




AGENDA

Meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality

Promoting Inclusion and Equality through Parliamentary Youth Programming

 Virtual | Tuesday, June 17, 2025

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Initiatives that promote youth participation in parliamentary bodies contribute to democratic strengthening in a synergistic way: on the one hand, it provide tools, networks, and strategies for young people, fostering the development of skills and capacities for a new generation of political leaders; on the other, it drives parliamentary openness through participatory mechanisms that aim to rebuild citizens' trust in public institutions.

This meeting aims to explore diverse experiences, strategies, tools, and mechanisms—both institutional and political—that can be used to promote youth participation in the parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean. Particular attention will be paid to how these initiatives can foster more inclusive legislatures and equality in political leadership.

This event will feature simultaneous interpretation in Spanish and Portuguese.

A. 08:00 - 10:00 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 9:00 - 11:00 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 10:00 - 12:00 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 11:00 - 13:00 (UTC – 03:00)
Belize Costa Rica El Salvador Guatemala Honduras Mexico - Mexico City Nicaragua	Colombia Ecuador Jamaica Panama Peru	Antigua and Barbuda Barbados Bolivia Canada - Ottawa Dominica Dominican Republic Grenada Guyana Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines The Bahamas Trinidad and Tobago	Argentina Brazil - Brasilia Chile - Santiago Paraguay Uruguay Suriname

Welcome Remarks

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- **Claudia Fuenzalida Cereceda** (Chile), Head of the Planning and Management Control Unit and Gender Officer of the Senate of the Republic and Regional Coordinator for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality

Keynote Panel - The Power of Youth as Agents of Change Toward Equality

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Moderator: Grettel Rodríguez Almeida (Mexico), Head of the Technical Unit for Gender Equality of the Senate of the Republic and member of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality

Panellists:

- Member of the National Congress **Fátima Mena** (Honduras)
- Senator the Honourable **Alicia Williams Grant** (Antigua and Barbuda), President of the Senate

Panel - Exchange of Good Practices to Promote Youth Participation in Parliament

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Presentations:

- **Chantal La Roche** (Trinidad and Tobago), Clerk of the Senate (Ag)
- **Juan Carlos Chavarría Herrera** (Costa Rica), Manager of the Department of Citizen Participation of the Legislative Assembly and Regional Coordinator for Central America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament
- **Paul Thomas** (Canada), Director of the Parliamentary Internship Program
- **Cristal Pelayo** (Mexico), General Director of the International Affairs and Parliamentary Relations Unit of the Chamber of Deputies
- **Juliana Borges** (Brazil), coordinator of Public Relations of the Federal Senate
- **Tashana Sewell** (Jamaica), Director of Corporate Communications and Public Relations at the Houses of Parliament

Closing

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