

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Indigenous Women's Parliamentary Leadership in the Americas: Strengthening Rights, Representation, and Collective Action

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | Ottawa, Canada

This meeting will bring together Indigenous women parliamentarians from across the hemisphere to exchange perspectives on shared priorities, strengthen collaboration, and advance Indigenous women's leadership within legislative spaces. It will provide a dedicated forum to reflect on opportunities to promote inclusive governance grounded in gender equality and respect for collective rights.

Through dialogue informed by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the meeting will contribute to fostering sustained connections among the participants, shaping a shared understanding and identifying priorities to support the continued advancement of Indigenous women's leadership in the region.

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| 08:30 | Transfer of participants to the Parliament of Canada |
| 09:00 - 09:45 | Land Acknowledgement Ceremony and Welcoming Remarks |
| 09:45 - 10:00 | Official photograph |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | High-level dialogue: Using Regional Indigenous Networks to Advance Rights, Leadership, and Collective Action - Building and Implementing UNDRIP |

This dialogue will reflect on how Indigenous leadership and collaboration have shaped international frameworks such as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and how these continue to inform efforts to advance the rights of Indigenous communities. It will connect lived experience, regional processes, and the opportunity to strengthen collective action by Indigenous women parliamentarians in the Americas.

Objectives:

- To reflect on the development of UNDRIP as a process grounded in Indigenous leadership, dialogue, and transnational collaboration.
- To explore how regional and international efforts can support parliamentary action to advance Indigenous women's rights and leadership.

11:00 - 11:15 **Health Break**

11:15 - 12:45 **Session 1: Pathways to Leadership: Indigenous Women in Parliamentary Life Across the Americas**

This session will bring together Indigenous women parliamentarians from across the hemisphere to share their journeys into political life and their experiences within legislative institutions. Through these exchanges, the discussion will explore how different contexts shape opportunities, challenges, and pathways to leadership in parliamentary spaces.

Objectives:

- To share experiences and reflections on the pathways that have enabled Indigenous women’s participation and leadership in parliamentary life.
- To identify common challenges that can inform efforts to strengthen Indigenous women’s presence and voice in legislative institutions.

12:45 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 16:30 **Session 2: Talking Circle: Advancing Wellbeing, Rights, and Community through Parliamentary Work**

This talking circle will create a space for participants to share experiences, reflections, and perspectives on how parliamentary work can support the wellbeing of Indigenous peoples and communities. Grounded in listening and reciprocity, the exchange will highlight how legislative roles can respond to social, cultural, and economic realities.

Objectives:

- To create a space for shared reflection and mutual listening, allowing participants to connect their parliamentary roles with the lived realities and priorities of their communities.
- To surface common values, concerns, and aspirations that can inform continued dialogue and collaboration among Indigenous women parliamentarians to promote social, cultural and economic rights.
- To identify opportunities for collaboration between parliaments and inter-American institutions to strengthen implementation and accountability.

16:30 - 17:30 **Closing**



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