



Agenda

**13th Plenary Assembly of ParlAmericas:
Strengthening parliaments and building resilient societies to achieve
the Sustainable Development Goals**
December 5-7, 2016 | Mexico City, Mexico



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Sunday, December 4, 2016: Arrival

All day Arrival of the members of the Board of Directors and training session participants; transfer from the airport to the host hotel

Monday, December 5, 2016: Arrival, Board of Directors Meeting, and Training Session

All day Arrival of participants and transfer from the airport to the host hotel

Travel by foot to the headquarters of the Senate of the Republic of Mexico from the hotel Sevilla Palace (300 meters away - 4 minutes approximately)

Address: Av. Paseo de la Reforma 135, esq. Insurgentes Centro, Colonia Tabacalera, Delegación Cuauhtémoc, Ciudad de México, C.P. 06030. Entrance by Madrid street (between Paris and Insurgentes streets). Accompaniment by personnel of the General Directorate of Parliamentary Protection and Protocol of the Gilberto Bosques Center for International Studies of the Senate.

09:00 – 13:00 **Concurrent closed-door meetings**

09:00 – 12:45 **41st Meeting of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas**
Rooms: 3 and 4, Ground floor of the Hemicycle

Closed-door meeting for Board Members of ParlAmericas

Training session: Maximizing the use of technology to improve communication with constituents

Room: 6, Ground floor of the Hemicycle

Session in English (no interpretation provided)

12:45 – 13:00 **Official Photograph of the Board of Directors**
Room: Staircase of the Senate, Hemicycle (entrance by Av. de la Reforma)

Facilitating access to parliamentary information through the use of innovative technology to increase citizen participation in decision-making processes is a key aspect of the open parliament agenda and ParlAmericas' Roadmap Towards Legislative Openness. Parliamentarians and parliaments face new challenges and opportunities in adapting to new communications trends to better engage with their constituents. This session, combining parliamentary transparency and an effective communications strategy, will provide tips and tools for parliamentarians, considering their

local context, to maximize these opportunities for themselves as legislators as well as for their parliament as an institution.

- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch offered by the Senate of the Republic of Mexico**
"Zonura" Senators Restaurant, 5th floor, Hemicycle elevator.
- 14:30 – 17:00 **Continuation of the 41st Meeting of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas**
Rooms: 3 and 4, Ground floor of the Hemicycle
Closed-door meeting for members of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas
- Continuation of the Training session: Maximizing the use of technology to improve communication with constituents**
Room: 6, Ground floor of the Hemicycle
- 18:00 **Travel by foot to hotel Sevilla Palace**
- 19:00 – 21:00 **Welcome cocktail offered by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (business attire)**
Location: French Room, National Museum of Arts (MUNAL), Tacuba street 8, Delegación Cuauhtémoc, Historical Centre, 06010 Ciudad de México.
- 21:00 **Transfer to the hotel Sevilla Palace**

Tuesday, December 6, 2016: 13th Plenary Assembly

- 08:00 – 08:40 **Participant registration at the hotel**
- Travel by foot to the headquarters of the Senate of the Republic of Mexico from the hotel Sevilla Palace (300 meters away - 4 minutes approximately).**
Entrance by Madrid street (between Paris and Insurgentes streets). Accompaniment by personnel of the General Directorate of Parliamentary Protection and Protocol of the Gilberto Bosques Center for International Studies of the Senate.
- 09:00 – 09:40 **Inauguration**
Room: Permanent Commission Hall, Level -1.
- Marcela Guerra, Senator of Mexico and President of ParlAmericas
 - Ambassador Miguel Ruiz Cabañas, Deputy Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights for the Foreign Affairs Secretary
 - Leo Heileman, Regional Director of the United Nations Environment Programme
 - Dr. Luis Almagro Lemes, Secretary General of the Organization of American States
 - Javier Bolaños Aguilar, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico
 - Pablo Escudero Morales, President of the Senate of Mexico
- 09:40 – 10:10 **Keynote address**
Permanent Commission Hall.
- Dr. Luis Almagro Lemes, Secretary General of the Organization of American States

