



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

AI and the Environment: Impacts and Innovation

Organized jointly by the PNCCS and PNCCS-Staff

Virtual | April 25, 2025

10:30 - 12:30 (UTC – 4)

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This meeting will highlight the ways artificial intelligence (AI) can be used as a tool to advance inclusive climate and environmental action, and how parliaments can support these innovations. It will also address the potential negative impacts of AI on the environment and communities, providing recommendations for regulatory measures that parliaments can adopt to ensure ethical AI use, focusing on environmental sustainability and social welfare. It will also highlight good practices for integrating AI within parliamentary operations to guarantee its sustainable use.

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Opening Remarks

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- The Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the PNCCS

Panel: Harnessing AI for Environmental Sustainability: Recommendations for Parliamentary Work

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This panel discussion will explore concrete applications for AI in advancing the environmental agenda, highlighting necessary considerations for its implementation in a way that promotes sustainability and equity. Participants will dialogue on the positive impacts of AI and on ways to ensure its use is regulated to mitigate its negative environmental effects, particularly in the communities where these systems are located. The discussion will offer recommendations both for parliamentarians interested in legislating in this space and parliamentary staff working on internalizing sustainable green practices.

Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Representatives **Rodrigo Goñi** (Uruguay), Chair of the Committee for the Future and member of the ParlAmericas Digital Caucus

- *AI as a propeller of climate and environmental projects*
 - **Svante Persson**, Senior Operations Specialist at IDB Lab of the Inter-American Development Bank Group
- *AI-driven climate resilience for Small Island Developing States*
 - Dr. **Letetia Mary Addison**, Adjunct lecturer of the The University of the West Indies and winner of the Global AI Innovation Challenge 2024
- *AI's environmental footprint and regulatory guardrails to ensure its sustainability*
 - Dr. **Lina Zuluaga**, Vice-Chair of the Americas' Women Network at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Chair of the ITU-T SG5 Regional Group for Latin America
- *AI, community empowerment, and regional cooperation*
 - **Rodrigo Durán**, Executive Director of the National Centre for Artificial Intelligence (CENIA) of Chile and member of the OAS Network of Centres of Excellence in Transformative Technologies

Dialogue: Experiences in Navigating the Environmental and Social Impacts of AI

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This dialogue session will provide a space for participants to ask questions to experts, share their experiences with using or legislating on AI, and discuss actions and parliamentary strategies to

integrate environmental and social considerations into the use of these tools in their countries or within parliaments.

Moderator: Honourable Representative **Juan Carlos Losada** (Colombia), Co-Chair of the ParlAmericas Green Economy Caucus

Evaluation and Closing Remarks

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- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Margarita Stolbizer** (Argentina), Vice-President for South America for the PNCCS



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