



## AGENDA

### ***Artificial Intelligence and Smart Transcriptions: Making Parliaments More Accessible and Inclusive***

#### **Meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament**



Virtual | Friday April 17, 2026

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Building on the growing interest of parliaments in the Americas and the Caribbean to incorporate artificial intelligence (AI) into their daily work, this session will explore experiences in implementing AI in parliamentary debate transcription. It will cover the steps needed for adoption, the contribution of AI to legislative transparency and efficiency, and the mechanisms to ensure responsible use that integrates a gender perspective and prevents the reproduction of biases.

*This event will feature simultaneous interpretation in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.*

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## Welcoming Remarks

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- **Christopher Henry**, Director General of Digital Enablement and Innovation, House of Commons of Canada, and Regional Coordinator for North America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff on Open Parliament

## AI for Parliamentary Transcriptions: Regional Experiences

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This session will explore how parliaments in the region are currently implementing artificial intelligence to automate the preparation of parliamentary transcriptions, identifying the steps required for adoption. It will also analyze the main impacts of the tool's use in this way – particularly in contributing to strengthening transparency, enhancing institutional efficiency, and improving legislative processes from an open parliament perspective.

- Moderator: **Christopher Henry**, Director General of Digital Enablement and Innovation, House of Commons of Canada, and Regional Coordinator for North America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff on Open Parliament

### *Panellists:*

- **Lynne Frappier**, Head, Parliamentary Publications, House of Commons of Canada
- **Michael Evraire**, Senior Digital Product Manager, House of Commons of Canada
- **Pablo Volpe**, Director General of Parliamentary Records and Transcription, Senate of Argentina
- **Juliana Baldoni Figueiredo**, Director of the Department of Official Records and Parliamentary Drafting, Chamber of Deputies of Brazil
- **Mauricio Céspedes**, Parliamentary Editor, Session Drafting Office, Chamber of Deputies of Chile

### *Additional resources:*

- ParlAmericas publication: [Road Map towards Legislative Openness 2.0](#) (2022)

## Leaving No One Behind: Open Dialogue on How Parliaments Can Ensure AI Makes Them Truly Open to All

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Through an open dialogue, participants will exchange ideas and experiences on the vital importance of and practical strategies for integrating gender and inclusion perspectives in parliamentary innovation processes.

- Moderator: **Jannixia Villalobos**, Deputy Manager of Parliamentary Security, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

*Additional resources:*

- ParlAmericas publication: [The Use of Plain Language in Parliamentary Work \(2025\)](#)
- ParlAmericas publication: [The Use of Inclusive Language in Parliamentary Work \(2025\)](#)

## Final Reflections

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- **Juan Carlos Chavarría**, Manager of the Citizen Participation Department, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica



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