIN TAKEAWAYS FROM THE MEETING:

- Parliamentary staff offer a wealth of expertise to the parliament through technical support on addressing priority topics of the region and contribute to the overall longevity and effective implementation of environmental efforts in both internal and external parliamentary work due to their institutional roles, which benefits each different legislature. They also have the potential to apply their knowledge in other positions in political governance throughout their career.
- Parliamentary staff can be key actors in the nexus of science and decision-making to promote the alignment of national plans with international climate commitment through the technical support provided to parliamentary oversight committees with regard to conducting research and offering recommendations to monitor the implementation of environmental plans.
- Considering that climate change has differential impacts on women and girls, such as in their access to water and food and exposure to disaster risk, the availability of data that illustrates gender inequalities, as well as capacity building in gender analysis by technical officers, are both essential for ensuring parliamentary climate work is gender-responsive.
- Parliaments can lead by example through institutional efforts to measure and reduce their carbon footprint, as well as on the front of inclusivity by ensuring committee work is participatory and a diversity of organizations are invited to contribute to decision making on environmental matters.



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