- 10:15 – 10:30 **Official Photograph**
Staircase of the Senate, Hemicycle (entrance by Av. de la Reforma)
- 10:35 – 11:15 **Introduction**
Rooms: 2 and 5, Ground floor of the Hemicycle
- This session will address the following topics:*
- *Approval of the agenda*
 - *ParlAmericas annual report*
 - *Presentation of the resolutions of the Board of Directors*
 - *Announcement of the election procedures*
- 11:15 – 13:15 **Parliamentary Dialogue: First efforts to implement the SDGs in Parliaments**
Rooms: 2 and 5, Ground floor of the Hemicycle
- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015. Since then, parliaments from different countries around the world have organized to monitor their successes and have taken measures to specifically achieve SDG16 aimed at promoting inclusive societies and building effective, accountable institutions, an objective that directly applies to parliaments. In this session, ParlAmericas will present a report on the work being done within the organization to achieve the SDGs. The session will then continue with the presentation of reports from delegates of each parliament. Instructions will be sent beforehand.*
- Moderator: Marcela Guerra (Mexico), Senator and President of ParlAmericas
- Gina Godoy (Ecuador), Member of the National Assembly and President of the Group of Women Parliamentarians
 - Hernán Larraín (Chile), Senator and President of the Open Parliament Network (video)
 - Javier Ortega (Panama), Member of the Chamber of Deputies and Member of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
 - Senator Laura Rojas Hernández, President of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Organs of the Mexican Senate and President of the Permanent Commission on Peace and International Security of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
 - Reports from representatives of the delegation of each parliament
- 13:15 – 13:30 **Greetings from the plenary session of the Congress of Mexico to the participants of the 13th Plenary Assembly**
Hall of Sessions of the Senate, Hemicycle
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Lunch offered by the Senate of the Republic of Mexico**
"Zonura" Senators Restaurant, 5th floor, Hemicycle, by Commissions Tower elevator
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Photographic campaign to highlight and raise awareness about the SDGs**
Rooms: 2 and 5, Ground floor of the Hemicycle
- 15:30 – 17:30 **Continuation of parliamentary dialogue: First efforts to implement the SDGs in Parliaments**
Rooms: 2 and 5, Ground floor of the Hemicycle
- 17:30 **Travel by foot to the hotel Sevilla Palace**
Accompaniment by personnel of the General Directorate of Parliamentary Protection and Protocol of the Gilberto Bosques Center for International Studies of the Senate

- 19:30 **Transfer to the Welcome Dinner-Cocktail from hotel Sevilla Palace to Hacienda de los Morales**
- 20:00 – 22:00 **Welcome Dinner-Cocktail offered by the House of Representatives of Mexico (business attire)**
Location: Hacienda de los Morales, located in Vázquez de Mella 525, Col. del Bosque, 1510, Mexico City
- 22:00 **Transfer to the hotel Sevilla Palace**

Wednesday, December 7, 2016: 13th Plenary Assembly

Travel by foot to the headquarters of the Senate of the Republic of Mexico from the hotel Sevilla Palace (300 meters away - 4 minutes approximately).

Entrance by Madrid street (between Paris and Insurgentes streets). Accompaniment by personnel of the General Directorate of Parliamentary Protection and Protocol of the Gilberto Bosques Center for International Studies of the Senate

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Indicators and mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the SDGs**
Rooms: 2 and 5, Ground floor of the Hemicycle

The SDGs provide a global framework for commitments made by governments that must be adopted and monitored for political implementation at the local, national, and global level. The parliament, as the main institution for representing citizens' interests and ensuring that the government is accountable, has a key role to play not only in adopting the necessary legislation to achieve the SDGs, but also in supervising the progress made towards them. This session will define the context for monitoring and evaluating the SDGs at the national and global level, and present tools, mechanisms, and alliances necessary for developing indicators, collecting and analyzing data, and strengthening the supervisory role of parliaments in the progress towards the SDGs.

Moderator: José Marco Antonio Olvera Acevedo, Senator of Mexico and ParlAmericas Board Member

- Luis Fidel Yáñez, Officer in Charge, Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Dr. Livia Bizikova, Director of Knowledge for Integrated Decisions, International Institute for Sustainable Development
- Javier González, Director of Democratic Governance, United Nations Development Program, Mexico

- 10:30 – 11:30 **Roundtable work: Opportunities for inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making**
Rooms: 2 and 5, Ground floor of the Hemicycle

Parliaments also need to look within themselves to achieve SDG 16, the good governance goal upon which all other goals rely to succeed. As an institution that represents the people,

parliaments strive to be more effective and accountable, and to render decision-making more inclusive and transparent. This session will explore steps that can be taken to strengthen the capacity of parliaments for inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making, through a practice of participatory law-making.

Moderator: Ms. Keila Gonzalez, Resident Director in Mexico, National Democratic Institute

11:30 – 12:00 **Official Closing of the Plenary Assembly**

Rooms: 2 and 5, Ground floor of the Hemicycle.

This session will address the following topics:

- *Voting and election results*
- *Announcement of the host country for the 14th Plenary Assembly*
- *ParlAmericas 2017 calendar*
- *Reading of the declaration*
- *Closing remarks*
- *Evaluations*

12:00 – 12:30 **Transfer to the Templo Mayor Archaeological Area from the Senate of the Republic (casual wear)**

Accompaniment by personnel of the General Directorate of Parliamentary Protection and Protocol of the Gilberto Bosques Center for International Studies of the Senate.

12:00 – 14:00 **Cultural visit: Templo Mayor Archaeological Area**

14:00 **End of official program and transfer to the hotel Sevilla Palace
Lunch not provided**