




## Agenda

***Parliamentary Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives***  
***13th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality (PNGE)***  
***Bolstering Social Protection beyond COVID-19: What the Data Tells Us***

 Wednesday, September 22, 2021 | 17:00 (UTC – 04:00)  
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A. 15:00 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 16:00 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 17:00 (UTC – 04:00)		D. 18:00 (UTC – 03:00)
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Across the region and globally, the COVID-19 pandemic -- and the containment measures required by it - - have resulted in a clear increase in socio-economic inequalities. Social protection systems have been important vehicles through which national governments have responded to additional public needs during the pandemic, providing temporary relief measures in areas like unemployment, health care, food security, and caregiving. However, many unmet needs and systemic gaps remain, particularly for women, youth, and girls.

A gender and intersectional approach is necessary to understand and meet the new or expanded needs and challenges for different groups in society. Addressing these immediate issues, and building long-term resilience to future shocks, will require resource investments and innovative solutions that are most likely to be successful if they are informed by participatory consultation processes with civil society groups.

This session will provide a space for exchange among parliamentarians and civil society and youth representatives from across the Americas and Caribbean on their views of the most pressing needs for pandemic response and sustainable recovery planning. It will invite knowledge-sharing around the design and delivery of inclusive social protection in the region based on the emerging data and lived experiences during the pandemic.

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All registered participants will be encouraged to contribute perspectives and knowledge in the open dialogue to occur during the session, which will be framed around the questions in the agenda below. Interpretation in ParlAmericas' official languages (Spanish-English-Portuguese-French) will be provided.

A. 15:00 – 15:20	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>
B. 16:00 – 16:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Honourable Kevin Bernard (Belize), Minister of Youth, Sports and E-Governance</li></ul>
C. 17:00 – 17:20	
D. 18:00 – 18:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senator Gladys Valentina Alarcón Farfán (Bolivia) 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary of the Chamber of Senators</li></ul>

A. 15:20 – 15:30	<b>Introduction by session moderator</b>
B. 16:20 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senator Verónica Camino (Mexico), Vice-President for North America of the PNGE</li></ul>
C. 17:20 – 17:30	
D. 18:20 – 18:30	

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***Round 1 – Social protection responses to meet the needs of marginalized groups***

This round of dialogue will focus on better understanding the needs of groups that are often overlooked or excluded, and the best ways to develop social protection responses that meet those needs.

- A) What is a challenge experienced during the pandemic -- whether by you, or by a stakeholder group that you work with -- that has been successfully mitigated through social protection? Are there remaining gaps to be addressed?
- B) How can we better support young people in particular in post-pandemic recovery, and build back better with equity among generations?

***Round 2 – Data and experiences***

This round of dialogue will focus on the power of data (whether statistical or gathered via observation or other qualitative means) to strengthen social protection schemes. It will shed light on how gender-responsive forms of support can be used to empower marginalized groups.

- A) In your work as a parliamentarian or civil society advocate, what practices do you employ to gather the information that guides your decisions and actions on the kinds of social protection issues we've been discussing? How could these data/information collection practices be translated into a policy space?

- B) How can parliaments, civil society organizations, and youth leaders better collaborate to bridge existing data/information gaps on social protection themes?

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#### Evaluation of the session

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#### Closing remarks

- The Honourable Alincia Williams Grant (Antigua and Barbuda), President of the Senate and member of the Board of ParlAmericas



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