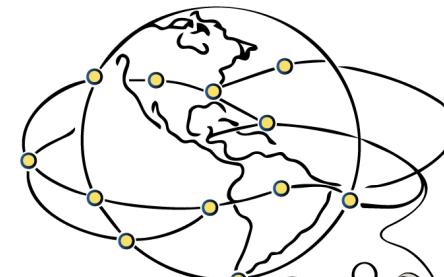
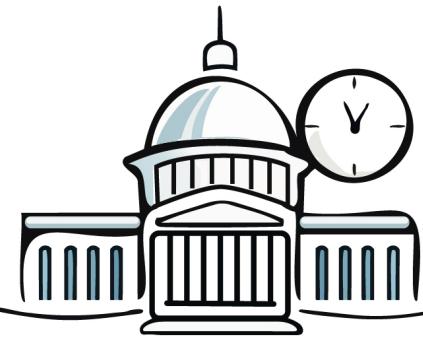
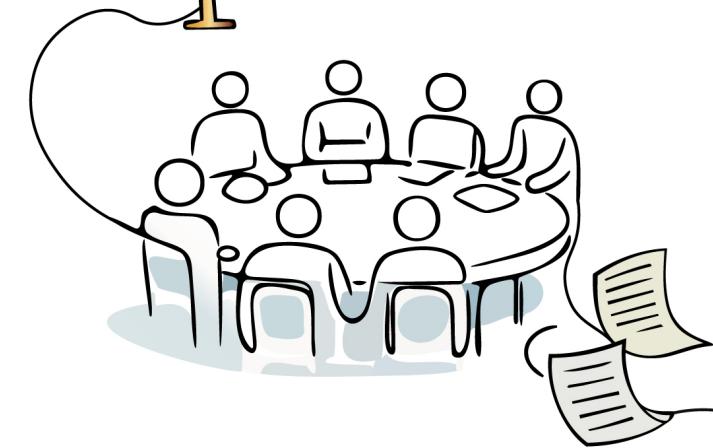




YEAR IN HIGHLIGHTS

2025



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ParlAmericas is the inter-parliamentary institution that connects the national legislatures of the Americas and the Caribbean within the broader architecture of the Inter-American System. Through its permanent forum for dialogue, cooperation, and collective reflection on shared democratic, social, and institutional challenges, ParlAmericas ensures that legislative perspectives are meaningfully integrated into hemispheric processes and enrich regional governance discussions.

In 2025, parliaments across the hemisphere operated in an increasingly complex environment shaped by democratic polarization, evolving security dynamics, rapid technological change, climate-related risks, and rising demands for inclusion and accountability. In response, ParlAmericas prioritized structured forms of parliamentary engagement designed to move beyond dialogue and support coordination, shared learning, and tangible legislative action.

This mandate was advanced through hemispheric gatherings, regional and national-level dialogues, technical assistance initiatives, and sustained engagement with multilateral institutions. Parliamentary gatherings, including the 21st Plenary Assembly and the annual meetings of its parliamentary networks, remained central. These convenings enabled legislators to advance anticipatory governance and intergenerational approaches, reaffirm gender equality as a democratic imperative thirty years after the Beijing Declaration, and establish a dedicated parliamentary space to address multidimensional security challenges through a human-security lens. Each gathering concluded with the adoption of a declaration that articulated shared priorities and provided reference points for legislative action across the hemisphere.

ParlAmericas also deepened its engagement within the Inter-American System through its annual parliamentary delegation to Washington, D.C., facilitating inter-parliamentary exchanges with the Organization of American States and other hemispheric actors on regional cooperation, democratic governance, and security. Complementing this, a series of preparatory meetings linked to the X Summit of the Americas and COP30 strengthened parliamentary contributions to inter-American and global policy discussions.

Capacity-building and technical assistance translated dialogue into institutional practice. In 2025, ParlAmericas supported parliamentarians and parliamentary staff through initiatives on evidence-informed lawmaking and institutional modernization. Peer-to-peer exchanges and technical support aided the development and uptake of practical tools that helped embed cross-cutting principles such as gender equality and open parliament into everyday legislative work. These resources adapted good practices shared regionally into operational instruments and disseminated across legislatures, extending impact beyond individual activities.

Throughout the year, ParlAmericas delivered 37 virtual and in-person activities involving more than 600 parliamentarians and parliamentary staff. In addition to these regional convenings, ParlAmericas launched its Parliamentary Network on Security, provided technical assistance to 20 parliaments, and partnered with 4 parliaments to advance youth-focused programming. ParlAmericas also developed and disseminated 9 practical tools to support parliamentary work and produced 25 new podcast episodes, reinforcing knowledge-sharing and sustained engagement between meetings. Together, these efforts reflect the organization's commitment to combining political dialogue with practical support, enabling parliaments to translate regional collaboration into institutional action.

As ParlAmericas approaches its 25th anniversary in 2026, the progress achieved over the past year provides a strong foundation for deepening parliamentary cooperation and strengthening the democratic pillars of the Inter-American System. Building on this momentum, ParlAmericas is poised to play an even more central role in reinforcing democratic governance and advancing shared hemispheric priorities in the years ahead.

ABOUT PARLAMERICAS

ParlAmericas is the institution that promotes **PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY** in the **INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM**



ParlAmericas convenes the **35 NATIONAL LEGISLATURES** from North, Central and South America and the Caribbean

ParlAmericas facilitates the exchange of parliamentary **GOOD PRACTICES** and promotes **COOPERATIVE POLITICAL DIALOGUE** to strengthen democratic governance and advance sustainable development



ParlAmericas advances **MULTILATERAL COOPERATION** grounded in respectful discourse and mutual learning that promotes **SHARED PROSPERITY**

ParlAmericas supports **GENDER EQUALITY** by fostering women's political empowerment and applying a gender lens in parliamentary work



ParlAmericas fosters future-ready **OPEN PARLIAMENTS** by advancing transparency, accountability, participation, integrity, and digital innovation

ParlAmericas advances **ENVIRONMENTAL** and **CLIMATE ACTION** through evidence-based policies and legislative measures to reduce risk, build resilience, and strengthen economies and communities



ParlAmericas promotes **HUMAN SECURITY** through people-centered legislative approaches to multidimensional security challenges that affect communities across the hemisphere

ParlAmericas safeguards **DEMOCRACY** and **GOVERNANCE** by supporting electoral integrity and the role of parliaments in democratic oversight



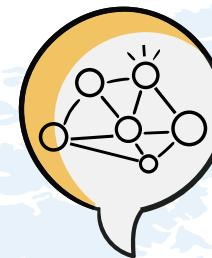
ParlAmericas builds **MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS** with young leaders, civil society organizations, and international actors to strengthen democratic inclusion

ParlAmericas strengthens **MEANINGFUL PARLIAMENTARY PARTICIPATION** in hemispheric and global forums shaping regional agendas



The ParlAmericas International Secretariat is headquartered in **OTTAWA, CANADA**

PARLAMERICAS IN NUMBERS 2025

**37**virtual and
in-person
activities**600+**parliamentarians and
parliamentary staff
participated**1**new parliamentary
network**20**parliaments
supported with
technical assistance**4**parliaments
partnered with on
youth programs**9**tools launched
to support
parliamentary work**4**institutional reports
published**1**Strategic Plan for
2025-2030 released**25**new podcast
episodes

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF PARLAMERICAS

Dear colleagues,



As we reflect on the past year, I wish to share with you a few reflections on the developments and concerns shaping our hemisphere. It is clear that 2025 places the Americas and the Caribbean at a moment of profound reconfiguration, and this must neither be viewed superficially nor regarded as a passing circumstance.

