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## AGENDA

*Annual Gathering organized by the Open Parliament Network of ParlAmericas:  
**Roadmap towards legislative openness:  
transparency, accountability, citizen participation and ethics***

Asuncion, Paraguay | May 26-27, 2016

### **Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

All day Arrival of participants  
19:30 - 21:00 Welcome reception, Granados Park hotel

### **Thursday, May 26, 2016**

08:30 – 09:00 Transfer to the Congress of Paraguay  
Accreditation and registration of participants

09:00 – 10:00

#### **Inauguration**

Opening remarks:

- Senator of Paraguay and host of the Open Parliament Network Gathering, Blanca Ovelar
- Senator of Mexico and President of ParlAmericas, Marcela Guerra
- Senator of Chile and President of the Open Parliament Network, Hernán Larraín
- President of the Chamber of Deputies of Paraguay, Hugo Velázquez
- President of the Chamber of Senators of Paraguay, Mario Abdo Benítez

Performance by the National Congress Symphony Orchestra of Paraguay

10:00 – 11:30

#### **Session 1: Open Parliament: Fundamentals, regional experiences and examples of action plans**

Moderator: Senator Hernán Larraín, Chile

- Ms. María Barón, Executive Director, Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency
- Senator Debra Tobierre, Saint Lucia
- Senator María del Rocío Pineda Gochi, Mexico
- Member of the National Assembly Rafael Ortiz Fábrega, Costa Rica
- Senator Carlos Filizzola, Paraguay

*In this session, panellists will consider, from different perspectives, what Open Parliament means: what are its principles and pillars. They will also look at initiatives that have been developed across parliaments from the*

*Americas and the Caribbean. In addition, panellists will share their experiences on developing and implementing legislative action plans for open parliaments.*

11:30 – 11:55	Q&A session
11:55 – 12:15	Official photo
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Session 2: Social communication and open data as core factors of transparency within legislative action</b>

Moderator: Senator Blanca Ovelar, Paraguay

- Ms. Norma Morandini, former Senator, Argentina
- Minister David Ocampos Negreiros, National Secretariat for Information and Communication Technologies (SENATICS), Paraguay
- Mr. Yacine Khelladi, Representative, The Open Caribbean Institute
- Mr. Jean-Noé Landry, Executive Director, Open North
- Ms. Marta Ferrara, Executive Director, *Semillas para la Democracia*

*In this session, panellists will present on the importance of social communication and open data in parliamentary work. They will demonstrate and reflect upon the different aspects and mechanisms of social communication and open data that can be used to guarantee open processes within legislative assemblies*

15:30 – 16:45	<b>Session 3: Strategic guidelines for Open Parliament</b>
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Facilitator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Guadalupe Valdez, Dominican Republic

*In this session delegates will form groups based on their areas of interest in relation to the principles of the Open Parliament Network, which are: transparency, accountability, citizen participation and ethics. The purpose of this session is to discuss commitments identified for each pillar of the Network in groups*

16:45 – 17:00	Break
17:00– 17:35	<b>Reflections from the delegates</b>
18:00	Transfer to Granados Park Hotel
20:00	Dinner

### **Friday, May 27, 2016**

08:30 – 09:00	Meet in lobby and transfer to the Senate
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Opening of second day</b>

09:30 – 10:00	Presentation of open parliament data explorer
10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 4: Open budget (fiscal transparency) in Parliament</b></p> <p>Moderator: Senator Hernán Larraín, Chile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Senator Pana Merchant, Canada</li> <li>▪ Ms. Tania Sánchez, Representative, Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT)</li> <li>▪ Mr. Ricardo Godinho Gomes, Representative, UNDP</li> </ul> <p><i>In this session, we will explore the concept of an open budget with the objective of discussing and reflecting on the importance of this topic for legislative work within parliaments. We will also identify practical cases, tools, and lessons learned that could help participating delegates to carry out work on this topic in their national assemblies</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 5: Approval of the roadmap towards legislative openness</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Senator Marcela Guerra, México</p> <p><i>In this session, we will discuss and approve commitments identified in session 3. The roadmap will provide a framework for parliaments to develop their respective national legislative openness action plans and/or initiatives for their respective national assemblies</i></p>
12:30 – 12:45	Evaluations
12:45 – 13:00	<b>Final reflections from the delegates</b>
13:00 – 13:15	<b>Closing of the Gathering of the Open Parliament Network of ParlAmericas</b>
13:30	Lunch
20:00	Dinner