



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Promoting Sustainable Practices Within Parliaments

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

Virtual | August 28, 2024
10:30-12:30 (UTC – 04:00)

Simultaneous interpretation into English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French

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This meeting will explore good practices for parliamentary staff to enhance the environmental sustainability of their parliament. It will cover topics such as reviewing procurement policies and practices, obtaining third-party sustainability certifications, and implementing measures to reduce the parliament’s environmental footprint. The meeting will feature expert presentations providing resources and recommendations for adopting these practices, a panel discussion where parliamentary staff will share their experiences and offer guidance on implementing similar initiatives, and an open dialogue for participants to reflect on ongoing efforts and discuss strategies to scale up action.

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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, and General Coordinator of the PNCCS-Staff

Transforming Parliament: Strategies for Environmental and Social Sustainability

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This section will present on strategies for parliaments to implement green procurement practices that are both environmentally and socially sustainable. It will also explore methods for integrating sustainable criteria into other internal processes, with the ultimate goal of lowering greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enhancing the overall sustainability of parliamentary activities.

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

Topics to be discussed:

- *Sustainable procurement and mainstreaming sustainability*: **Tim Reeve**, President of Reeve Consulting

Presentations and Dialogue - Sustainable Pathways for a Greener Parliament

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Building on previous presentations showcasing best practices in parliamentary sustainability, this series of presentations by parliamentary staff will delve into specific, actionable strategies for greening parliament. This segment will also provide a space for parliamentary staff to dialogue and ask questions on the practices on the opportunities and challenges to scale up actions.

- *Environmental Management Certification (ISO14001:2015)*: Dr. **Tania Hernández Cervantes** (Mexico), Adviser to the Secretary General of the Chamber of Deputies
- *Sustainable Acquisition Standards and Sustainable Logistics Plan*: **Luiz Vicente da Costa Braga**, Chief Sustainability Officer of the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil
- *Measuring the Footprint of the Parliament: Institutional Program on Environmental Management*: **Laura Prado Chacón** (Costa Rica), Responsible for the Institutional Committee on Environmental Sustainability of the Legislative Assembly and Regional Coordinator for Central America of the PNCCS-Staff
- *Waste Reduction Efforts*: **Chad Salandy** (Trinidad and Tobago), Parliamentary Research Specialist

- *Sustainable Practices in Building Renovations*: **Mike Cameron** (Canada), Senior Project Coordinator, Long Term Vision and Plan from the Library of Parliament

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Concluding Remarks

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



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