

Preliminary Agenda

19th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly and 14th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

Legislative Perspectives for Inclusive Economic Growth: Investing in the Care Economy

November 30 - December 2, 2022
Bogota, Colombia

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The care economy – which encompasses paid and unpaid care work in the public and private spheres – is one of the fastest-growing economic sectors in the world. According to the World Economic Forum, almost 40% of all projected job opportunities in emerging professions will have been created in the care sector between 2020 and 2023. Taking into account socio-economic trends such as aging or growing populations, changing family structures, women’s status in labour markets, and shortcomings in social protection policies, the International Labour Organization (ILO) states that by 2030 the number of care recipients is predicted to reach 2.3 billion. Important work is increasingly being undertaken in the parliaments across the Americas and Caribbean to recognize and measure care work and incentivize its financing. Through their legislative roles and leadership, parliamentarians can promote the economic value of the care sector.

Times correspond to local time in Colombia (UTC – 05:00).

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Arrivals

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

8:30 - 9:00 Transportation of participants to the Congress of the Republic

9:00 - 10:00 **Inauguration and welcoming remarks**

- President or representative of the Senate of the Republic of Colombia (to be confirmed)
- Speaker or representative of the Chamber of Representatives of Colombia (to be confirmed)
- Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas

- Senator **Verónica Camino** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Honourable Representative **Jezmi Barraza** (Colombia), Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Honourable Senator **María José Pizarro** (Colombia), President of the Legal Committee on Women

10:00 - 10:30 **Keynote address**

10:30 - 11:00 Official photograph and break
Location: Patio/Plaza Núñez

11:00 - 13:00 **Reports by parliamentary delegations**

As parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean are advancing various actions to recognize and promote the economic value of the care sector, this session will offer parliamentary delegations an opportunity to present recent legislative practices undertaken to strengthen public policy and legislation related to the care economy.

- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Maite Orsini** (Chile)
- Member of the National Assembly **Kayra Harding** (Panamá), Vice-President for Central America of the Parliamentary Network on Gender Equality of ParlAmericas

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 15:30 **Reports by parliamentary delegations (continued)**

15:30 - 17:00 **Facilitated dialogue – The economic dimensions of care: Myths and realities**

This session will be dedicated to addressing some of the main myths and misinformed assumptions that exist in relation to care work. Through a subject-expert facilitated dialogue, parliamentarians will discuss the potential for the care economy to be a catalyst for inclusive economic growth and improved social well-being.

- **Ana Gúezmes**, Director of the Gender Affairs Division, ECLAC
- **Helen Royer**, Director of Human Development, CARICOM Secretariat

17:00 Transportation of participants to the official hotel

Thursday, December 1, 2022

8:30 - 9:00 Transportation of participants to the Congress of the Republic

9:00 - 10:30 **Data: The key to legislative action that values care work**

Having access to high quality data on the time dedicated to care work – paid and especially unpaid – is an essential tool for highlighting the economic and social contributions of this labour and the inequalities of its distribution at the household and societal levels. Through case studies offered by representatives of national statistics offices, this session will explore how information is gathered through national census, for instance, through time-use surveying. Presenters will also highlight specific entry points for parliamentary advocacy to strengthen data collection efforts, and how time-use data can inform the development of legislative and policy initiatives that advance gender equality and poverty alleviation.

- **Julieth Solano** (Colombia), Technical director of the Directorate of Statistical Regulation, Planning and Standardization, National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

10:30 - 12:00 **Legislating for the care economy: Parliamentary work**

Recognizing that care work is a cornerstone of our societies, legislating on care can involve a wide variety of topics. This session will provide parliamentarians with an opportunity to learn about and discuss some good practices that can inspire and guide their legislative work on care.

- Honourable Representative **Jezmi Barraza** (Colombia)
- Other panelists to be confirmed

12:00 - 13:00 **Inter-American Model Law on Care – Inter-American Commission of Women**

The Inter-American Commission of Women will present the [Inter-American Model Law on Care](#) and its implementation guide. These tools bring together key aspects of international instruments and are based upon existing rights standards related to recognizing, redistributing, regulating, promoting, and creating new ways of addressing care work.

- **Alejandra Mora Mora**, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM, by its Spanish initials)

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:30 **The care economy: Challenges and opportunities (roundtable work)**

Achieving progress in strengthening the care economy requires confronting a series of challenges and opportunities that must be duly identified by decision makers to ensure that public policies respond to societal needs. In this session, parliamentarians will work in thematic roundtables to consider key components of the care economy, drawing from lessons learned during the Gathering, to identify key issues for legislative action.

- 16:30 - 16:45 **Special presentation**
- 16:45 - 17:00 **Reading of the *Declaration on the Care Economy***
- 17:00 Transportation of participants to the official hotel

Friday, December 2, 2022

- 8:30 - 9:00 Transportation of participants to the Congress of the Republic

9:00 - 9:30 **Keynote - Strengthening multilateralism in the Americas and the Caribbean**

States today are facing a plethora of global and interdependent challenges related to inequitable economic growth, the effects of climate change, migration, and digital disinformation leading to loss of trust in institutions, among others. These challenges, and the changes inherent to the International System, require a coordinated hemispheric approach based on a renewed multilateralism that promotes regional integration with approaches that prioritize complementarity and solidarity. This session will consider opportunities to rethink and strengthen multilateralism in the Americas and the Caribbean to promote coordinated actions to solve common issues while upholding democratic principles and advancing in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

9:30 - 11:30 **Dialogue - Parliamentary diplomacy: Making multilateralism work for the people**

Parliamentary diplomacy facilitates cooperative dialogue around complex issues that can be difficult to address through traditional diplomatic channels, so as to build consensus, promote democratic principles, contribute to solving public policy issues as well as strengthen relations and integration. In this sense, parliamentarians play an increasingly important role in multilateral institutions where they also work to ensure the implementation of international agreements and resolutions at a national level through legislation and parliamentary oversight, and bring a broader range of political and public opinions to dialogues and negotiations on international issues. In this session, parliamentarians will reflect on the state of parliamentary diplomacy in the Inter-American System and consider strategic opportunities to strengthen this engagement, including through ParlAmericas' mandate to promote parliamentary participation as an integral part of the Summits of the Americas process, adopted in the [Inter-American Plan of Action on Democratic Governance](#). This dialogue is an initial step in the development of ParlAmericas' next strategic plan.

11:30 - 12:15 **Plenary session**

- Presentation of annual reports by the ParlAmericas parliamentary networks

- o Senator **Verónica Camino** (Mexico), President of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- o Senator **Javier Macaya** (Chile), President of the Open Parliament Network
- o The Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
- Announcement of the host country for the 20th Plenary Assembly and the 15th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality, and of the next ParlAmericas activities
- Elections for certain positions on the ParlAmericas Board

12:15 - 12:30 **Reading of the *Declaration on Parliamentary Engagement in the Inter-American System through ParlAmericas***

12:30 - 12:45 **Food security and care**

- Presentation by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ParlAmericas and the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger (FPH by its Spanish initials)

12:45 - 13:00 **Closing remarks**

- Honourable Representative **Jezmi Barraza** (Colombia), Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 Transportation of participants to the official hotel



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