Global and regional geopolitical tensions intersect with far-reaching social, economic, technological, and environmental transformations, creating an increasingly demanding environment for democratic governance. This context reaffirms the need for institutions capable of dialogue, anticipation, and cooperation beyond national borders.

In this setting, parliaments cannot limit themselves to reacting in fragmented ways or serving as passive observers. The region requires legislative institutions capable of exercising proactive political leadership, sustaining complex debates, and contributing to the development of collective responses to transnational challenges. The ability of parliaments to deliberate, coordinate, and build consensus thus becomes a determining factor for democratic stability and institutional legitimacy.

It is precisely in this context that ParlAmericas assumes even greater relevance. Having an interparliamentary space that encompasses the entire Hemisphere, enabling trust-building, the articulation of shared positions, and understanding across diverse realities, is essential. This sustained role over time has allowed ParlAmericas to evolve from a forum for legislative exchange into an actor with greater political influence at the hemispheric level, strengthening the presence of the legislative voice in regional debates.

As reflected throughout these pages, 2025 marked a significant step forward in this process, consolidating the role of ParlAmericas as the interparliamentary body with the broadest reach within the Inter-American system. With this vision, the organization has strengthened links among parliaments and with the Inter-American system, promoting high-level political dialogue and parliamentary cooperation in key areas such as multidimensional security and human mobility. This effort reflects the conviction that regional challenges require more active, informed, and coordinated parliamentary participation, capable of bringing

democratic legitimacy and coherence to collective responses.

In 2026, ParlAmericas will celebrate 25 years of bringing together the national parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean. This legacy provides a platform for projecting a parliamentary agenda that is equal to current and future challenges, promoting more decisively the political contribution of parliaments to strengthening democracy in the hemisphere and empowering a parliamentary voice capable of influencing outcomes, building consensus, and accompanying new leadership in the process of transformation that our societies are undergoing. ParlAmericas will continue to persistently promote political dialogue, cooperation among parliaments, and regional consensus building, with the aim of contributing to stronger democratic governance and the consolidation of renewed multilateralism. The defence of democracy, unwavering respect for fundamental rights, and collaboration among parliaments will continue to guide this collective effort.

Before concluding, I wish to express special recognition to Senator Blanca Ovelar of Paraguay for her outstanding leadership and commitment during her presidency of ParlAmericas. I also extend my recognition to the parliamentarians who serve on our Council, as well as to all our members, whose sustained participation makes this work possible. I further acknowledge the work of the International Secretariat — a committed and professional team that supports each of our initiatives — and express my gratitude to the Government of Canada for its constant support, which is fundamental to the institutional strengthening of ParlAmericas.

Dear colleagues, I invite you to explore this publication as a concise expression of the shared work of the legislative branches of the Americas and the Caribbean and, more substantively, as a reaffirmation of the value of parliamentary diplomacy and collaboration in advancing a more stable, prosperous, and democratic Hemisphere.

With my warm regards,

Iván Flores García

Senator, Chile

President of ParlAmericas

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF PARLAMERICAS

Dear colleagues,



As we reflect on the work carried out over the past year, I am reminded of the strength found in our diversity as parliamentarians from across the Americas and the Caribbean. ParlAmericas brings together legislatures of varied sizes, traditions, and political contexts in a collegial environment where every voice is heard, experiences are shared as equals, and cooperation reaches across borders and differences. It is precisely this spirit of respect for diversity and inclusion of all our parliaments, large and small, that enriches our dialogue and strengthens our collective capacity to address shared challenges.

I take up this role as Vice-President of ParlAmericas, entrusted to me during our 21st Plenary Assembly in Montevideo, Uruguay, with humility and a deep sense of responsibility. I do so building on the tremendous work and leadership of my dear colleague and friend, the Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George, whose unwavering commitment and vision have been instrumental in amplifying the Caribbean's voice within ParlAmericas and shaping our collective work.

This year marked the launch of ParlAmericas' 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, which reaffirms our shared commitment to building a more just and sustainable world for all nations and peoples guided by values of openness, inclusion, equality, mutual respect, multilateral cooperation, and the defense and promotion of democratic principles and human rights. These principles are essential to achieving sustainable development, peaceful societies and a healthy planet for future generations. At a time when a confluence of crises has given rise to geopolitical dynamics that threatens this vision of shared prosperity – and our citizens look to our leadership to navigate this turbulent landscape – our ability to connect, listen, and collaborate across borders remains one of our greatest assets.

Alongside our President, Senator Iván Flores, and all members of the ParlAmericas Council, I stand ready and committed to help transform the vision of our Strategic Plan into tangible results. Together, we will champion initiatives that strengthen democratic governance, foster inclusive and transparent institutions, and engage the next generation of leaders, because the resilience of our democracies depends on their active participation. In these challenging times, our collective leadership and solidarity across borders are not only valuable, they are indispensable. Let us seize this moment to innovate, collaborate, and reaffirm the principles that unite us, ensuring that our parliaments remain strong pillars of democracy for generations to come.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Alvina Betram Reynolds

President of the Senate, Saint Lucia
Vice-President of ParlAmericas

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF PARLAMERICAS NETWORKS



Dear colleagues,

As I look back on 2025, I am proud of what we accomplished together through the parliamentary and parliamentary staff networks for gender equality this year. Guided by the lens of gender equality, intersectionality and human rights, our work advanced dialogue, at both regional and national levels, on critical issues: structural socioeconomic inequalities and feminized poverty; the many forms of violence women and gender-diverse people face, including those that occur online; the urgent need for disaggregated data to inform legislation and budgets, as well as equity-driven institutional practices, such as inclusive language. These conversations matter because they shape policies that impact real lives across our hemisphere.

