



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Tips and Tools for Research to Inform Evidence-Based Climate Action

Meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Climate Change and Sustainability (PNCCS-Staff)

Virtual | March 13, 2024
10:30-12:30 (UTC – 04:00)

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This workshop will examine the good practices for parliamentary staff to support the use of complex environmental information to inform evidence-based legislative initiatives, as well as the challenges they face. The meeting will feature tips and tools that can help parliamentary staff learn about what laws and policies other countries have developed to address different environmental issues; translate scientific data so it's easily understood; and ensure that a gender lens is effectively incorporated into political analysis and projects.

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Introductory remarks

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- **Frédéric Forge** (Canada), Senior Director of International Affairs and Integrated Reference Services Division of the Library of Parliament of Canada and General Coordinator of the PNCCS-Staff

Building knowledge to inform evidence based decisions

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Experts will present the latest key scientific findings from the Sixth Assessment Cycle of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the region and provide recommendations for how to decide what is most relevant for decision making. In addition, they will share some of the research tools available to support the creation of climate policies and laws, including providing recommendations for how to incorporate a gender and human rights lens.

Moderator: **Brian B. Caesar** (Trinidad and Tobago), Clerk of the House of Representatives and Regional Coordinator for the Caribbean of the PNCCS-Staff

Specialists:

- **Dr. Paulina Aldunce**, Lead author of the IPCC AR6 reports and Associate Researcher at the Centre for Climate and Resilience Research (CR2) of the University of Chile
- **Dr. Carolina SantaCruz**, Science Officer, Regional Focal Point for the Latin American and Caribbean Region of the International Science Council
- **Kate Higham**, Coordinator of the Climate Change Laws of the World project, Grantham Research Institute

Sharing good practices for environmental research within parliaments

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This space will provide parliamentary staff with the opportunity to dialogue on the challenges they face when accessing information, analyzing comparative data on environmental topics, identifying where to go for reliable sources, and/or how to ensure gender-disaggregated data and other social variables are considered when researching.

Parliamentary staff will also be invited to share the structures, processes and/or the work being conducted within their parliament to find credible environmental information, determine what is of relevance to their parliamentary work, and/or ensure it's easily understood by those who they collaborate with or support.

Moderator: **Jatziri Pando Medina** (Mexico), Technical Secretary, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Committee, Senate of the Republic and the Regional Coordinator for North America of the PNCCS-Staff

Questions to consider:

- How does your parliament conduct research and process environmental information for use in legislative projects? Do you encounter any challenges associated with accessing relevant information or communicating it? Are there tools you'd like available?

- How does your parliament work with partners, such as academia, civil society organizations or other organisms to help acquire relevant environmental information? Do these partnerships facilitate the incorporation of gender and human rights perspectives, including traditionally marginalized groups?

Interventions by:

- **Ricardo Meirelles de Carvalho** (Brazil), Member of the Coordination Center for Socio-Environmental Actions, Federal Senate
- **Tania Hernández Cervantes** (Mexico), Researcher at the Career Civil Service, Chamber of Deputies
- **Luiz Vicente da Costa Braga** (Brazil), Chief Sustainability Officer, Chamber of Deputies
- **Brian Caesar** (Trinidad and Tobago), Clerk, House of Representatives
- **Anne Lice Hernandez Alba** (Mexico), Researcher at the Center for Law Studies and Parliamentary Research (CEDIP), Chamber of Deputies
- **Alya Ramos Ramos-Elorduy** (Mexico), Researcher at the Center for Social Studies and Public Opinion (CESOP), Chamber of Deputies
- **Paola Andrea Arias Gómez**, Lead author for Working Group I of the IPCC AR6 and professor at the University of Antioquia, Colombia

Evaluation and next steps on the work of the PNCCS-Staff

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- **Maria Boada**, Senior Program Officer - Climate Change, ParlAmericas

Concluding remarks

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- **Lydia Jordan** (Suriname), International Relations of the National Assembly and Regional Coordinator for South America of the PNCCS-Staff



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