

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Security in the Age of Emerging Technologies

Second session in a series for parliamentarians in the lead up to the X Summit of the Americas
"Building a Secure and Sustainable Hemisphere with Shared Prosperity"

Virtual | August 22, 2025
 10:30 - 12:30 (UTC – 4)

Simultaneous interpretation available in English and Spanish, and Portuguese upon request

This session will explore how emerging technologies and digital systems intersect with critical infrastructure and energy security. It will examine the role of parliaments in shaping anticipatory and inclusive regulatory frameworks that safeguard infrastructure, govern strategic resources such as data and energy sources, and strengthen regional resilience in the face of evolving security and development challenges.

This is the second session in a virtual series which forms part of ParlAmericas' broader Summit programming which is being undertaken in accordance with [ParlAmericas' commitment](#)¹ to strengthen parliamentary engagement in the Summits of the Americas process.

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¹ Adopted by the ParlAmericas governance body in response to the re-affirmed mandate to promote parliamentary engagement as an integral part of the Summits process through ParlAmericas, enshrined in the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance adopted by the Heads of State and Government on June 9, 2022 in the IX Summit of the Americas.

Opening Remarks

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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Updates on the X Summit of the Americas Process

A. 8:40 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 9:40 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 10:40 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 11:40 (UTC – 03:00)
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Panel and Dialogue: Securing Strategic Infrastructure and Energy Systems through Inclusive Technological Governance

A. 8:50 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 9:50 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 10:50 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 11:50 (UTC – 03:00)
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This panel will highlight how parliaments and multilateral organisations can respond to the growing challenges of safeguarding strategic sectors, such as energy grids and digital infrastructure, amid rapid technological change. The discussion will present regional initiatives focused on energy cooperation and digital governance, showcase gender-responsive infrastructure solutions, and offer policy insights to guide inclusive and forward-looking legislative action. (10 minutes per panelist)

A moderated open dialogue between parliamentarians and subject experts will provide a space for participants to discuss actions and parliamentary strategies to strengthen the security and resilience of critical infrastructure and energy systems. The discussion will consider technological, environmental, and social dimensions of the issue, with a focus on inclusive approaches that address the needs of diverse populations and support sustainable development across the region. (60 minutes total)

Closing Reflections

A. 10:20 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 11:20 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 12:20 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 13:20 (UTC – 03:00)
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