



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Youth Voices Shaping Canada-Latin America Relations

In the framework of Latin American Heritage Month

 Virtual | October 28, 2026
10:30 - 12:00 pm (Ottawa time)

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This webinar, co-hosted by [SENGage](#), the Senate of Canada's youth outreach program, and ParlAmericas, will bring together young people aged 15 to 30, living in Canada who have Latin American heritage, as well as those with an interest in the region, for a conversation with Canadian senators.

Participants will explore Canada's relationship with Latin America, discuss the important role that youth play in strengthening these connections, and share perspectives on how their experiences, ideas, and aspirations can help shape future engagement between Canada and the region. The discussion will also highlight the role of parliamentary diplomacy in fostering dialogue, mutual understanding, and cooperation among nations, helping to strengthen relationships across the Americas.

Interpretation will be provided in English and French

10:30 - 10:45: Opening remarks

- **Alisha Todd**, Director General of ParlAmericas

10:45 - 11:15: Dialogue Between Senators and Youth Representative - Canada's Ties with Latin America

The session will begin with a dialogue between a youth representative and a panel of senators, exploring Canada's relationship with Latin America from both parliamentary and youth perspectives.

Moderator: **Gabriel Marquez**, Ecuadorian-Canadian Youth Advocate and Master's student in International Governance and Diplomacy

- The Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability
- The Honourable Senator **Peter Boehm** (Canada)
- The Honourable Senator **Andrew Cardozo** (Canada)

11:15 - 11:55: Intergenerational Dialogue: Youth and Governance

This session will create a space for youth participants to engage directly with senators, exchange ideas, ask questions, and share their perspectives, experiences, and innovative approaches related to how youth can contribute to/shape Canada's engagement with Latin America, on topics such as:

- *Diplomacy and democratic governance*
- *Entrepreneurship and economic opportunities*
- *Trade and regional cooperation*
- *Indigenous knowledge*
- *Sustainable development and climate action*
- *Ethical and inclusive digital innovation*
- *Building more equitable and inclusive societies*

11:55 - 12:00: Closing remarks

- Speaker pro tempore of the Senate, The Honourable Senator **René Cormier**