

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

17th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

Beijing +30: Promoting Equality in a Changing World

September 25 and 26, 2025

Brasilia, Brazil

REGISTRATION FORM

This gathering will bring together parliamentarians and other experts to exchange practical strategies to advance progress towards equality and the protection and promotion of women's rights. Recognizing the challenges in the current hemispheric context – marked by persistent structural inequalities, emerging complexities created by technology and other factors, and more vocal pushback to work focused on inclusion and equality – the gathering will take a concrete approach in its dialogues on how to achieve positive societal transformations and hold the line on progress. Sessions will prioritize sharing current and historic good practices, tools, information, and resources that can be drawn upon in parliamentary work to the benefit of women in all their diversity – and the population at large by extension.

Wednesday, September 24

Arrival of parliamentary delegations

Thursday, September 25

08:00 Transfer of participants to the Federal Senate of Brazil

9:00 - 9:30 **Inauguration and welcoming remarks**

9:30 - 10:30 **High-level dialogue on advancements towards gender equality and practical strategies to continue progress**

This keynote dialogue session will provide an overview of the progress made in the Americas and the Caribbean toward achieving gender equality since the adoption of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Objectives:

- Emphasize the critical issues, persistent gaps, and structural barriers that remain thirty years after Beijing and require attention to sustain progress toward gender equality.
- Examine the complexities of advancing gender equality in the current and rapidly evolving hemispheric context.
- Identify practical entry points for implementing rights-based policies or

preventing the rollback of progress, drawing on three decades of lessons learned and experiences navigating waves of resistance.

10:30 - 11:00 **Official photograph and coffee break**

11:00 - 12:30 **Parliamentary Initiatives to Promote Equality and Secure Progress Gained**

This panel will facilitate inter-parliamentary exchange on actions taken to foster equality and inclusion within parliament and through legislative measures.

Objectives:

- Showcase impactful parliamentary initiatives, legislative actions, and institutional reforms undertaken across the Americas and the Caribbean to advance gender equality – both within parliaments and in society at large.
- Facilitate sharing of strategies and good practices that have contributed to recent advancements in promoting more inclusive democratic processes and outcomes, and in supporting women’s full and equitable political participation.

Presentation of the [ParlAmericas Dashboard on Institutional Progress on Gender Equality in the Parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean](#) – a hemispheric tool that enables users to explore and compare national parliaments’ progress in implementing internal practices and initiatives that enhance their gender responsiveness.

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 15:30 **Creating Conditions for Equality: Fostering Cultural and Institutional Change in Parliament**

This working session will include a presentation to assess the challenges currently faced by parliaments due to pushback against the equality agenda, particularly regarding women’s political participation and the advancement of legislative and other measures related to gender equality and women’s rights. This will be followed by round-table working groups on related sub-topics.

Objectives:

- Provide a space for reflection, peer learning, and the exchange of good practices and strategies to foster conditions conducive to advancing equality-focused work.
- Identify actionable strategies to reinforce the role of parliaments as drivers of equality and fairness for all—even in times of heightened polarization.

Working tables topics:

- Building political will for equality-focused legislative action
- Countering exclusionary public narratives
- Strengthening gender-sensitive parliamentary infrastructure
- Building consensus in times of heightened polarization

- Supporting women's political leadership

15:30 - 17:00 Cultural program (*to be confirmed*)

17:00 Transfer of participants to the official hotel

Friday, September 26

08:00 Transfer of participants to the Federal Senate of Brazil

9:00 - 10:45 Women's Empowerment in the Era of Technology

This panel will assess the positive and negative implications of technology on core issues related to women's rights and gender equality—including economic empowerment, gender-based violence, and women's political leadership and participation.

Objectives:

- Examine both the new complexities technology has introduced in experiences of inequality and the potential it offers to strengthen empowerment and inclusion.
- Explore key considerations and practical tools to inform parliamentary work that effectively mitigates technology-related risks while leveraging its opportunities to advance gender equality.

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 Data, Tools, and Strategies to Eradicate Gender Disparities in the Americas and the Caribbean

This panel will highlight the importance of both qualitative and quantitative evidence in strengthening legislative, oversight, and representative functions to more effectively advocate for and advance gender-responsive initiatives.

Objectives:

- Share practical strategies for parliamentarians to help address gaps in the collection and dissemination of disaggregated data and information on critical issues related to gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Raise awareness of partners, resources, and materials that enable access to data and offer technical assistance to inform representative legislative work.

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 - 16:00 Fostering Solidarity and Sorority to Achieve Equality for All

This discussion panel will emphasize the importance of support among women parliamentarians and their allies to foster full and meaningful political participation by women in parliament and other decision-making spaces.

Objectives:

- Highlight the value of diverse partnerships across generations, sectors, and regions to sustain collective legislative and societal efforts toward a more just and inclusive hemisphere.
- Present successful experiences and strategies for building solidarity within parliament and among parliamentarians to advance equality for all members of society, with particular attention to identifying and addressing structural barriers and exclusionary dynamics that have historically limited certain groups' full participation in public and political life.

16:00 - 17:00 **Closing plenary session**

- Reading of the Declaration of the 17th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Elections for the Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
 - Consult the [election advisory](#) to review the available positions
- Closing remarks

17:00 Transfer of participants to the official hotel



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