This year, marking 30 years since the Beijing Declaration, our gathering focused on concrete strategies to protect and promote women's rights: preventing and ending gender-based violence, recognizing and redistributing care work, achieving gender parity, and ensuring women's leadership in decision-making. These priorities remain urgent.

In reflecting on Beijing+30, we are reminded that advancing gender equality has always been a collective endeavor built on solidarity across generations. I want to acknowledge the leadership of Senator Verónica Noemí Camino



THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK FOR GENDER EQUALITY

Farjat during her tenure as President of this Network. Her dedication and vision strengthened our shared mission. As we carry this work forward, let us honour the contributions of the women who have paved the way and commit to working hand in hand with the next generation to advance equality.

Building on this legacy of collective leadership, I would like to close by acknowledging the institutional partnerships that sustain and amplify our efforts. I am deeply grateful for the collaborations we strengthened with feminist organizations, international allies, and institutions like CIM, ECLAC, and UN Women. Together, we developed model laws, shared knowledge, and expanded programs like Young Women in Leadership and Youth Legislative Impact to empower the next generation.

Thank you to all the parliamentarians, parliamentary staff and partners who contributed to the work of the network this year for your commitment and collaboration. Looking ahead to 2026, let's continue building a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable future for all.

Sincerely,

Antares Guadalupe Vázquez Alatorre

**Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Mexico
President of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality**

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF PARLAMERICAS NETWORKS



Dear colleagues,

2025 was a year of continued momentum for the Open Parliament Network. At a time when democratic institutions are navigating rapid technological, social, and political shifts, we reaffirmed and strengthened our shared commitment to transparency, participation, accountability, integrity, and innovation.

Our gathering in Montevideo introduced anticipatory governance as a practical approach for parliaments to prepare for emerging risks and opportunities. We also elevated intergenerational dialogue, underscoring the critical importance of creating space for young people to actively shape decisions and participate meaningfully in our democracies.

On the global stage, Open Parliament Day at the OGP Summit showcased the leadership of the Americas and the Caribbean in advancing open legislative practices. Regionally, we supported Peru's transition to a bicameral system through peer learning and comparative insights, and continued our work with Caribbean parliaments to accelerate their digital modernization processes and strengthen the foundations of open, inclusive parliaments supported by the strategic use of technology.

For our staff network, we emphasized digital readiness and strategic communication, and launched an online AI course with our partners at UNDP



THE OPEN PARLIAMENT NETWORK

and Los Andes University, recognizing that openness and technology must advance together. New resources published this year will further reinforce and expand this work.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, I want to recognize the leadership of Senator Javier Macaya during his tenure as President of the Network. His vision and commitment strengthened our collective efforts to advance openness and innovation in parliamentary work. This foundation positions us well as we continue pursuing our shared goals for modern, effective parliaments equipped to meet the challenges of our time.

Looking ahead, 2026 marks a milestone: the 10th OPN Gathering and a decade of promoting open parliaments. I look forward to working closely with all our member parliaments as we continue driving innovation—especially in this age of digital transformation and AI—to ensure that openness remains a cornerstone of resilient, trusted democracies. Together, we can build on our shared achievements and strengthen open parliamentary leadership across the region.

Sincerely,

Germán Blanco Álvarez

Senator, Colombia

President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF PARLAMERICAS NETWORKS



Dear colleagues,

As we look back on 2025—a year marked by COP30 in the Amazon, the very lungs of our planet—we recognize the historic significance of this moment. It called for bold ambition on climate action, even as competing crises stretched attention and resources. In response, the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability worked with partners to move beyond rhetoric toward practical solutions.

Enriched by our partnerships with OAS-SEDI, UNFCCC, UNDRR, the International Science Council, and the Andean Parliament, we convened dialogues that connected parliamentarians and staff with expertise from multilateral institutions, governments, academia, and civil society. These exchanges explored tangible measures, from reducing methane emissions through circular bioeconomy practices to harnessing artificial intelligence for real-time disaster response, early-warning systems, and biodiversity monitoring, while also recognizing the importance of addressing AI's environmental footprint and ensuring that all solutions remain grounded in the realities of communities.

As we reflect on our work this past year, let us look ahead together. The path forward is not about ideology, it is about prudence, responsibility, and results. Our citizens expect safer infrastructure, reliable food systems, affordable energy, and fiscal stability. Acting on climate is central to achieving these goals. By reducing risk, investing in resilience, and mobilizing private capital for clean innovation and nature-based solutions, we can protect taxpayers and grow our economies.

Here's how we can lead by example:

- ▶ Prioritize risk management: integrate climate and disaster-risk assessments



THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY

into budgets, procurement, and oversight processes to ensure that public spending protects lives, infrastructure, and essential services.

- ▶ Advance practical solutions: scale methane abatement, high-impact energy-efficiency measures, renewable energy projects, and low-carbon technologies that deliver near-term benefits, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and strengthen energy security.
- ▶ Empower communities and businesses: remove barriers to adaptation financing and promote skills training and initiatives that protect jobs and livelihoods during the clean-energy transition.
- ▶ Champion nature-based resilience: protect and restore ecosystems that reduce the risks of floods, droughts, and wildfires while sustaining livelihoods and strengthening community well-being.
- ▶ Build trust through transparency: adopt open parliament practices and evidence-based communication to counter misinformation, improve public understanding, and keep citizens actively engaged in climate action.

This is more than policy—it is stewardship. It is intergenerational responsibility. It is the chance to leave our children a world that is stronger, safer, and more abundant than the one we inherited. Together, we can turn ambition into action and deliver the results our citizens deserve.

Sincerely,

Rosa Galvez

Senator, Canada

President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF PARLAMERICAS NETWORKS



Dear colleagues,

Across the Americas and the Caribbean, our shared security is inseparable from the well-being of our people. That is why stronger parliamentary collaboration is not optional; it is essential to safeguarding lives, strengthening our democracies, and ensuring our communities can flourish.

In recent years, ParlAmericas has broadened its engagement on the complex and evolving security challenges facing our hemisphere, recognizing that human security, democratic governance, economic development, and community well-being are mutually reinforcing. The creation of the Parliamentary Network on Security in 2025 was a decisive step, establishing a dedicated inter-American space for parliaments to share evidence, align strategies, and drive coordinated action.

To advance this work, ParlAmericas convened a series of meetings and virtual dialogues leading up to the X Summit of the Americas, bringing together parliamentarians, experts, and practitioners to examine regional trends in organized crime, the security implications of emerging technologies, and coordinated responses to promote safe, orderly, and regular migration. These exchanges laid the groundwork for our first in-person gathering of the Network and reaffirmed legislatures as central actors in security governance.



THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON SECURITY

Today, our work is shaped by a convergence of crises: evolving criminal networks and trafficking, cyber and information threats, climate-related shocks, public health risks, and economic vulnerabilities that strain social cohesion. These interconnected challenges are felt most acutely by our citizens—demanding greater collaboration, shared learning, and joint parliamentary action to deliver solutions that protect human dignity, uphold rights, and build trust.

I am deeply honoured to serve as the inaugural President of this important Network. I accept this responsibility with humility and determination, and I look forward to working closely with our Executive Committee and with parliamentarians across the Americas and the Caribbean. Together, we will turn commitment into action, strengthening the resilience of our institutions and advancing security policies that place people's rights, safety, and dignity at the forefront, reinforce democratic values, and promote the well-being of all our communities.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen

**Member of Parliament, Canada
President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Security**

OPERATIONS AND FINANCES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLAMERICAS CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dear colleagues,

As President of the ParlAmericas Corporation, I am pleased to present our financial report, and to reflect on another year of meaningful parliamentary cooperation across our hemisphere. ParlAmericas' work continues to demonstrate the value of sustained, collaborative engagement among legislatures in shaping democratic, social, and institutional opportunities for the region.

I would like to express appreciation for the continued commitment of the Government of Canada, through Global Affairs Canada, whose generous support remains essential to the stability and effectiveness of ParlAmericas' operations. This support reflects Canada's enduring commitment to supporting democratic governance, inclusive development, and regional progress across the Americas and the Caribbean.

At the same time, the success of ParlAmericas is the result of a truly collective effort. In addition to financial contributions, our work is made possible through the leadership of member parliaments that host meetings, the expertise and collaboration of our partners, and the time, energy, and political commitment of parliamentarians from across the hemisphere. These contributions, while not always captured in financial statements, are fundamental to the impact and reach of our programming.

I would also like to acknowledge the exceptional work of the International Secretariat, whose professionalism, dedication, and adaptability continue to ensure the effective delivery of ParlAmericas' mandate.

Together, these combined efforts enable ParlAmericas to remain a trusted platform for parliamentary cooperation and a strong voice for democratic governance in the region.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lattanzio

Member of Parliament, Canada

President of the ParlAmericas Corporation Board of Directors

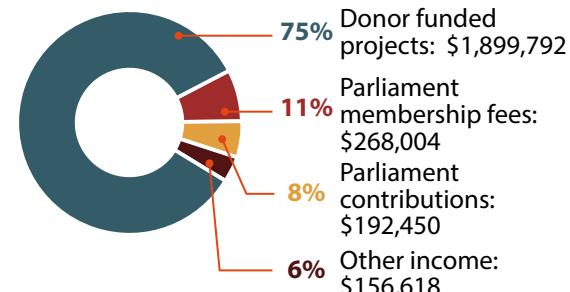
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1. This report represents the figures for the ParlAmericas Fiscal Year: October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.
2. In-kind contributions by member parliaments and partners included in ParlAmericas' financial statements are recorded when fair values can be reasonably estimated and supporting documentation is provided. We recognize that the amount shown is a fraction of the overall value of in-kind support provided by member parliaments and partners in the normal course of ParlAmericas' operations. ParlAmericas therefore also tracks and records an indicative value of the total contributions to ParlAmericas' programming.

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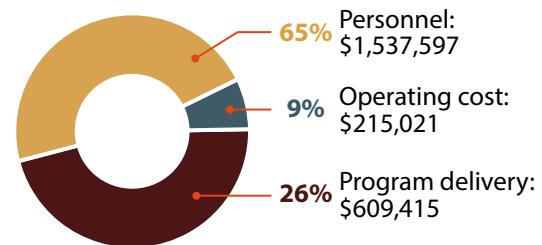
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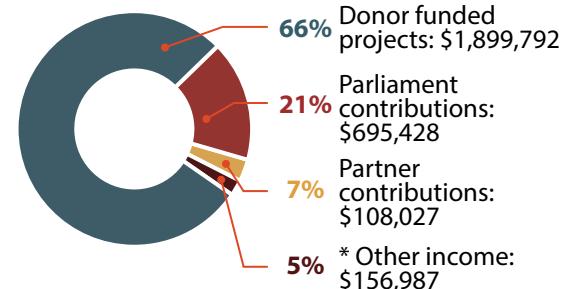


EXPENDITURES

\$2,362,033



INDICATIVE VALUE OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS **\$2,860,234**



THE PARLAMERICAS COUNCIL

Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Council

(As of December 2025):

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Senator, Chile

The Honourable Alvina Bertram Reynolds, Vice-President

President of the Senate, Saint Lucia

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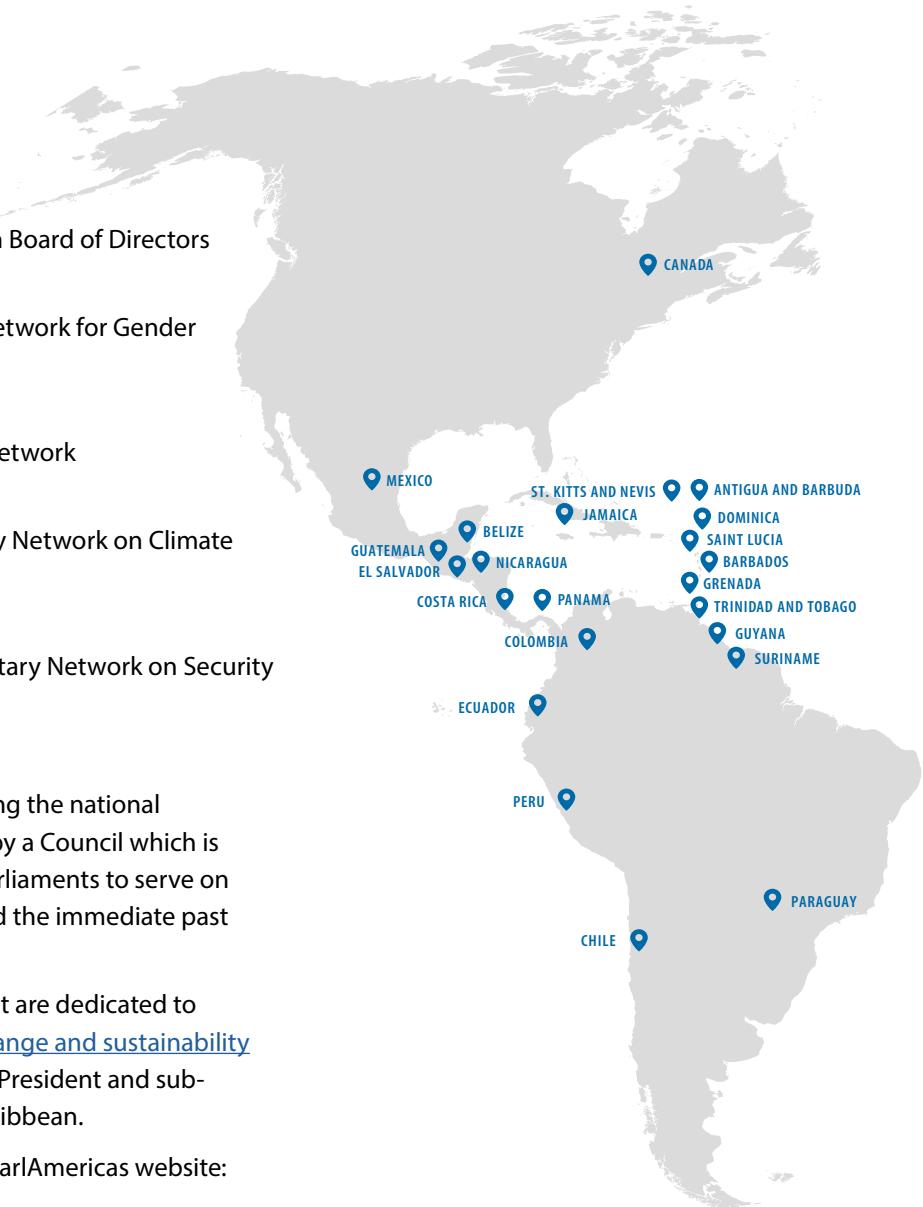
ParlAmericas is an institution run by parliamentarians, for parliamentarians. Convening the national parliaments from across the Americas and the Caribbean, ParlAmericas is governed by a Council which is composed of elected executive members and individuals designated by member parliaments to serve on the Council, as well as ex-officio representation from the [International Secretariat](#) and the immediate past President.

