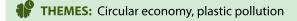
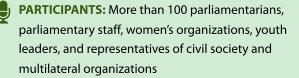


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Historic Opportunity: The Role of Parliaments in Ending Plastic Pollution

The adoption of the United Nations resolution in 2022 to create a legally binding international agreement to end plastic pollution by 2024 created positive momentum across the globe. To sustain this momentum and advance regional cooperation on ending plastic pollution, parliamentarians and specialists from the hemisphere were convened to examine how parliaments can address the unsustainable production and consumption of plastics and promote the transition to a circular economy. The discussions held also acknowledged that through the revision and redesign of current take-make-waste practices there is also a renewed opportunity to better-address the systemic inequalities faced by women and historically marginalized communities.



Opening remarks:

- The Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change (PNCC)
- **Piedad Martín**, Deputy Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP)

Panellists:

- Honourable Member of the Chamber of Representatives Juan Carlos Losada (Colombia)
- Senator **Paulina Nuñez** (Chile)
- The Honourable **Orlando Habet** (Belize), Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management
- **Jordi Pon**, Regional Chemicals & Waste Sub-Programme Coordinator, UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Andrea Cino, International Partnerships Manager, Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)
- Luisa Santiago, Executive Director for Latin America, Ellen MacArthur Foundation (EMF)

Moderators:

- The Honourable Senator **Dessima Williams** (Grenada), President of the Senate
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Graciela Camaño** (Argentina)



FULL AGENDA



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MAIN TAKEAWAYS FROM THE MEETING:

- The development of a global treaty on plastics can provide a legal framework for strengthening the legislative efforts of parliaments across the globe.
- Parliament can promote the reduction of plastic production and consumption through provisions in legislation that incentivize the development of nature-based solutions to replace plastics, extend producer responsibility, and impose import restrictions on plastic products. These were among the good practices shared during the roundtable presentations given by Colombia, Belize, and Chile.
- It is imperative that the measures taken towards a circular economy to eliminate plastic pollution are based on intersectoral and intersectional considerations and that the impacts on small businesses, individuals living in situations of poverty, women and marginalized groups are assessed.
- Parliament can utilise gender responsive stakeholder consultations and gender analyses to address specific concerns and provide opportunities for women and girls to act as agents of change on the plastics agenda.
- Parliament has a role in promoting clear communication of the standards and definitions of the plastics agenda including but not limited to the terms reusable, biodegradable, and recyclable, and then employing targeted communication strategies when disseminating this information to the public.

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