ParlAmericas Parliamentary Delegation to Washington

March 12-14, 2024

ParlAmericas Delegation to Washington will consist of a series of meetings with OAS officials, US Congress representatives, and Washington-based partners. The format will include bilateral meetings, round table dialogue and a series of committee hearing-style dialogues with representatives from the different OAS Secretariats. Included in the program is a Special Meeting with the OAS Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) to respond to the OAS General Assembly Resolution AG/RES. 3004 (LIII-O/23) STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY1

General Objectives:
- Continue strengthening institutional relations between the OAS and ParlAmericas
- Identify inputs and reflections on the design and implementation for enhanced parliamentary engagement at the OAS through ParlAmericas;
- Inform parliamentarians about the work of the OAS and discuss issues of shared interest being prioritized in its work: regional security and transnational crime, democracy and the rule of law, gender equality and human rights, migration, climate change, and economic development, among others;
- Foster connections with the US Congress;
- Inform ParlAmericas' 2024-2030 strategic plan.

Monday, March 11

All day Arrival of delegates

Tuesday, March 12

08:30 Meet at the hotel lobby
State Plaza Hotel - 2117 E Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20037

09:00 - 09:10 Welcoming remarks
- Senator Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), president of ParlAmericas
Padilha Vidal Room – TL General Secretariat Building (1889 F St., NW)

1 Resolution AG/RES. 3004 (LIII-O/23) instructs the OAS' Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs and the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC) “to organize a special meeting on legislative cooperation to follow-up on the best practices, recommendations, and outcomes resulting from the related meeting of the Permanent Council held on May 19, 2023, with parliamentarians through ParlAmericas and other regional parliamentary organizations.”
09:10 - 10:00  Dialogue on the X Summit of the Americas
   - Ambassador James Lambert, Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs
   - Ambassador Mayerlyn Cordero Díaz, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the OAS
   - Senator Ricardo de los Santos Polanco, President of the Senate (Dominican Republic)

    Padilha Vidal Room – TL General Secretariat Building (1889 F St., NW)

10:00 – 10:20  Transport to US Congress
    Washington, DC 20004, USA

10:30 - 11:00  Meeting with Senator Ben Cardin and Senator Roger Wicker
    United States Capitol (Washington, DC 20004, USA)

11:00 - 13:00  Congressional programme organized in collaboration with the United States Congress House Democracy Partnership (HDP)
    United States Capitol (Washington, DC 20004, USA)

13:00 – 14:30  Transport to OAS and Lunch
    Padilha Vidal Room – TL General Secretariat Building (1889 F St., NW)

14:30 - 15:30  Briefing and introduction to overall delegation objectives
    Padilha Vidal Room – TL General Secretariat Building (1889 F St., NW)

15:30 - 17:00  Round table dialogue with the House Democracy Partnership, National Democratic Institute and International Republican Institute
    Padilha Vidal Room – TL General Secretariat Building (1889 F St., NW)

18:00 - 19:30  Reception with the House Democracy Partnership
    Meridian International Centre, Meridian House, 1630 Crescent Pl NW, Washington, DC 20009, United States

Wednesday, March 13

09:00  Meet at the hotel lobby
    State Plaza Hotel - 2117 E Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20037

09:30 - 10:30  Meeting with OAS Secretary General, Luis Almagro
    Guerrero Room – Main Building (17th St. and Constitution Ave., NW)

10:30 – 12:00  Dialogue with the Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy
   - Francisco Guerrero, Secretary for Strengthening Democracy and ex officio member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors

    Guerrero Room – Main Building (17th St. and Constitution Ave., NW)

12:00 - 13:30  Lunch

13:30 - 15:00  Dialogue with the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security
- **Gastón Schulmeister**, Director of the Department against Transnational Organized Crime
  *Padilha Vidal Room – TL General Secretariat Building (1889 F St., NW)*

**Thursday, March 14**

**09:00**
Meet at the hotel lobby
*State Plaza Hotel - 2117 E Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20037*

**09:30 - 11:00**
Dialogue with Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)
- **Marta Martínez**, Specialist at the CIM Executive Secretariat
- **Beatriz Piñeres**, Specialist at the CIM Executive Secretariat
  *Padilha Vidal Room – TL General Secretariat Building (1889 F St., NW)*

**11:00 – 12:30**
Dialogue with the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity and the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
- **Maricarmen Plata**, Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity
- **María Claudia Pulido**, Executive Secretary for the Monitoring, Promotion and Technical Cooperation
  *Padilha Vidal Room – TL General Secretariat Building (1889 F St., NW)*

**12:30 - 14:00**
Lunch hosted by the Permanent Mission of Canada to the OAS

**14:30 – 17:30**
Joint Special Meeting of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs and the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC) on Legislative Cooperation
*Simon Bolivar Room – Main Building (17th St. and Constitution Ave., NW)*

**17:30**
End of the official programme