Currently ParlAmericas has four permanent working groups, known as Networks, that are dedicated to parliamentary action on the themes of [gender equality](#), [open parliament](#), [climate change and sustainability](#) and [security](#). Each Network is governed by an Executive Committee, composed of a President and sub-regional Vice-Presidents representing North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean.

For more information on our Council and Executive Committees please consult the ParlAmericas website:

<https://www.parlAmericas.org/parlAmericas-council/>

National Parliaments with Representation in the Council



PARTNERS

ParlAmericas works each year with a dynamic set of partners and collaboration mechanisms that reflect the priorities and activities undertaken during that period. While the institution maintains a broader ecosystem of longstanding relationships, the partners highlighted here represent those that were actively engaged in our initiatives over the past year, contributing expertise, visibility, and strategic support across our hemispheric programming.



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



International
Science Council



COLLABORATION MECHANISMS



The [Inter-American Task Force on Women's Leadership](#) serves as a coordination mechanism that reinforces commitments and strategies to advance women's empowerment and leadership. The Task Force is composed of key inter-American and international institutions working across sectors and at multiple levels.



Secretaría General Iberoamericana
Secretaria-Geral Ibero-Americana



The [Open Parliament e-Network \(OPeN\)](#) provides a platform for legislators who champion legislative openness through serving on the network's Parliamentary Leadership Council. OPeN builds on the work of the OGP Legislative Openness Working Group by bringing together leading international organizations that are committed to the openness agenda in parliaments.



COLLABORATION MECHANISMS



GLOBE
The Global Legislators Organisation



The **UNFCCC Parliamentary Group** supports parliamentary engagement at COP. ParlAmericas, as a founding member of the UNFCCC Parliamentary Group, facilitates the participation of parliamentarians in the COP process and UNFCCC meetings with the support of GLOBE international, the Focal Point for the Parliamentary Group.



CIRCULAR ECONOMY COALITION
Latin America and the Caribbean

The **Circular Economy Coalition for Latin America and the Caribbean** is a regional platform that works to increase understanding of the circular economy, improve cooperation among stakeholders, and provide technical assistance for the development of public policies for the circular economy, sustainable consumption and production.



Parliamentary Front Against Hunger

The **Parliamentary Front Against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean** is a network of more than 400 legislators in the hemisphere working to make food and agriculture national priorities for sustainable development. Both organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding that establishes the guidelines to join efforts in the fight against hunger and malnutrition and to strengthen food sovereignty in the Americas and the Caribbean.



Inter-Parliamentary Union
For democracy. For everyone.



The **Expert Group on Parliaments and Digital Policy**, hosted by IPU and UNDP, is a global space convening parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, academics and representatives from international organizations to exchange information, good practices and materials to support parliaments in their work related to digital policy, digital transformation and AI, among other topics.

The **AI for Human Development Discussion Group in Latin America and the Caribbean** is a regional platform hosted by UNDP, ECLAC and UNESCO, that convenes researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to exchange knowledge and explore how artificial intelligence can be harnessed in support of inclusive and sustainable human development in the region.

The **OAS Working Groups on Artificial Intelligence** are regional forums hosted by the Inter-American Committee of Science and Technology (COMCYT) within the Organization of American States. Their purpose is to share best practices and collaborate on policy approaches related to AI governance, regulatory and institutional frameworks, and the safe and secure development and deployment of AI.

RESOURCES AND PUBLICATIONS

ParlAmericas creates specialized resources for parliamentarians and parliamentary stakeholders that align with hemispheric priority issues being addressed by legislatures and with the themes of focus of ParlAmericas' networks.

A selection of the key resources utilized in this year's activities are featured below. These and many other materials can also be found on [our website](#).



**EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY
WITH PARLIAMENTS:
A GUIDE FOR WOMEN'S
ORGANIZATIONS**



Effective Advocacy with
Parliaments: A Guide for
Women's Organizations



**Intergenerational Perspectives in
Parliamentary Work**

An intergenerational perspective is an analytical approach used to assess the long-term impacts of present-day policies on both future generations – those not yet born or currently too young to directly experience the effects of the policy – and on the present generation, including the elderly, young adults, and other populations. It encourages decision-makers to consider how the interests of tomorrow's citizens will be affected by the policies they are making today. This perspective can help us reflect on the well-being and with the consequences of today's governance, whether they are people growing up and learning, young adults, or the elderly. It can also help us consider the well-being of the environment, society and the planet, especially, as all generations – present and future – can these under consideration when making decisions that affect the long-term future of the planet.

Though more often associated with environmental sustainability and climate policy, an intergenerational perspective is broadly relevant across legislative work. It can also be applied to economics, infrastructure development, and other areas of governance. By considering the needs of the present and future generations, and the needs of the elderly, young adults, and other populations, decision-makers can make better-informed, forward-looking, and resonant to provide lasting benefits. In practice, this requires the use of traditional knowledge and scientific data to inform policy decisions, and the involvement of all generations in the process of the present to ensure that they are involved in decisions that will shape their futures.

