Agenda
Promoting multilateralism through parliamentary diplomacy
High-level dialogue on the occasion of the IX Summit of the Americas

June 1, 2022

A. 08:00 (UTC – 06:00)
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The purpose of this high-level dialogue is to continue promoting multilateralism and regional integration through parliamentary diplomacy ahead of the IX Summit of the Americas, considering the crucial role that legislative powers play in building political consensus. To continue strengthening democratic systems in the Americas and the Caribbean, address the global challenges that impact our countries, and contribute to the general well-being of our societies, this meeting will provide the opportunity for parliamentarians to discuss the opportunities present for cooperative dialogue in the hemisphere.

Registrations

A. 08:00 – 08:10
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Welcoming remarks

Senator Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas

From the Lima Commitment to the IX Summit of the Americas: contributions of the interparliamentary dialogue

Senator Javier Macaya (Chile), President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

The Lima Commitment placed special emphasis on democratic governance against corruption and reached agreements on public policy to promote transparency and public integrity in the countries of the hemisphere. ParlAmericas and the Congress of the Republic of Peru hosted the official parliamentary meeting of the VIII Summit of the Americas, where legislators from 25 countries highlighted legislative openness as a strategy to counter...
corruption. This presentation will share the actions that emerged from the interparliamentary dialogue to implement the Lima Commitment to date.

A. 08:20 – 08:30

The role of parliaments in the Summits of the Americas

The Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George (Trinidad and Tobago), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice President of ParlAmericas

Since its creation in 2001 on the occasion of the 3rd Summit of the Americas, held in the city of Québec, Canada, ParlAmericas has led the participation of parliaments in the Summits of the Americas. As the Summits establish agreements for regional actions aimed at addressing the emerging and continuous challenges in the hemisphere, this presentation will highlight the parliamentary diplomacy efforts made to ensure a parliamentary space at the Summits is institutionalized.

A. 08:30 – 09:10

Multi-stakeholder perspectives in the Summit of the Americas process

Moderator: The Hon. Claudius Francis (Saint Lucia), Speaker of the House of Assembly, ParlAmericas Board Member

Cecilia Vilchis, Young Americas Forum Coordinator

Marta Blackwell, Vice-President of the Canadian Council for the Americas, past-participant in the CEO Forum

Marcos Urupá, Project Consultant at ANDI and Coordinator of the Citizen Forum of the Americas (FCA) in Brazil

Within the Summits of the Americas, spaces are provided so that the different sectors of society can also contribute to the political agreements that are reached in these spaces. In this section, representatives of the Youth Forum, the Civil Society Forum, and the Private Sector will be invited to present a brief report on their priorities for the IX Summit of the Americas.

A. 09:10 – 09:45

Interparliamentary dialogue

Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Representatives Germán Blanco (Colombia), ParlAmericas Board Member

Parliamentary delegates

Member of the Chamber of Deputies Vanessa Laura Massetani (Argentina)

The Hon. Carolyn Trench Sandiford (Belize), President of Senate and ParlAmericas Board Member
Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Rodrigo Agostinho** (Brazil)

Member of Parliament **Marc Serré** (Canada), ParlAmericas Board Member

Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Vlado Mirosевич** (Chile)

Member of the Legislative Assembly **Carolina Delgado** (Costa Rica), ParlAmericas Board Member

Member of the Legislative Assembly **Suecy Callejas Estrada** (El Salvador), 1st Vice-President of the Legislative Assembly

Senator **Pedro Catrain** (Dominican Republic)

Senator **Patrice Dumont** (Haiti)

Senator **Saphire Longmore** (Jamaica), ParlAmericas Board Member

Senator **Antares Vázquez** (Mexico), ParlAmericas Board Member

Member of the National Assembly **Corina Cano** (Panama), Vice-President for Central America for the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

Senator **Hermelinda Alvarenga** (Paraguay), 2nd Vice-President of the Senate

Member of the National Assembly **Radjendrekoemar Debie** (Suriname), 2nd Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

The Hon. **Claudius Francis** (Saint Lucia), Speaker of the House of Assembly, ParlAmericas Board Member

*Given the challenges that arise in the current context, parliamentary diplomacy becomes essential to promote cooperative political dialogue in the Americas and the Caribbean. This space will provide the opportunity for parliamentary delegations to present their perspectives on the importance of hemispheric cooperation, as well as priorities that are considered relevant to be addressed from multilateralism.*

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**Closing remarks and next steps**

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

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