PRELIMINARY AGENDA

9th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability

Building Sustainable and Resilient Economies

December 8-9, 2026 |Mexico City, Mexico

REGISTRATION

In a context of growing uncertainty and geopolitical tensions, natural resources have become a central focus of debates about economic security, development, and resilience. At the same time, climate change is intensifying the frequency and severity of natural hazards and heat waves, causing damage to infrastructure, productivity losses, reduced working hours, job losses, and other consequences. The economy is deeply intertwined with the climate and the environment: their degradation jeopardizes growth, while their protection and responsible management create opportunities for innovation, development, and prosperity. Sustainability and innovation thus become pillars for building more resilient, competitive, and inclusive economies.

This Gathering, organized by the Mexican Chamber of Deputies, ParlAmericas, and the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), will offer a forum for dialogue on the role of parliaments in promoting sustainable economic and social development in harmony with the environment. Together with international organizations, multilateral development banks, and civil society organizations, participants will analyze actions to strengthen climate resilience, preserve biodiversity, and promote low-carbon production models through open and participatory decision-making processes that foster democratic dialogue and consensus-building around sustainable and resilient development policies capable of generating shared prosperity.

Monday, December 7

During the day	Arrival of the parliamentary delegations

Tuesday, December 8

8:15	Transport to Congress
10:00 - 10:45	**Inauguration and Welcome Remarks**
10:45 - 11:00	**Official Photo**

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11:00 - 11:45 **Session 1 - High-Level Dialogue - Sustainability as an Engine of Development and Prosperity for the Americas and the Caribbean**

This high-level dialogue will address the strategic value of nature for the development and prosperity of the Americas and the Caribbean, recognizing the fundamental role ecosystems play in economic activity, water and food security, and the well-being of communities. From this perspective, it will analyze how the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of nature can strengthen resilience and competitiveness, mobilize investment, and generate new economic opportunities. It will also examine the role of parliaments in integrating this approach into development policies and strategies and contributing, through parliamentary diplomacy, to promoting a regional vision that recognizes healthy ecosystems as essential infrastructure for development.

11:45 - 12:00 **Signing of MOU between ParlAmericas and CAF**

12:00 -13:00 **Session 2 - Financing the Transition: The Role of Parliaments in the Institutional Architecture**

This panel will address the main financing mechanisms for promoting sustainable development and climate action. It will explore innovative tools such as green budgets and bonds, climate funds, and the mobilization of public and private capital, as well as the challenges of accessing these mechanisms and the opportunities to strengthen collaboration between parliaments and multilateral development banks, in conjunction with executive branches.

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

14:30 - 14:45 **Special Presentation - CAF's Green Agenda**

14:45 - 16:15 **Session 3 - Parliamentary Action to Promote Sustainable Development: Actions, Experiences and Strategies**

This parliamentary dialogue will examine the legal framework underpinning environmental policy in the region, highlighting progress made by countries in adopting legislation and initiatives on climate mitigation and adaptation, circular economy, biodiversity, energy transition, financing, integration of environmental criteria in legislation and public policies, and/or how these frameworks contribute to the effective fulfillment of international commitments undertaken by States.

16:15 - 16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30 - 18:00 **Session 4 - Sustainability and Innovation: Opportunities to Strengthen Resilience and Economic Security**

This session will explore how sustainable innovation and anticipatory governance can generate tangible economic benefits and contribute to national development. It will

analyze innovative solutions that strengthen resilience and the capacity to anticipate, manage, and reduce risks before they become disasters or crises, boost energy efficiency, accelerate the transition to clean energy, and promote more efficient water resource management. The session will highlight how the responsible management of natural resources can reduce costs, create economic opportunities, and improve the well-being of communities, while simultaneously strengthening economic competitiveness, stability, and long-term prosperity.

Moderator: Parliamentarian to be confirmed

Possible themes and panellists:

- Use and development of AI in the region and its implications for water use:
- How disaster risk reduction can reduce costs: Private sector representative - insurance
- Strengthening energy security through the renewable energy sector: Climate Parliament representative

18:00 **Transfer of participants**

Wednesday, December 9

8:15 Transport to Congress

9:00 - 10:30 **Session 5 - Blue Economy and Green Jobs: Emerging Opportunities**

This panel will present case studies and successful experiences in promoting the blue economy and generating green jobs. Through concrete examples, it will analyze how investments in the sustainable management of natural resources can boost economic growth, create employment opportunities, and strengthen community resilience, while contributing to sustainability and development goals.

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45 - 12:15 **Session 6 - Building Trust, Fostering Consensus: Parliamentary Leadership in Environmental Governance**

This session will examine how collaboration between the executive and legislative branches can contribute to building consensus and advancing sustainable development, promoting coherence between international environmental commitments and the policies, regulatory frameworks, oversight mechanisms, and budgetary decisions necessary for their implementation. In a context of challenges to public trust in democratic institutions, it will also analyze how effective governance of natural resources and the principles of environmental democracy can strengthen transparency, citizen participation, and accountability, reinforcing the legitimacy and credibility of parliaments.

Panel followed by parliamentary dialogue

12:15 - 13:45 **Lunch**

13:45 - 15:45 **Session 7 – Energy for a New Economy: Working Groups**

*This session will begin with a **brief presentation** on the opportunities offered by the energy transition and the main aspects that need to be considered to ensure that it is sustainable and inclusive, including critical minerals, green hydrogen, nature-based solutions, the transformation of energy matrices and the role of local communities and other key actors.*

*Subsequently, the parliamentarians will participate in **working groups** to delve deeper into these issues with civil society organizations and specialists. These discussions will help participants identify key considerations for legislation, examine the roles of different stakeholders and the conditions needed to support the energy transition, and explore how to integrate it into broader national development strategies while addressing associated challenges and opportunities.*

15:45 - 17:00 **Closing**

- **Reading of the Declaration**
- **Elections of the PNCCS Executive Committee**
  - *Elections will be held for all positions on the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability (PNCCS)*
- **Closing Remarks**

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