

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Advancing Circular Economy Solutions through Resource Recovery for a Green Industrialization: Parliamentary Perspectives Ahead of COP31

Pre-COP Meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability

Virtual | November 3, 2026
9:30 - 11:30 (Ottawa, Canada time)

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Convened in the lead-up to the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), this meeting will focus on the themes of zero waste and green industrialization – two key priorities on the COP31 agenda. The session will explore how circular economy approaches can support sustainable industrial development, strengthen resource efficiency and resilience, and contribute to broader environmental and economic objectives. Discussions will examine the role of parliaments in advancing legislative and policy frameworks that encourage resource recovery, material reuse, and responsible resource management in the context of growing demand for critical minerals and raw materials.

Interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish

A. 8:30 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 9:30 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 10:30 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 11:30 (UTC – 03:00)
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Opening remarks

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Presentation: Setting the Stage on the Importance for Reusability

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Considering the increased demand for critical minerals and raw materials driven by ongoing digital, electromobility, energy, and industrial transformations, the presentation will highlight the region's important role in these transitions while showcasing the opportunity to leverage circular practices, particularly through increased material reuse, to support the long-term sustainability of the region's natural capital, strengthen its competitiveness in electrification, critical minerals, and the clean energy transition, and contribute to climate action.

Panel and Dialogue: Scaling up Reusability

A. 09:00 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 10:00 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 11:00 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 12:00 (UTC – 03:00)
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This panel session will take a sectoral perspective and explore how parliaments can support the implementation of circular practices to advance sustainable industrial growth. Panellists will provide recommendations for developing or reforming legislation to leverage opportunities and address regulatory gaps and barriers in ways that foster thriving markets for resource recovery and material reuse, generate economic opportunities, support environmental remediation, and help reduce pressures on natural resources and ecosystems.

Following the panel, there will be a space for dialogue where participants will be able to ask questions to experts, share their experiences with implementing or legislating on circular economy practices, and discuss parliamentary actions and strategies to support resource recovery, material reuse, and sustainable industrial growth while integrating environmental and social considerations into policies related to critical minerals, raw materials, and the clean energy transition.

Topics:

- *Recovering critical minerals from end-of-life electronics*
- *Re-mining legacy mine tailings and abandoned sites*
- *Scaling reusable packaging systems*

Closing reflections

A. 10:25 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 11:25 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 12:25 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 13:25 (UTC – 03:00)
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