


Preliminary Agenda

Plenary Session

18th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly: Rebuilding the Social Contract

 Friday, December 10, 2021 | 10:30 (UTC – 4:00)

A. 08:30 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 09:30 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 10:30 (UTC – 04:00)		D. 11:30 (UTC – 03:00)
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The health and socio-economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the already notorious inequalities existing in the hemisphere, has deepened citizen distrust in institutions, and has given rise to growing social discontent, which have manifested in various ways including social mobilization and widespread protests across the region.

Recognizing the complexity of these issues, the plenary session will offer a space for member parliaments to share the various legislative initiatives that they have been undertaking in different areas with the contribution of civil society and youth, to rebuild the social contract. Likewise, the declaration will be read and the results of the election for positions on the ParlAmericas Board of Directors will be announced, as well as the host parliament for the next 19th Plenary Assembly.

A. 08:30 – 08:45

Welcoming remarks

B. 09:30 – 09:45

- Senator Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas
- Senator Ximena Rincón (Chile), President of the Senate and Host of the Plenary Assembly

C. 10:30 – 10:45

D. 11:30 – 11:45

A. 08:45 – 09:00

Keynote presentation

B. 09:45 – 10:00

- Keynote speaker (to be confirmed)

C. 10:45 – 11:00

Complex phenomena such as the combined effects of the pandemic on public health and the social and productive fabric, growing social discontent, and a lack of trust in

D. 11:45 – 12:00

institutions, among others, offer a historic opportunity to rebuild the social contract under inclusive paradigms that respond to the renewed citizen demands and ensure no one is left behind. The keynote presentation will shed light on the importance of democratic principles, social dialogue, and good governance in political processes for the rebuilding of the social contract.

A. 09:00 – 11:15

Presentation by parliamentary delegates

B. 10:00 – 12:15

Each parliamentary delegate will have 5 minutes to present the legislative initiatives that they have been undertaking in different areas and topics to, with the help of civil society and youth, rebuild the social contract.

C. 11:00 – 13:15

D. 12:00 – 14:15

A. 11:15 – 11:30

Reading of the declaration

B. 12:15 – 12:30

C. 13:15 – 13:30

D. 14:15 – 14:30

A. 11:30 – 12:00

Closing of the plenary session of the Plenary Assembly

B. 12:30 – 13:00

- Announcement of the host parliament for the 19th Plenary Assembly
- Announcement of upcoming meetings
- Election results for the ParlAmericas Board of Directors
- Evaluations
- Closing words

C. 13:30 – 14:00

D. 14:30 – 15:00



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