

## AGENDA

### UNFCCC Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2023

#### Upscaling Renewable Energy Deployment for the Good of All: The Role of Legislators

15:30 – 17:30 (Panama City) | Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Location: Ancon II, Marriott Panama Hotel (Albrook Mall)

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Acknowledging that in order to advance efforts to move the energy transition forward, legislators must be provided with knowledge of and options for renewable energy deployment that are tailored to demographic, geographic, political, and social circumstances, this parliamentary meeting, organized by ParlAmericas, IRENA and Global Renewable Congress will convene Members of Parliament from the Americas and the Caribbean to discuss pathways and opportunities for accelerating the deployment of renewable energy within the diverse national contexts of the region. The dialogue will examine the role of renewable energy in the context of the Global Stocktake, diverse national environments and successful policy designs. Contributions from Legislators and experts will particularly highlight intersectional implications and socio-economic co-benefits of promoting urgent action on renewable energy uptake, including the positive economic and social benefits that renewable energy can bring to peoples' everyday lives. Moreover, the dialogue will consider how decision makers engage with civil society including women, in particular those from rural settings, to ensure the energy transition responds to women's needs, such as their financial needs, and promotes women's empowerment and fosters income activities.

**15:30 – 15:40 Opening remarks by representatives of partner organizations**

- The Honourable **Fernando Arce** (Panama), Member of the National Assembly and Board Member of ParlAmericas
- **Bärbel Höhn** (Germany), GRC Chair and acting Ambassador for Energy Reform in Africa

**15:40 – 15:55 Keynote address**

- **Cali Villalonga** (Argentina), President of GLOBE Legislators and former Member of the Chamber of Deputies

15:55 – 16:40 **Multi-stakeholder perspectives for inclusive renewable energy deployment**

- **Paola Vega** (Costa Rica), Member of the Global Renewables Congress and former Member of the Legislative Assembly and former Vice-President of the PNCC
- **Charlin Bodley**, Manager of RMI's Energy Transition Academy, member of the Clinton Climate Initiative Women in Renewable Energy (WIRE) Network
- The Honourable **Oscar Mira** (Belize), Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Defense
- **Joice Méndez**, United Nations Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change and IRENA Youth Leader

16:40 – 17:20 **Dynamic dialogue**

*This dialogue will feature working groups, facilitated by subject matter experts. This will close with final reflections from a representative of each working group.*

Facilitator: **Enrique Maurtua Konstantinidis**, Senior Advisor on climate Policy

*Moderators\*:*

- **Group 1: Dra. Guadalupe Gonzalez**, Director of Electricity, National Secretariat of Energy
- **Group 2: Enrique Maurtua Konstantinidis**, Senior Advisor on climate Policy
- **Group 3: Paola Vega**, (Costa Rica) Member of the Global Renewables Congress and former Member of the Legislative Assembly and former Vice-President of the PNCC
- **Group 3: Joice Mendez**, United Nations Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change and IRENA Youth Leader
- **Group 4: Charlin Bodley**, Manager of RMI's Energy Transition Academy, member of the Clinton Climate Initiative Women in Renewable Energy (WIRE) Network / Honourable
- **Group 5: Oscar Mira** (Belize), Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Defense

17:20– 17:25 **Evaluations**

17:25 – 17:30 **Closing remarks**

- **Dr. Jorge Rivera** (Panama), National Secretary of Energy

References

- Policy Guidance for Global South Countries, GRC, August 2022
- World Energy Transition Outlook 2023, IRENA, June 2023



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