




Agenda

Interparliamentary Dialogue

6th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

Realizing our Green Future: The Road to Low Emissions

 June 23, 2022 | 10:00 (UTC – 04:00)

A. 08:00 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 09:00 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 10:00 (UTC – 04:00)		D. 11:00 (UTC – 03:00)
Belize	Jamaica	Antigua and Barbuda	Ottawa, Canada	Suriname
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The interparliamentary dialogue will facilitate a space for parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, civil society and youth representatives, and experts, post the IX Summit of the Americas to examine how parliaments can help support a clean energy transition and achieve a green future, key themes of the Summit. The inter-parliamentary dialogue will provide a space to exchange on strategies for parliaments to support the decarbonization of the transportation and energy sector, and simultaneously work to achieve the country’s Nationally Determined Contribution and the goals of the Paris Agreement, in a socially inclusive manner. The following are the sub-topics that will be explored in this session and will aim to show how parliaments can support efforts to reduce emissions and enhance resilience in each of these sectors:

- **Transportation:** Transportation accounts for 35% of GHG emissions in Latin America and the Caribbean, however, according to the new [IPCC Climate Mitigation report](#) “road passenger and freight vehicles...offer the largest mitigation potential.” The gathering will focus on identifying parliamentary strategies to accelerate the electrification of mobility, and improving and expanding public transit systems to make them more efficient, inclusive, and safe. Recognizing that “mobility is the prerequisite to accessing goods and services [and that] women face more restrictions to mobility, and their travel patterns differ from those of men”⁴ the session will also discuss how decision making about a country's transport can be done with a gender lens and the manner in which parliaments can support these endeavours.

- **Energy:** Similarly, the [Climate Mitigation Report](#) warns that “limiting warming to well below 2°C will require substantial energy system changes over the next 30 years. This includes reduced fossil fuel consumption, increased production from low- and zero carbon energy sources, and increased use of electricity and alternative energy carriers.” The gathering will explore the opportunities available for the region to advance its transition to renewable energies and how parliaments can support those efforts and help close the gaps in access to quality and affordable electricity. It will also look at how this transition can support the economic empowerment of marginalized communities and women, and what considerations need to be made to remove the barriers to access these.

A. 08:00 – 08:15

Welcoming remarks

B. 09:00 – 09:15

- The Honourable **Joseph Isaac** (Dominica), Speaker of the House of Assembly and ParlAmericas Board Member

C. 10:00 – 10:15

- Member of Congress **Erick Martínez Hernández** (Guatemala), President of the Committee on Environment, Ecology, and Natural Resources and President of the Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change

D. 11:00 – 11:15

- The Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

A. 08:15 – 08:45

Specialist presentations: Promoting renewable energy systems & enhancing transportation to reduce emissions

B. 09:15 – 09:45

C. 10:15 – 10:45

D. 11:15 – 11:45

Subject matter specialists will provide an overview of the current trends and progress being seen in the region in the sector, the improvement and expansion of these energy and transportation opportunities, and how these strategies work to reduce emissions, improve community access to vital services (energy or transportation) and overall improve social and economic welfare, with a special focus on how these improvements can consider the differential needs of women and girls in their design.

Moderator: Senator **Verónica Camino Farjat** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

- **Andrea Palma**, GIZ technical advisor for the EuroClima+ Urban Mobility Programme
- **Dr. Devon Gardner**, Head of Technical Programmes at the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

A. 08:45 – 10:05

Multi-stakeholder round table dialogue: Intersecting sectors, perspectives, and role of parliaments

B. 09:45 – 11:05

C. 10:45 – 12:05

D. 11:45 – 13:05

The round table will consist of parliamentary leaders on the topics, subject matter specialists, and civil society and youth representatives discussing the way in which they/or their institution is working to reduce emissions and improve the gender-responsiveness of these sectors. During this section questions will also be taken from the audience.

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- The Honourable **Kerrie D. Symmonds** (Barbados), Minister of Energy and Business Development
- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Óscar Izquierdo Sandí** (Costa Rica)
- **Laura Serna**, Escazú youth champion for Colombia, Lawyer at the Legal Clinic of Public Actions at the University of Rosario
- **Denell Florius**, Youth entrepreneur and Co-founder and COO of EcoCarib, Caribbean Regional Coordinator for Youth Climate Lab
- **Dr. Lake Sagaris**, Researcher and Adjunct Associate Professor at the Institute for Sustainable Development at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Centre for Sustainable Urban Development, BRT Centre of Excellence, and Ciudad Viva Urban Advisor

A. 10:05 – 10:10	Session evaluation
B. 11:05 – 11:10	
C. 12:05 – 12:10	
D. 13:05 – 13:10	

A. 10:10 – 10:15	Closing remarks
B. 11:10 – 11:15	
C. 12:10 – 12:15	
D. 13:10 – 13:15	

- Member of the National Assembly **Radjendrekoeemar Debie** (Suriname), Second Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change



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