Recognizing that parliaments can play a key role in supporting the integration of circular economic models through their legislative functions, this national level workshop, in follow-up to the 17th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly: Towards a Circular Economy, discussed legislative strategies to support a national transition to circularity, such as the review of fiscal incentives or the creation of legal frameworks to promote a green growth, ensuring they respond to the needs of women and marginalized communities. As a framework that decouples economic activity from environmental degradation, a circular economy helps to support green post COVID-19 economic recovery efforts and improve human wellbeing.
**Background on Circular Economy**

Transitioning to a circular economy requires examination of the production and consumption models for goods and services across all sectors. Parliament can advocate for an overarching national strategy on circular economy utilizing incentive mechanisms and standards. The empowerment and substantive participation of communities, and especially of youth and women, supports behaviour change and can help to ensure that programs and policies are accessible to all. Regional collaboration strengthens innovation and the opening of the circular economy value chain, which helps to address the challenges faced by small economies in the Caribbean.
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