



## General Programme

### ***5th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change Addressing Inequalities to Enable Climate Ambition: A Just Transition to Achieve the Paris Agreement***



#### **Series of virtual sessions taking place June 2021**

*(all session will have interpretation in ParlAmericas' official languages: English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese)*

Inter-parliamentary Dialogue	<b>June 4</b>
Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives	<b>June 15</b>
Plenary session and PNCC Elections	<b>June 25</b>

#### **REGISTRATION:**

**[Inter-parliamentary Dialogue \(June 4\) and Plenary session and PNCC Elections \(June 25\)](#)**

**[Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives \(June 15\)](#)**



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### ***Introduction***

The objective of this gathering is to examine the relationship between social inequality and climate change, how these two issues negatively impact and exacerbate each other and prevent their positive development. In addition, the gathering will discuss the manner in which climate strategies can be created through an intersectional approach to contribute to ending these inequalities and building an inclusive green economy. It will also examine mechanisms to engage and communicate these to the public. Finally, since countries are expected to have submitted or to submit more ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by COP26, hosted by the United Kingdom in November 2021, the gathering will discuss the role of parliaments in the implementation of these NDCs, and other mechanisms related to the Paris Agreement.

One of the challenges related to increasing climate ambition identified at COP25 by country negotiators was that the reduction of emissions requires the closure of unsustainable industries in communities whose livelihoods are fully reliant on them. Addressing this challenge requires inclusive decision-making approaches to develop NDCs and national legislation related to labour, climate change, energy transition, and sustainable development etc., to ensure that all people, especially those belonging to traditionally marginalized groups, are not left behind. For example, climate strategies and policies need to be meaningfully designed to ensure a just transition, ensuring social justice for workers and communities in the transition to environmentally sustainable economies and societies into all climate strategies. Overall, this gathering aims to identify climate solutions that are co-created with diverse stakeholders and work to empower traditionally marginalized

groups to ultimately secure a more prosperous future for all, regardless of gender, race, religious beliefs or economic status.

### ***Series of virtual sessions of the gathering***

The 5<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the ParlAmericas PNCC will be organized in three events, which will be conducted in ParlAmericas’ official languages (Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French).

The session dates and times are as follows:

#### **Inter-parliamentary Dialogue**



**Friday, June 4, 10:00 (UTC – 04:00)**

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The inter-parliamentary dialogue will provide a space for parliamentarians and parliamentary staff to exchange with subject matter experts and among themselves on strategies for parliaments to inclusively drive climate action and ensure that short and long-term climate plans are developed with an intersectional lens, to promote a just transition and lead to decent and clean work for all.

<b>8:00 (UTC – 06:00)</b>	<b>9:00 (UTC – 05:00)</b>	<b>10:00 (UTC – 04:00)</b>	<b>11:00 (UTC – 03:00)</b>
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#### **Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives**



**Tuesday, June 15, 17:00 (UTC – 04:00)**

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This session will provide a space for parliamentarians to discuss with civil society and youth representatives to learn from their point of view on practices to improve communication and citizen participation in parliamentary work around climate objectives to provide a space for the diverse perspectives that should be considered to ensure that climate strategies help alleviate social inequalities, as well as concrete measures recommended to ensure climate legislation and policies don’t contribute to these inequalities.

**15:00 (UTC – 06:00)**

**16:00 (UTC – 05:00)**

**17:00 (UTC – 04:00)**

**18:00 (UTC – 03:00)**

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**Plenary session and PNCC Elections**



**Friday, June 25, 10: 00 (UTC–04:00)**

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The plenary session will provide a space for parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean to discuss how legislatures are working to support their country’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement, while ensuring national climate plans are gender responsive, involve different sectors of society, and are effectively communicated with the public. Finally, a declaration will be adopted and the [elections for the PNCC Executive Committee](#) will take place (all positions are available for election).

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