

## **Preliminary Agenda**

## Webinar: Inter-American Model Law 2.0 on Access to Public Information for the Parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean



May 7, 2021 | 10:00 (UTC – 04:00)

A. 08:00	<b>B. 09:00</b>	<b>C. 10:00</b>		<b>D. 11:00</b>
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To continue strengthening legislation and government practices in line with the standards established in the <u>Inter-American Model Law 2.0 on Access to Public Information</u>, approved in late 2020 by the OAS General Assembly, this webinar will be held to share this important resource with the parliaments in the hemisphere, thus creating spaces for cooperation between international specialists and representatives of enforcement bodies with the parliamentarians and parliamentary staff in the hemisphere.

A. 08:00 - 08:20 B. 09:00 - 09:20 C. 10:00 - 10:20 D. 11:00 - 11:20 E. 16:00 - 16:20	<ul> <li>Opening</li> <li>Senator Bertha Alicia Caraveo Camarena (Mexico), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network for North America</li> <li>Dante Negro, Director of the Department of International Law, OAS</li> <li>Felice Zaccheo, Head of Unit for Mexico, Central America, Caribbean and Regional Operations, DG International Partnerships, European Commission</li> <li>Gabriel Delpiazzo Antón, President of the RTA</li> </ul>
A. 08:20 - 09:00 B. 09:20 - 10:00 C. 10:20 - 11:00 D. 11:20 - 12:00 E. 16:20 - 17:00	<ul> <li>Presentation of the Inter-American Model Law 2.0 on Access to Public Information <ul> <li>Dante Negro, Director of the Department of International Law, OAS</li> </ul> </li> <li>The promotion of transparency and access to information are essential principles in the fight against corruption, which, in turn, strengthens public integrity and public trust in democratic institutions. As part of these efforts, standards were established, taking into account the challenges faced and good practices implemented in countries in the hemisphere, and set forth in the Inter-American Model Law 2.0 on Access to Public Information, approved by the OAS General Assembly last year. In this first part of the meeting, a presentation will be made on the primary scope of this new model law, highlighting the role of parliaments.</li> </ul>

A. 09:00 – 10:00	Panel: Reflections on national experiences
B. 10:00 - 11:00	Moderator: María José Méndez, consultant, EUROsociAL+
C. 11:00 – 12:00	- Caroline Maynard, Information Commissioner of Canada
D. 12:00 – 13:00	- Gloria de la Fuente, President of the Council for Transparency of Chile
E. 17:00 – 18:00	- Senator, the Honourable Ranard Henfield (The Bahamas), Vice-President of
	the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network for the Caribbean

Ensuring the effective implementation of transparency measures and access to information has also become dependent on the commitment and work of public institutions, such as parliaments and enforcement bodies, which enact legislation and guarantee compliance, respectively. Following the presentation of the model law, this panel will focus on the experiences of representatives of these two institutions in the region in order to continue creating synergies in line with this agenda, with a view to adopting the new model law on access to public information.

A. 10:00 – 10:30	Dialogue between participants
B. 11:00 – 11:30	
C. 12:00 – 12:30	
D. 13:00 - 13:30	
E. 18:00 – 18:30	
A. 10:30 – 10:35	Evaluation

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A. 10:35 – 10:45	Closing and next steps
B. 11:35 – 11:45	- Dante Negro, Director of the Department of International Law, OAS
C. 12:35 – 12:45	- Borja Díaz Rivillas, Head of Good Governance, EUROsociAL+, FIIAPP
D. 13:35 – 13:45	- Adrián Alcalá Méndez, Executive Secretary of the RTA
E. 18:35 – 18:45	<ul> <li>Member of the Legislative Assembly Ana Lucía Delgado (Costa Rica), Vice- President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network for Central America</li> </ul>



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