



## AGENDA

### Artificial Intelligence in Parliamentary Work

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



Virtual | August 13, 2024

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This meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament will focus on the exchange of good practices and experiences from different countries in the hemisphere on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in legislative processes. The use of AI tools will be considered with a view to their contributions to transparency and access to information, accountability, citizen participation, and ethics and probity, with the goal of promoting more open and inclusive parliaments.

*Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and Portuguese.*

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## Welcome and Introduction

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- **Luis Rojas** (Chile), Deputy Secretary General, Chamber of Deputies, and General Coordinator of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament

## Panel: AI in Parliament and its Contribution to Legislative Openness

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This panel will discuss innovative use of AI in the region to improve parliamentary processes and administration, showcasing how these technologies can help to build more open and inclusive parliaments. Additionally, it will address challenges to using AI in parliament, such as interoperability, integration with administrative procedures, and algorithmic bias.

### Moderator:

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

### Panellists:

- **Miguel Landeros** (Chile), Secretary-General of the Chamber of Deputies
- **Jessica Cobert Smith** (United States of America), Detailee of the Artificial Intelligence Strategy from the House of Representatives Committee on House Administration
- **Claudio Nazareno** (Brazil), Legislative Counsel at the Chamber of Deputies
- **Natalie Foster** (Canada), Clerk Assistant of the House of Commons

## Presentations: AI and its Potential for Digital Transformation in Parliaments

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In this session, parliamentary staff from across the hemisphere will present steps being taken to integrate AI tools in their legislature's work as well as initial lessons learned. A specialist will provide commentary and recommendations on these initiatives with a view to optimizing new AI tools to



promote greater openness, accessibility and inclusion, while mitigating risk factors, such as gender biases, to avoid reproducing social inequalities.

**Moderator:**

- **Tashana Sewell** (Jamaica), Director of Corporate Communications and Public Relations at the Houses of Parliament

**Commentator:**

- **Natalia Zuazo**, Consultant for the Regional Communication and Information Program of UNESCO for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNESCO Regional Office in Montevideo

**Presenters:**

- **Mr. João Lima** (Brazil), Analyst on Legislative Information Technology, Federal Senate
- **Jaroslav Alburez García** (Guatemala), Director of Protocol and Citizen Attention
- **Graciela Báez Ricardez** (Mexico), Secretary General of the Chamber of Deputies
- **Ivana Betterson** (Suriname), ICT Support Staff
- **Moises Benamor**, Senior Specialist in Political Affairs, Head of the Legislative Unit at the Organization of American States
- **Luis Kimaid**, Executive Director of Bússola Tech

**Closing Remarks**

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- **Juan Carlos Chavarría Herrera** (Costa Rica), Director of the Citizen Participation Department and Regional Coordinator for Central America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament



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