



The YLI-Brazil consisted of three stages:

- A virtual session in which the young participants of the program were able to engage in dialogue with activists, experts, and Brazilian parliamentary staff on strengthening the transformative leadership of young women leaders in Brazil.
- An in-person session featuring activities and exchanges among young Brazilian women leaders, national and regional parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and experts in the framework of the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action.
- Participation of the program's young leaders in the 17th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Gender Equality (PNGE), a formative stage of this edition of the YLI, which promoted exchange and direct dialogue with parliamentarians from the Americas and the Caribbean and culminated in the presentation to the Federal Senate of Brazil of the program's final document, developed collaboratively based on the lessons learned throughout the activities.

YOUNG LEGISLATIVE IMPACT BRAZIL

Between August and September 2025, 20 young women leaders from all regions of Brazil were selected to participate in the Young Legislative Impact – Brazil (YLI-Brazil) program, implemented in partnership between ParlAmericas and the Federal Senate of Brazil. The program aims to promote the transformative leadership of young women by strengthening their capacities for political participation, legislative influence, and strategic engagement, grounded in an intersectional and open parliament perspective.

The Brazilian edition of the program was implemented within the framework of the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action, one of the most ambitious instruments for advancing gender equality at the global level. The program's agenda also sought to integrate community knowledge, intergenerational experiences, and perspectives on climate justice, racial equity, and social inclusion, contributing to the political empowerment of these young women as agents of change, with special attention to the intersections of gender, race, and ethnicity from an intersectional approach.

VIRTUAL SESSION – AUGUST 26

Together and Strong: Building Leadership through Sisterhood

To launch the program's activities, the virtual session provided a space for training, listening, and dialogue, bringing together young women leaders from different regions of the country, along with experts, parliamentarians, and parliamentary staff. The discussion explored the political leadership of young women through experiences drawn from diverse regions of Brazil, with attention to how voice, lived experience, and territorial belonging shape trajectories of public engagement.

Throughout the session, reflections drew on an intersectional reading of women's political participation in Brazil, connecting historical, social, and institutional dimensions to the lived experiences of the participants. Through these exchanges, building of networks of solidarity and sisterhood emerged as central to collective political action, highlighting practices of mutual support, intergenerational articulation, and the strengthening of ties within institutional and community spaces.

This collective process enabled the program to establish a shared foundation of references, language, and collaborative practices among the participants, which then guided the development of subsequent stages of YLI-Brazil.

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IN-PERSON MEETING – SEPTEMBER 24

Leadership in Action for Gender and Racial Equity

The in-person stage of YLI-Brazil consolidated the program as an intensive space for political training and institutional articulation among young leaders. The reflections focused on analyzing structural challenges to gender and racial equality in the legislative sphere, drawing on perspectives from Brazil and, more broadly, from Latin America and the Caribbean. Examining these experiences helped clarify how different institutional arrangements shape the incorporation of these agendas into everyday parliamentary work.

The keynote lecture held a prominent place by addressing Indigenous political participation through the trajectory of a young Indigenous woman parliamentarian, a leader of the Krikati people and the first Indigenous city councilor of Montes Altos (MA). Drawing on her experience, the importance of young women—particularly Indigenous women—occupying positions of power was highlighted as a way to give voice to the struggles and needs of their communities, with special attention to historically marginalized populations.



[ACTIVITY SUMMARY](#)



[AGENDA \(PORTUGUESE\)](#)



[FINAL DOCUMENT \(PORTUGUESE\)](#)



[VIDEO \(PORTUGUESE\)](#)



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Applying a gender perspective in legislative work was further deepened through an analysis of how normative commitments translate into concrete institutional practices. This exercise was based on the recognition that the mere existence of legal frameworks and formal commitments does not guarantee substantive change, requiring a practical understanding of how institutions operate and the capacity for political articulation throughout the legislative process, as well as across different spheres of parliamentary action, such as public budgeting and legislative oversight.

The exchange of experiences supported the development of legislative initiatives more sensitive to inequalities of gender, race, and territory. Active listening, dialogue with diverse actors, and the role of parliamentary action as a space of mediation emerged as key practices to sustain more inclusive legislative processes. In the end, these discussions collectively expanded participants' understanding of the legislative field, helped identify possible spaces for action, and promoted initiatives aimed at advancing equity.