Why should parliamentarians work intergenerationally?

Applying an intergenerational perspective to legislative work can help to ensure that the policy-making process is more secure, as it can lead to a better outcome due to the added knowledge and specialized expertise of all generations. This can help to ensure that the policy-making process, whether through impact assessments, budget reviews, or oversight, is more effective and efficient.

✓ prevent policy short-sightedness by reducing the risk of long-term harm;

✓ promote policy coherence across sectors and generations;

✓ strengthen democratic legitimacy and public trust by drawing on scientific data and traditional knowledge;

✓ enhance governance resilience, ensuring that systems are adaptive and sustainable;

Consequently, use of an intergenerational perspective equips parliamentarians to fulfil their role as legislative agents of both present and future generations, and to support the development of programs that meet the needs of all generations. This is particularly relevant in an increasingly complex world where issues such as climate change, aging populations, and inequality require inclusive, lifelong learning and participation from all generations to balance the diverse needs of existing and future generations, including our adults, and other populations – while safeguarding the prospects of those yet to come.

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**The Impacts of Transnational Organized Crime
on Citizen Security in the Americas and
the Caribbean: A Primer for Parliamentarians**



Transnational organized crime is a growing concern in the Americas and the Caribbean, with significant impacts on the region's security, stability, and development. This primer aims to provide an overview of this issue, highlighting its complexity and the challenges it poses for the hemisphere's security and development. Through this primer, ParlAmericas hopes to raise awareness of the issue and encourage parliamentarians to take action to combat it. By doing so, we can help to ensure that the hemisphere remains a safe and secure place for all.

Effectively addressing organized crime in the hemisphere requires a significant shift, as it requires both regional and national cooperation. This primer is intended to help parliamentarians understand the issue and its impact on their constituents, and to provide them with the tools and resources they need to take action. By doing so, we can help to ensure that the hemisphere remains a safe and secure place for all.

This document is intended to support parliamentarians from the Americas and the Caribbean in understanding the issue of transnational organized crime and its impact on their constituents. It provides an overview of the issue and its impact on the hemisphere, and offers practical recommendations for action. This primer is part of a series of materials prepared for parliamentarians in advance of the Summit of the Americas being held in December 2025, which is titled "Building a Secure and Sustainable Hemisphere with Shared Responsibility and Cooperation." For more information, please visit <https://www.parlamericas.org/summit-of-the-americas-primer>. Last updated June 2024.

Understanding Transnational Organized Crime

• Criminal organizations are temporary groups of three or more persons acting in concert for a period of time, with the aim of committing at least one serious crime to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit.

• Transnational organized crime (TOC) is organized crime that spans national borders.

• TOC can be involved in a variety of criminal activities, including the trafficking of persons, drugs, arms, wildlife, art, and other goods; smuggling; illegal extraction of natural resources; cybercrimes; counterfeiting; human trafficking; money laundering; and



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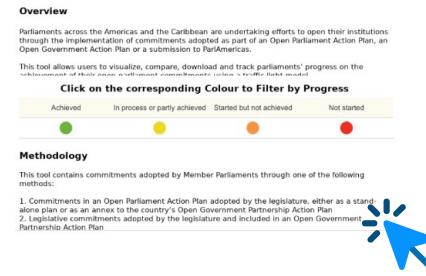


CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Visit the [ParlAmericas Children's Reading Corner](#)
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community service, and inclusive leadership.

PARLAMERICAS DASHBOARDS

ParlAmericas continues to expand and enhance its suite of dashboards designed to showcase and track progress on key legislative initiatives. These tools allow parliamentarians and other stakeholders to explore and compare country-level data on priority themes.



Parliamentary Practices for Gender Equality Dashboard

Explore the gender-responsive practices that have been adopted by national parliaments across the Americas and the Caribbean with this interactive dashboard. Users can navigate data through a dynamic map and charts and access detailed information on the good practices and policies currently in place.

Open Parliament Commitment Tool

Track and compare progress on the open parliament commitments made by legislatures in the Americas and the Caribbean. This dashboard features downloadable data and intuitive visual indicators related to the status of commitments under the pillars of the ParlAmericas Road Map Towards Legislative Openness 2.0.

Mapping Environmental Strategies and Sustainability Initiatives

Consult details on the environmental and climate strategies and plans adopted by the Governments of the Americas and the Caribbean. This one-stop resource systematizes information related to biodiversity, desertification, the circular economy, women's representation in climate negotiation spaces, and more.

PARLIAMENTARY GATHERINGS: ADVANCING PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY AND COLLECTIVE ACTION

ParlAmericas' parliamentary gatherings are central to its parliamentary diplomacy efforts, providing structured spaces for legislators across the Americas and the Caribbean to engage in dialogue, develop shared positions, and advance coordinated legislative responses to regional challenges. Convened in partnership with host parliaments, these meetings strengthen inter-parliamentary ties, inform national-level initiatives, and foster sustained collaboration among parliamentarians—and, where relevant, parliamentary staff. A defining feature of these convenings is the adoption of declarations that articulate collective commitments and serve as political reference points for legislative action across the hemisphere.

In May 2025, the 21st ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly and 9th Gathering of the Open Parliament Network took place under the theme "Legislating for the Future: Harnessing Anticipatory Governance in Parliamentary Action." Hosted by the Parliament of Uruguay, the gathering provided a focused space for parliamentarians to explore how anticipatory governance can be translated



into concrete legislative and oversight practice. Through plenary discussions and thematic sessions, participants examined how anticipatory governance and open parliament operate as complementary frameworks for strengthening long-term legislative planning and public trust, probing not only the implications of artificial intelligence and digital transformation for democratic institutions, but also the wider set of forces shaping parliamentary agendas: aging populations, climate and environmental risks, shifting geopolitical and economic orders, and the erosion of citizen trust amid polarization.





Particular emphasis was placed on institutionalizing long-term thinking and intergenerational considerations—including through meaningful youth engagement—to ensure legislative decisions respond not only to immediate pressures but also to the needs and rights of future generations. The declaration adopted in Montevideo reflected these priorities, committing parliaments to strengthen transparency and participation, integrate evidence and foresight into lawmaking and oversight, and promote innovation as a tool for democratic renewal, while underscoring that anticipatory governance can help legislatures better manage uncertainty and respond more effectively to complex and evolving societal challenges.

