7th Meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality

AGENDA

Care policies in parliaments:
Exchanging good practices in the Americas and the Caribbean

Virtual | Wednesday, December 13, 2023

This meeting will provide a space for parliamentary staff from Latin America and the Caribbean and representatives of national gender machineries to examine strategies and share experiences for addressing care policies in national parliaments. With the support of invited experts, key considerations will be examined to support care-related parliamentary work, aimed at shifting social paradigms toward care, assistance, and support to people who need it. In addition, a briefing document prepared by the ParlAmericas International Secretariat which compiles existing good practices in parliaments will be presented, and a space for dialogue will be provided to encourage peer-to-peer learning.

Simultaneous interpretation into English, Spanish and Portuguese will be provided for this event.

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Opening remarks

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- Senator Carmen Gloria Aravena (Chile), First Vice-President - South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Sulma Campos Mata (Mexico), head of the Technical Unit for Gender Equality, Senate of the Republic

Changing the paradigm: Recent advances in putting care on the agenda

A. 10:40 a.m.- 11:10 a.m. (UTC – 6:00)
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This panel will introduce care-related concepts and data that have been used to advance the care agenda at the regional level and will reflect on how they can be strategically used to advance care policies in parliaments, framing the efforts made by parliaments within the more comprehensive discussion on the need to build and strengthen national care systems.

Moderator: Chantal La Roche (Trinidad and Tobago) Parliamentary Legal Services Director

Panellists:
- Ana Güezmes, Gender Division director, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)

Discussion: Good practices and challenges regarding care in parliaments

A. 11:10 a.m.- 12:20 p.m. (UTC – 6:00)
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This section will begin with the presentation of a resource prepared by the ParlAmericas International Secretariat which compiles existing good practices and will feature a panel of parliamentary staff who will present in greater detail the care policies that they are implementing in their national parliaments. After the panel, a space for dialogue will be provided to promote peer-to-peer learning related to strategies used and obstacles faced by parliaments that have already established care policies, as well as ideas and initiatives that are increasingly being considered by parliaments interested in advancing in this regard.
Moderator: Haydeé Hernández Pérez (Costa Rica), head of the Technical Unit for Gender Equality and Equity of the Legislative Assembly

Panellists:
- Claudia Fuenzalida Cereceda (Chile), head of the Planning and Management Control Unit and head of Gender Affairs, Senate of the Republic
- Gracielle Fernanda do Nascimento Azeredo (Brazil), legislative analyst, member of the Permanent Committee for the Promotion of Gender and Race Equality and of the Working Group on Racial Affinity, Federal Senate.
- Annie Carpentier (Canada), Deputy Director, Members’ HR Services, Human Resources Services, House of Commons

Evaluation and Conclusions

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