



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)

15:00 - 16:30 Dialogue with Executive Secretariat for Integral Development

- **Jesus Giacoman**, Director of the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment

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16:30 – 18:00 Dialogue with Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs

- **Maria Fernanda Trigo**, Director of the Department for Effective Public Management

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Thursday, March 14

09:00 Meet at the hotel lobby

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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