In September 2025, the 17th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality convened in Brasília, Brazil to mark the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action to reaffirm the centrality of gender equality to democratic governance. Hosted by the Brazilian Senate, the gathering provided an opportunity to evaluate national progress and confront persistent structural barriers to equality. Sessions explored legislative strategies to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, promote women's economic autonomy, reinforce care systems, and address gender inequalities exacerbated by climate change and digital transformation. Discussions underscored the responsibility of parliaments to ensure that equality commitments are reflected in laws, budgets, and oversight practices. The resulting declaration adopted in Brasilia reaffirmed



the importance of sustained legislative leadership to safeguard hard-won gains, address structural discrimination, and advance inclusive public policies that reflect the lived realities of women and girls across the hemisphere, highlighting gender-responsive legislation and oversight as essential tools for accountability.



The final hemispheric gathering of 2025 was the inaugural meeting of the Parliamentary Network on Security, hosted by the National Assembly of Panama. Framed within a human-security approach, the gathering examined how insecurity in the hemisphere is shaped by interconnected phenomena that transcend borders and sectors. Through focused sessions, participants analyzed the evolving dynamics of transnational organized crime, the compounding effects of environmental degradation and social vulnerability, and the ways these pressures undermine democratic governance, strain social cohesion, and heighten risks of food insecurity and forced displacement. These discussions allowed parliamentarians to identify priority areas where legislative action and oversight can strengthen regional responses. Emphasis was placed on coordinated legal frameworks, enhanced parliamentary oversight of security policies, and inter-parliamentary cooperation grounded in human rights and the rule of law.



The outcome document adopted in Panama established the network's roadmap for 2026 and articulated a shared commitment to advancing evidence-informed, rights-based approaches to security governance, positioning the Parliamentary Network on Security as a platform for continued collaboration.

Taken together, these parliamentary gatherings illustrate how structured dialogue, shared learning, and collective resolve can transform common priorities into coordinated legislative action. By advancing anticipatory governance,

reaffirming gender equality as a democratic imperative, and establishing a dedicated inter-American space to address evolving security challenges, these meetings strengthened regional cooperation and reinforced the essential role of parliaments in responding to complex and interconnected realities.



Declarations and outcome documents in Parliamentary Diplomacy

Within ParlAmericas' parliamentary diplomacy efforts, declarations and outcome documents adopted at parliamentary gatherings serve as key instruments for translating dialogue into collective political direction. While not legally binding, these texts articulate the shared will and priorities of parliamentarians across the hemisphere, clarifying common positions on complex democratic, social, and institutional challenges. By setting out agreed principles and policy orientations, declarations promote solidarity among legislatures and provide a basis for coordinated parliamentary action through legislation, oversight, and public engagement.

ParlAmericas' declarations also carry important political weight. They offer structured points of reference that support parliamentary analysis, facilitate shared understanding, and inform the consideration of legislative and oversight agendas. Over time commitments expressed in these documents can help shape expectations, practices, and standards—contributing indirectly to the evolution of broader governance norms. In this sense, outcome documents not only capture consensus at a given moment, but also reinforce continuity, accountability, and the ongoing strengthening of democracy across the Americas and the Caribbean.



The declarations adopted in 2025 demonstrate how parliamentarians have continued to identify shared priorities and articulate coordinated responses to key regional challenges. All declarations and outcome documents adopted at ParlAmericas' gatherings can be accessed in the [Inter-American System section of our website](#).



STRENGTHENING PARLIAMENTARY ENGAGEMENT IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

ParlAmericas' relationship with the Organization of American States (OAS) is foundational to its institutional identity and regional mandate. Established nearly 25 years ago in response to an OAS resolution which grew out of the Second Summit of the Americas, ParlAmericas was created to ensure that the perspectives of the hemisphere's national legislatures are meaningfully integrated into inter-American policymaking. This enduring partnership has since evolved into a strategic pillar of parliamentary diplomacy in the Americas and the Caribbean, enabling structured engagement between parliaments and the broader architecture of the Inter-American System and positioning legislative institutions as indispensable actors in the region's democratic and development agendas.



In 2025, this collaboration continued to deepen. The Annual ParlAmericas Delegation to Washington, D.C. brought together parliamentarians from across the hemisphere to engage directly with the OAS and other inter-American stakeholders. Against a backdrop of interconnected governance, security,



and democratic challenges, the delegation participated in a high-level political dialogue with OAS Permanent Representatives, engaged in an exchange with members of the United States Congress, and held sessions with officials from the OAS Secretariat and various inter-American and UN agencies who participate in the Joint Summit Working Group, as well as thematic experts from think tanks and civil society. These exchanges explored how parliaments can contribute to hemispheric cooperation and oversight in the lead-up to major policy processes, including the Tenth Summit of



the Americas. They also helped crystallize the need for dedicated parliamentary collaboration on security—momentum that led to the creation of ParlAmericas’ fourth network, the Parliamentary Network on Security, in August 2025.



Throughout the year, ParlAmericas advanced a broad and multi-faceted collaboration with the OAS and its specialized bodies, strengthening long-standing engagement with entities such as the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), the Summit of the Americas Secretariat, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), and the Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy. Within this wider landscape of cooperation, a notable development was the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding with the OAS Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), which renews and modernizes existing commitments to democratic governance, gender equality, climate action, digital transformation, and open government. The updated agreement complements ParlAmericas’ ongoing work with other OAS entities, reinforcing shared priorities and supporting coordinated programming, technical exchange, and the continued integration of parliamentary perspectives into hemispheric initiatives.

2025 also marked the beginning of ParlAmericas’ participation in the OAS Working Groups on Artificial Intelligence, convened under the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT). This new engagement underscores the widening scope of the partnership and the growing importance of parliamentary contributions to regional governance frameworks for emerging technologies. Within this space, ParlAmericas supports the integration of legislative perspectives into discussions on AI safety, ethics, regulatory coherence, and institutional readiness—ensuring that parliamentary experiences and democratic considerations inform the region’s collective approach to technological transformation.



These initiatives illustrate how ParlAmericas’ nearly quarter-century relationship with the OAS continues to evolve in step with regional priorities. What began as an effort to embed parliaments within the inter-American architecture has matured into a strategic, multidimensional partnership that supports coordinated action across the hemisphere. As ParlAmericas approaches its 25th anniversary in 2026, this sustained collaboration remains central to its mission: strengthening democratic governance by ensuring that parliaments are active, informed, and essential participants in hemispheric dialogue and policymaking.

COP30 SERIES OF MEETINGS: PARLIAMENTARY ENGAGEMENT ON CLIMATE ACTION

In the context of the COP30, ParlAmericas convened a series of events focused on strengthening legislative engagement in global and hemispheric climate action. Grounded in the understanding that climate change poses interconnected environmental, social, economic, and governance challenges, the series created a space for parliamentarians from across the Americas and the Caribbean to exchange perspectives, deepen technical knowledge, and explore legislative pathways for advancing inclusive and effective climate policies.

