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CARIBBEAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP

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OVERVIEW

In September 2026, the House Democracy Partnership in collaboration with POPVOX Foundation and ParlAmericas will convene the Caribbean Legislative Modernization Workshop in Miami, Florida.

This convening is the direct follow-on to the foundational 2024 gathering, where Caribbean Members of Parliament asked one central question: what is one project that could benefit every parliament in the region? The answer pointed to a shared need — modernizing legislatures' internal operations and access to tools, especially to facilitate AI adoption. That conversation launched the [Digital Parliaments Project](#) (DPP) in January 2025.

Where 2024 asked what parliaments needed, 2026 focuses on the technology and workflow solutions now being deployed and shared across the region. A central theme is Institutional AI — the practical, responsible adoption of AI within democratic institutions to foster digitization, continuity, efficiency, and information access. Over two days of working sessions, participants move from presentation to practice, leaving with concrete takeaways, new skills, and tools they can confidently apply within their legislatures.

LOGISTICS

- » **Dates** September 12-13, 2026
- » **Sessions** Programming will be held at Florida International University.
- » **Lodging** Novotel Miami Brickell
- » **Transportation** Bus transfer will be provided between the hotel and FIU.
- » **Meals** Meals will be provided as part of the programming.

PROGRAMMING

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

Throughout the Day **Participant Arrival & Registration**

Saturday, September 12, 2026

BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

Morning — Plenary: Where We've Been & Where We're Going

8:30 AM

Departure To the Meeting Venue

Delegates meet in the hotel lobby for transportation to FIU.

9:30 AM

Opening Plenary

Framing from HDP, ParlAmericas, and POPVOX Foundation. Reflections on Miami 2024; keynote on why Institutional AI for legislatures matters now.

10:00 AM

DPP Progress Report & ParlLink Demo

What has the Digital Parliaments Project built? A demonstration of ParlLink in action — digitization workflows, OCR, legislative data structuring, and the shared dashboard — including how the platform addresses cybersecurity and data-protection concerns.

*Late Morning — Workshop 1: Document Digitization Lessons Learned***11:00 AM****Workshop 1: Lessons from the Field**

Facilitated roundtable on digitization lessons from DPP Cohort 1 and from efforts beyond the DPP. Key themes include data quality, staff adoption, technical infrastructure, and political will.

12:30 – 1:30 PM**Lunch***Afternoon — Workshop 2: Legislative Digitization Standards & World Café***1:30 PM****Workshop 2: Legislative Digitization Standards**

Deep-dive session on data standards for legislative documents: Why standards matter for interoperability and long-term preservation.

2:30 PM**World Café — Working Groups by Theme**

Breakout tables building on the morning's discussions to foster recommendations for implementation of parliamentary modernization initiatives.

3:45 PM**Break**

Coffee and transition to afternoon workshops.

4:00 PM**World Café Readouts**

Brief presentations by each working group on key findings and recommendations.

*Late Afternoon — Workshop 3: AI Tools for Legislative Data***4:20 PM****Workshop 3: AI 201 for Parliamentary Staff**

A practical session going beyond the basics: workflows and use cases for gaining efficiencies with commercially available tools (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini), including responsible-use and security practices.

5:30 PM**Day 1 Wrap & Preview**

Brief synthesis of the day and preview of Sunday's hands-on agenda.

7:00 PM**Networking Reception****Sunday, September 13, 2026****SKILLS, PRACTICE & WHAT COMES NEXT***Morning — Plenary: Institutional AI & The Road Ahead***8:00 AM****Departure To the Meeting Venue**

Delegates meet in the hotel lobby for transportation to FIU.

9:30 AM**Plenary: Institutional AI & the Future of Caribbean Parliaments**

What does it mean for a parliament — as an institution — to adopt AI responsibly? A panel discussion focused on real-world integration: what's working, what governance structures are needed, and what the near-term looks like.

*Late Morning — Workshop 4: AI Skills Panel & Peer Exchange***10:30 AM****Workshop 4: AI Skills Panel — What Do You Want?**

Participant-driven session: attendees surface the AI challenges most relevant to their work. A panel of practitioners responds live — tool demos and honest reflections on what AI can and can't do for parliaments today.

11:45 AM**Transition**

Short break; transition to Workshop 5.

*Midday — Workshop 5: Vibe Coding — In-Person AI Skills Experience***12:00 PM****Workshop 5: Vibe Coding — Live AI Build Session**

Based on the weekend's conversations, practitioners build AI-enabled parliamentary tools in real time, demonstrating vibe coding: expressing intention in plain speech and watching AI transform it into working code.

1:30 – 2:30 PM**Lunch***Afternoon — Digital Library of the Caribbean & Closing Remarks***2:30 PM****From Digitization to Public Goods**

A working session on what digitization can lead to: once documents are digitized, shared public goods — such as large-scale regional resource libraries — become possible.

3:30 PM**Closing Remarks**

Closing remarks from HDP, ParlAmericas, and POPVOX Foundation.

4:00 PM**Caribbean Regional Workshop Concludes**