PARTICIPATION IN THE 17TH GATHERING OF THE PARLAMERICAS PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK FOR GENDER EQUALITY – SEPTEMBER 25

Beijing+30: Promoting Equity in a Changing World

As part of the program's formative pathway, YLI-Brazil's young leaders took part in the first day of activities of the [17th PNGE Gathering](#). They actively contributed to debates and exchange spaces, engaging directly with parliamentarians and institutional representatives from across the region.

This experience gave participants direct insight into the dynamics of political articulation, negotiation, and consensus-building around equality and inclusion agendas. Their presence at the Gathering fostered a deeper understanding of the functioning of regional parliamentary networks and their mechanisms of influence, through interaction with institutional representatives and partner organizations.

During the opening ceremony of the Gathering, the participants presented to the Federal Senate of Brazil the final document developed collaboratively throughout the program. Conceived as a practical tool to support legislative work, the document systematizes principles, strategies, and guiding questions for incorporating intersectional and intergenerational perspectives into public policy analysis and parliamentary action. The presentation of the document was thus part of a broader process of participation and institutional dialogue, reinforcing the formative and applied nature of YLI-Brazil.



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Host Parliament

- Federal Senate of Brazil

Brazilian Parliamentarians

- Senator **Professora Dorinha Seabra**
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Carol Dartora**

International Parliamentarians

- Senator **Iván Flores** (Chile), President of ParlAmericas
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Antares Vázquez Alatorre** (Mexico)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Brenda Ogando Campos** (Dominican Republic)
- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Carolina Delgado** (Costa Rica), member of the ParlAmericas Council

Diplomatic Representation

- **Raiza Martinelli**, Senior Policy Officer, Embassy of Canada in Brazil

Experts, Parliamentary Staff, and Representatives of International Organizations and Civil Society

- **Ilana Trombka**, Director General, Federal Senate of Brazil
- **Stella Maria Vaz** (Brazil), General Coordinator of the Permanent Committee for the Promotion of Gender and Racial Equality, Federal Senate

- **Ludmila Neves** (Brazil), Vice-Coordinator of the Permanent Committee for the Promotion of Gender and Racial Equality, Federal Senate
- **Maria Terezinha Nunes** (Brazil), General Coordinator of the Equity Network, Federal Senate
- **Júnia Claudia Gondim Melo** (Brazil), Coordinator of the Training, Capacity-Building and Education Unit, Federal Senate
- **Maria Isabel da Silva Sales** (Brazil), Legislative and Racial Affairs Advisor, journalist, specialist in legislative law and member of the Permanent Committee for the Promotion of Gender and Racial Equality, Federal Senate
- **Roberta Viegas e Silva** (Brazil), Legislative Consultant, Federal Senate
- **Dani Nunes**, Alternate Councillor in Rio de Janeiro and leader of the organization *A Tenda das Candidatas*
- **Cristiane Sobral**, actress, professor, writer, and playwright
- **Leticia Awju Torino Krikati**, Councillor in Montes Altos, Maranhão
- **Lissy Rodríguez**, participant in Young Legislative Impact – Honduras
- **Marinés Tapiero**, participant in Young Legislative Impact – Panama
- **Maria Eduarda Dantas**, Human Rights Analyst, UN Women Brazil
- **Ana Carolina Araújo**, Program and Projects Manager, Elas no Congresso / AzMina Institute
- **Francielle Silva**, Advocacy Representative, Empodera Clima

**Senator Iván Flores (Chile), President of ParlAmericas**

“Young Legislative Impact, which emerged from the PNGE, is no longer merely a formative space but has become a space in which young people claim and decisively assume the place that corresponds to them — at the center of the democratic life of our communities.”

**Member of the Chamber of Deputies Antares Vázquez Alatorre (Mexico)**

“It is very important that you are fostering social leaders in your communities, in your neighborhoods, in your towns, generating a movement.”

**Member of the Chamber of Deputies Carol Dartora (Brazil)**

“The importance of a program like this lies in reflecting on the challenges of consolidating our democracy and building more representative parliaments, made up of people from the most diverse social sectors, especially women.”

**Member of the Legislative Assembly Carolina Delgado (Costa Rica), member of the ParlAmericas Council**

“Being here today, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, is neither a symbolic nor commemorative act: it is a political commitment. It is recognizing that the future of equality is inextricably linked to the strength and determination of new generations.”

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