




Draft Agenda
Plenary Session and PNCC Elections

6th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change (PNCC)
Realizing our Green Future: The Road to Low Emissions

 July 5, 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)
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The first part of the plenary session will provide a space for parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean to discuss strategies to improve land-use practices to reduce emissions associated with this sector in a manner that leaves no one behind. The [main sources of GHG emissions](#) are from land-use, land-use change and forestry and agriculture, although forests can offer carbon sink opportunities a large percentage of forests are lost through deforestation and fires. The meeting will examine what the state of land-use is and analyze strategies that parliaments can employ to encourage sustainable agriculture; halt deforestation to help achieve the “[Glasgow Leader's Declaration on Forests and Land use](#)” and stop the desertification of land; as well as improve food-security and attend to the needs of rural communities. It will look at how women and girls can be agents of change by increasing their access to land rights.

The second part will allow legislatures to share their experiences in working to support the electrification of transportation and the improvement of public transportation; increasing the use of renewable energy; and working to reduce deforestation and improving land-use. Finally, a declaration will be adopted and the elections for the Vice-President(s) for Central America will take place.

A. 08:00 – 08:15

Welcoming remarks

B. 09:00 – 09:15

- Member of Congress **Julio César Longo Maldonado** (Guatemala), Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Congress and President of the Environment and Tourism Committee of Parlatino
- The Honourable **Joseph Isaac** (Dominica), Speaker of the House of Assembly and ParlAmericas Board Member
- Senator **Raúl Bolaños-Cacho Cué** (Mexico), President of the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change and Vice-President for North America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

C. 10:00 – 10:15

D. 11:00 – 11:15

A. 08:15 – 09:00

Specialist presentation: Supporting sustainable and inclusive agriculture and land-use practices to reduce emissions

B. 09:15 – 10:00

C. 10:15 – 11:00

D. 11:15 – 12:00

Subject matter specialists will provide an overview of the current trends being seen in the region regarding agricultural, land-use change, and its effects on native forests. The presentations will also provide strategies of how parliaments can support: sustainable agricultural practices which are responsive to the needs of local communities and women, the conservation of forests, and work to achieve SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). Finally financing opportunities for climate action will be discussed.

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

- **Dr. Mercedes Bustamante**, Professor at the department of Ecology in the University of Brasilia, member of the Science Steering Committee of the Science Panel for the Amazon, and lead author of the 6th Assessment Report of the IPCC
- **Dr. Osana Bonilla-Findji**, Science Officer for the Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Climate Smart Agricultural Practices Flagship
- The Honourable **Matthew Samuda** (Jamaica), Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation and Co-Chair of the NDC Partnership

A. 09:00 – 09:05

Conclusions from the IPU Regional seminar on climate change for parliaments of Latin America and the Caribbean

B. 10:00 – 10:05

C. 11:00 – 11:05

D. 12:00 – 12:05

With the objective to strengthen institutional synergies between ParlAmericas and the Interparliamentary Union to advance climate action in the region, the main conclusions will be presented from the [IPU Regional seminar on climate change for parliaments of Latin America and the Caribbean](#), which took place June 28-30, in Montevideo, Uruguay.

- Senator **Raúl Lozano Bonet** (Uruguay), Bureau Member of the IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development and host of the IPU Regional Seminar

A. 09:05 – 10:05 **Parliamentary presentations: Reducing emissions and enhancing resilience in the transportation, energy, and land-use sector**

B. 10:05 – 11:05

C. 11:05 – 12:05

D. 12:05 – 13:05

Parliamentarians will be provided the opportunity to share their experiences related to the three sectors of focus of the 6th PNCC Gathering (transitioning towards renewable energy and making it more accessible; electromobility and improving public transit systems; and improving land-use and agricultural practices).

Moderator: Member of Congress **Fátima Mena Baide** (Honduras)

A. 10:05 – 10:15 **Reading of the declaration**

B. 11:05 – 11:15

C. 12:05 – 12:15

D. 13:05 – 13:15

A. 10:15 – 10:25 **Elections**

B. 11:15 – 11:25

C. 12:15 – 12:25

D. 13:15 – 13:25

- Vice-President of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change for Central America
- Host parliament of the 7th PNCC Gathering

A. 10:25 – 10:30 **Session evaluation**

B. 11:25 – 11:30

C. 12:25 – 12:30

D. 13:25 – 13:30

A. 10:30 – 10:35 **Closing**

B. 11:30 – 11:35

C. 12:30 – 12:35

D. 13:30 – 13:35

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



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