

Agenda

10th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality:
Gender-Responsive Climate Action
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago | May 22-24, 2018



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Background

Climate change poses a serious global threat that is increasingly being felt in many areas of the Americas and the Caribbean. All members of the population experience the impacts of climate change differently, but some groups, including women, are likely to experience compound levels of risk. These groups also tend to have unequal access to decision-making processes at all levels, which hinders their ability to contribute their knowledge and experience to climate-related planning, policy-making, and implementation. Parliamentarians can play a critical role in ensuring that their countries and legislatures adopt a gender-responsive approach to climate action. This will help to ensure that entire populations are involved in, and protected by, efforts to understand and adapt to climate impacts.

Monday, May 21, 2018

All day **Participant arrivals and transfers from the airport to the official hotel, Hyatt Regency Trinidad (Address: #1 Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain)**

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

All day **Participant arrivals and transfers from the airport to the official hotel**

12:45 **Transfer from the official hotel to the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**
Members' Dining Room – Level 2 – Office of the Parliament

14:00 – 18:00 **Training session on gender budgeting**
Delivered in collaboration with UN Women

ANR Robinson Room (East) – Level 9
Language: English

ANR Robinson Room (West) – Level 9
Language: Spanish

19:00 – 21:00 **Welcome reception for all delegates**
Main Lobby – Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Delegates depart the hotel at 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

08:30 **Participant registration in the Hyatt Regency Hotel**

09:00 – 10:00 **Inauguration**
Port of Spain Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel

Opening remarks:

- The Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George, MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives (Trinidad and Tobago), host of the gathering and member of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas
- The Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP, Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister (Trinidad and Tobago)
- The Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis, MP, Minister of Planning and Development (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies Karina Banfi (Argentina), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- The Honourable Robert Nault, MP (Canada), Vice-President of ParlAmericas

10:00 – 10:20 **Keynote address by Bridget Burns**

Co-Director, Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO)

10:20 – 10:45 **Coffee break**

Foyer of the Port of Spain Ballroom

10:45 – 13:00 **Session 1. Approaching climate risks from a gender perspective: Entry points for parliamentary action**

Port of Spain Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel

- Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies Pamela Jiles (Chile)
- UnaMay Gordon, Principal Director, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation of Jamaica
- Itzá Castañeda, Gender and Sustainable Development Special Adviser, Global Gender Office, International Union for the Conservation of Nature
- Jennifer Guralnick, Programme Management Officer, Sendai Framework Monitoring, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)-Americas

This session will provide an introduction to assessing climate risks with a gender lens in order to inform planning and legislation. It will focus on the role parliamentarians can play in promoting gender-responsive risk assessments and in ensuring sufficient investment and resource mobilization. Relevant international frameworks and treaties will be discussed as tools to support parliamentary oversight on government commitments.

13:00 – 14:30 **Official Photograph (parliamentarian delegates) – Waterfront Lawn**

Lunch – Members' Dining Room, Office of the Parliament

14:30 – 17:00 **Session 2. Centring women in climate adaptation**

Arnold Thomasos Rooms (East and West) – Level 6

- Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies Romina Pérez (Bolivia)
- The Honourable Esmond Forde, MP, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Member of Congress Ana María Choquehuanca (Peru)
- Senator Dieudonne Luma Étienne (Haiti)

This session will examine the importance of undertaking and financing climate adaptation measures from a gender perspective. Panellists will present different national initiatives that have integrated women's experiences and expertise, with emphasis on the factors that created enabling environments for success.

Closing reflections on gender budgeting facilitated by Chester Humphrey, President of the Senate of Grenada and Vice-President of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

19:00 – 21:00 **Dinner**

Exodus Panyard, St. Augustine - delegates depart the hotel at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 24, 2018

08:30 **Transfer from the official hotel to the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**

Presentation of new ParlAmericas resources

09:00 – 12:00 **Session 3. Gender, health, and climate change: Promoting responsive and sustainable planning**

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- Moderator: Member of Parliament Nicole Olivierre (Trinidad and Tobago), Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries
- Farmala Jacobs, Executive Director, Directorate of Gender Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda
- Aurora Noguera-Ramkissoon, Liaison Officer, UNFPA Caribbean Subregional Office for Trinidad and Tobago
- Ana Carolina Ogando, Research Associate, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)
- Catharina Cuellar, Advisor on Gender and Health, Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)

This session will apply a gender lens to analyze the impacts of a changing climate on the health sector. Best practices will be considered for increasing capacities to respond to emergency situations such as natural disasters, ensuring equitable access to needed health services and emergency supplies for all members of society. Participants will also exchange legislative strategies to strengthen infrastructure over the long term in ways that take into account gender differences in health risks exacerbated by climate change.

12:00 – 12:15 **Evaluations**

12:15 – 12:45 **Presentation of final declaration**

12:45 – 13:00 **Results of elections for vacant positions on the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality**

13:00 – 13:15 **Closing**

Closed-door meeting of the Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch**

Members' Dining Room – Level 2, Office of the Parliament

Friday, May 25, 2018

All day **Transfers from the official hotel to the airport for departures**

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