



ParlAmericas Parliamentary Delegation to Washington

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Multidimensional Security and Regional Cooperation: Parliamentary Perspectives *High-level meetings and dialogue sessions in preparation for the X Summit of the Americas*

March 25-27, 2025
Washington, D.C.

With the objective of serving as a consultative platform on the issues to be addressed at the X Summit of the Americas (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, December 2025), this hemispheric interparliamentary gathering will examine threats to regional security, regional cooperation strategies and parliament's role in these efforts given their representative work and the ways in these issues impact the population's quality of life. In addition, the meeting will analyze the critical connection between regional security and the quality of democracy, human rights protections and progress towards sustainable development.

Through a series of high-level meetings with officials from the **Organization of American States (OAS)**, representatives of the U.S. Congress and dialogue sessions with partners and experts from international organizations, discussions will assess key security issues from a multidimensional approach and the collaboration mechanisms within the inter-American system for tackling challenges related to security, democracy, human rights and development. Particular emphasis will be placed on the role of parliaments in strengthening these mechanisms and implementing policies that promote peace and stability across the hemisphere.

General objectives:

- Facilitate spaces for high-level political dialogue with the OAS and other stakeholders on multidimensional security and aligned agendas related to strengthening peace, prosperity and stability in the region
- Continue to strengthen institutional ties between the OAS and ParlAmericas
- Foster connections between parliamentarians and their peers in the U.S. Congress
- Inform parliamentarians about the preparations for the X Summit of the Americas, facilitating their engagement in preparatory processes in order to integrate their strategic perspectives on the proposed political objectives for the Summit
- Strengthen the relationship between ParlAmericas and strategic partners within the inter-American system that are part of the Joint Summit Working Group and share the mission of supporting Member States in the effective and efficient implementation of the mandates agreed upon during the Summits of the Americas

Monday, March 24

Throughout the day **Arrival of delegates**

Tuesday, March 25

- 08:00 **Meet in the hotel lobby**
Hotel Hampton Inn Washington, D.C./White House
- 08:30 - 09:00 **Transfer to and arrival at the Organization of American States**
Rubén Darío Room – OAS General Services Building, 8th floor (1889 F Street NW, 20006)
- 09:00 - 10:00 **Welcoming remarks and introduction of delegation members**
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Introductory briefing and overview of the delegation's general objectives**
- 10:15 - 10:30 **Coffee break**
- 10:30 - 11:30 **Towards the X Summit of the Americas**
This session will provide the delegation with an overview of the priorities and objectives established by the Dominican Republic as the host country of the X Summit of the Americas. Mechanisms to facilitate parliamentary participation in the Summit process through ParlAmericas will also be explored.
- 11:30 – 13:00 **From the IX to the X Summit of the Americas: Lessons Learned and Pending Issues in Implementing Mandates**
In this session, delegates will be joined by representatives of organizations within the Joint Summit Working Group to explore strategies to support OAS Member States in implementing national measures and policies aligned with commitments made at the Summits of the Americas.

The dialogue will emphasize key achievements and ongoing challenges in translating these commitments into concrete actions and outcomes, with particular attention to parliaments' role in ensuring their effective implementation.
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 - 15:30 **Strengthening Regional Security: A Conversation with Multilateral Development Banks**
This session will bring together representatives from multilateral development banks to examine their role in addressing systemic and cross-border challenges related to security, such as strengthening public security, improving governance and combating

corruption, developing sustainable infrastructure, advancing climate action and reducing gender inequality and other inequalities.

Participants will reflect on how parliaments can support the effective national implementation of programs funded by multilateral development banks in these areas.

15:30 - 17:00 Inclusive Economic Development: A Strategic Pillar for Stability and Social Cohesion in the Hemisphere

This session will analyze strategies for inclusive economic development as a cornerstone for enhancing stability and social cohesion across the hemisphere.

The discussion will highlight innovative legislative approaches for fostering inclusive economies, ensuring equitable access to economic opportunities and promoting entrepreneurship and innovation. It will also underscore the importance of investing in the economic empowerment of women, who suffer disproportionately from poverty, discrimination and exploitation.

18:00 - 19:30 Dinner reception

To Be Confirmed

Wednesday, March 26

08:00 Meet in the hotel lobby
Hotel Hampton Inn Washington, D.C./White House

08:00 - 08:30 Transfer to the U.S. Congress

08:30 - 09:00 Arrival at the U.S. Congress
U.S. Congress (Washington, DC 20004, USA)

09:00 - 10:30 Legislative Dialogue on Security in the Western Hemisphere
Rayburn House Office Building 2168
U.S. Congress (Washington, DC 20004, USA)

During this session, organized in collaboration with the House Democracy Partnership, delegates will have an opportunity to meet with Members of the U.S. Congress to discuss the state of security in the Hemisphere.

Participants will exchange insights on collaborative strategies to improve regional security and respond to cross-border challenges such as transnational organized crime, drug trafficking and human trafficking, among others.

11:15 - 11:45 Programme in the U.S. Congress (to be confirmed)

Room TBC
U.S. Congress (Washington, DC 20004, USA)

- 11:45 - 12:15 **Group photo at the U.S. Congress**
- 12:15 - 13:30 **Transfer and lunch**
OAS Main Building (17th St. and Constitution Ave. NW)
- 13:30 - 15:30 **High-Level Dialogue with Representatives of Permanent Missions to the OAS**
This high-level dialogue will bring together delegates and representatives from Permanent Missions to the OAS to exchange perspectives on regional priorities related to security, democracy and the strengthening of multilateralism within the framework of the inter-American system. The session will provide a space to analyze the most pressing hemispheric challenges, foster cooperative political dialogue and explore strategies to build safer, more democratic and resilient societies through joint regional efforts.
- 15:30 - 17:00 **Security in the Context of Our Democracies**
Meeting with the OAS Secretary General and the Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy
In this high-level meeting, delegates will engage with the OAS Secretary General and the Secretary for Strengthening Democracy to discuss the state of democracy in the hemisphere and its impact on regional security.
- Participants will exchange reflections on the role of parliaments in promoting democratic governance, safeguarding the rule of law and addressing threats to regional stability through multilateral efforts that foster coordinated responses to strengthening democracy and security in the region.*

Thursday, March 27

- 08:00 **Meet in the hotel lobby**
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- 08:30 - 09:00 **Transfer and arrival at the Organization of American States**
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- 09:00 - 10:30 **Security and Migration**
Parliaments as Allies for the Effective Implementation of the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection
Building on the discussions from the hemispheric interparliamentary meeting "Migration in a Context of Social and Environmental Challenges," held in San José, Costa Rica, in October 2024, this session will offer delegates the opportunity to

engage with representatives of the Technical Secretariat of the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection.

In addition to contributing to the implementation strategy of the Declaration, delegates will reflect on the role of parliaments in ensuring that the commitments outlined in the Declaration lead to concrete and sustainable outcomes for migration governance in the region.

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 - 12:15 **Climate Change as a Multidimensional Threat: Legislative Responses**

Climate change is a risk multiplier that impacts various dimensions of security in the region, exacerbating existing vulnerabilities and creating new threats to communities, ecosystems and economies.

This panel will explore how climate change impacts water, environmental, food and energy security, as well as its effects on social and economic stability. It will also emphasize the role of parliaments in advancing comprehensive and coordinated legislative solutions to address these challenges.

12:15 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 15:30 **Regional Security in a Changing Context: Traditional and Non-Traditional Threats**

This session will examine the regional security landscape, addressing traditional threats such as transnational organized crime and drug trafficking, alongside non-traditional threats like the role of Artificial Intelligence, cybersecurity vulnerabilities and the influence of international actors. The discussion will highlight the impact of these threats on citizen security, democratic governance and regional stability, with particular emphasis on their disproportionate effects on women and historically marginalized communities.

Participants will explore legislative and collaborative strategies to strengthen security and resilience across the hemisphere.

15:30 - 16:15 **Closing session: Reflections and takeaways**

The closing session for the delegation will enable the review of the visit's outcomes and the exchange of reflections. This session will provide an opportunity to identify lessons learned and outline next steps in preparation for the X Summit of the Americas.