In January, ParlAmericas and the Governance Institute of the Andean Parliament joined efforts to facilitate an interparliamentary dialogue through the virtual event *"Reducing Methane Emissions: A Legislative Agenda."* This session underscored methane reduction as both an environmental priority and an opportunity to support innovation, cost efficiency, and sustainable jobs, while also taking stock of progress toward the Global Methane Pledge. Speakers highlighted the importance of integrating methane reduction into national legislative agendas and strengthening regulatory frameworks in preparation for COP30.



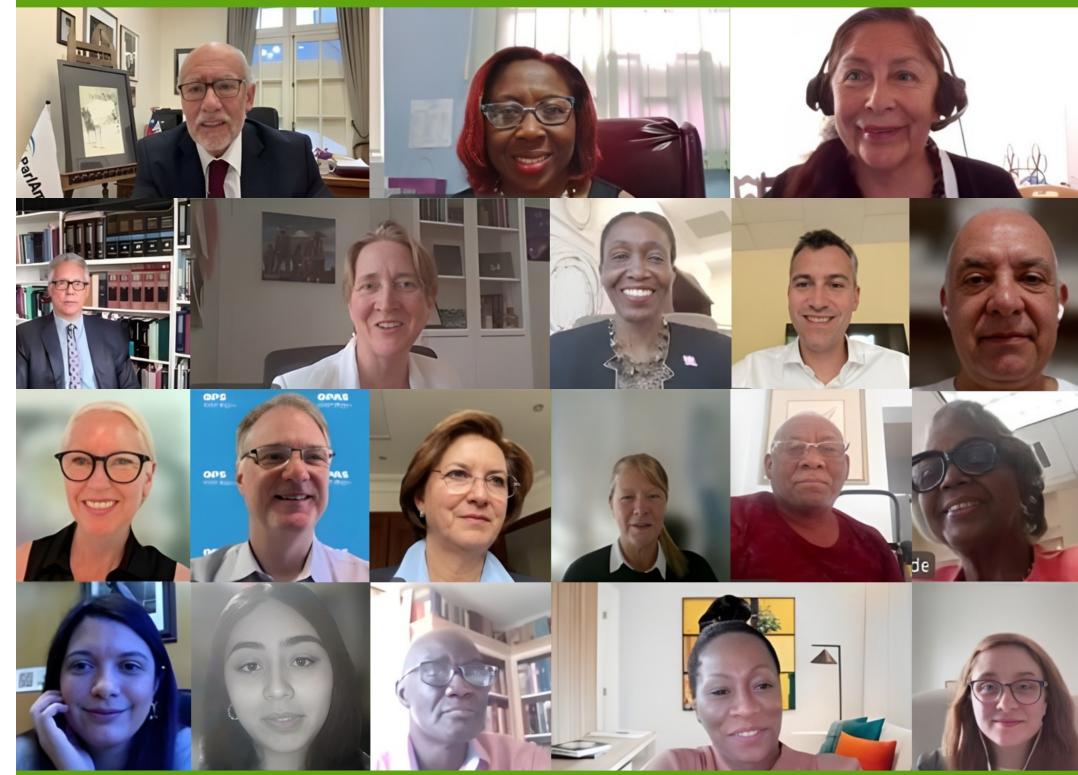
The meeting of the Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability provided a strategic space for parliamentarians and stakeholders to exchange on the enabling conditions for effective climate action. Discussions emphasized the role of financing in meeting environmental commitments, the need to align infrastructure investment with community needs, and the importance of embedding a gender perspective in environmental policymaking. Participants also examined how parliaments can advance national progress through legislation, oversight, and political scrutiny, with attention to themes such as the bioeconomy, sustainable water use, and broad-based engagement with civil society, youth, and women's organizations.

The event *"AI and the Environment: Impacts and Innovation"* brought together parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and international experts to examine how artificial intelligence is shaping environmental and social policymaking, and what this means for governance in the region. While recognizing AI's potential to support real-time disaster response, sustainable development goals, and biodiversity assessments, the dialogue also highlighted the environmental footprint of AI infrastructure, including rising demands on minerals, water, and energy. Participants explored regulatory approaches that balance innovation with inclusion, recognizing that Latin America must craft legislation that avoids hindering innovation and excluding smaller players.

On World Environment Day (June 5), ParlAmericas convened a virtual dialogue titled *"Nature at the Heart of Climate Action"*, that brought together parliamentarians, experts, and civil society representatives to explore how Nature-Based Solutions can support the effective implementation of the Rio Conventions through inclusive, ecosystem-based approaches. The session emphasized legislative alignment with global environmental commitments, the importance of community-led and gender-sensitive initiatives, and the need for

regulatory frameworks that safeguard equity and avoid disproportionate burdens on vulnerable communities. Discussions also highlighted the value of Indigenous and traditional knowledge systems in environmental stewardship, alongside the urgency of improving access to climate finance.

Throughout the event *"Navigating COP Negotiations: A Guide for Parliamentarians on Participation and the Oversight of Multilateral Environmental Agreement (MEA) Commitments"*, ParlAmericas enabled parliamentarians and experts to exchange experiences and good practices for participating in COP and other MEA processes and fostering action on adopted commitments. The dialogue underscored that parliamentary



influence extends beyond the negotiation space through oversight, inclusive policymaking, regional alliances, and public participation. Speakers highlighted the importance of early preparation and sustained follow-up, through tools such as committee studies and written questions, while also reinforcing the need to integrate youth participation and health considerations into climate deliberations and implementation.

In December, ParlAmericas hosted the virtual meeting *"Communicating with Constituents about Climate: Dispelling Myths and Taking Action"*, as part of the organization's post-COP30 series. This event focused on climate communication as a core parliamentary function that is essential for building trust and converting international commitments into national policies that people understand and support. Participants reflected on the accessibility of climate action, through the explanation of climate goals in plain language, connecting them to everyday concerns such as prices, water quality, and livelihoods, and addressing misinformation through solutions-oriented narratives. The dialogue also

emphasized making climate science relatable through concrete examples, recognizing uneven impacts across communities, and working with credible messengers (such as organized civil society and environmental education) to sustain public confidence and engagement.

Taken together, the events hosted by ParlAmericas in the context of the COP30 reinforced the essential role of parliaments as bridges between global climate processes and national implementation. By fostering regional exchange and collective reflection, the series strengthened parliamentary capacity to engage in international environmental negotiations, advance coherent legislative responses, and promote climate action that is ambitious, inclusive, and grounded in democratic legitimacy.



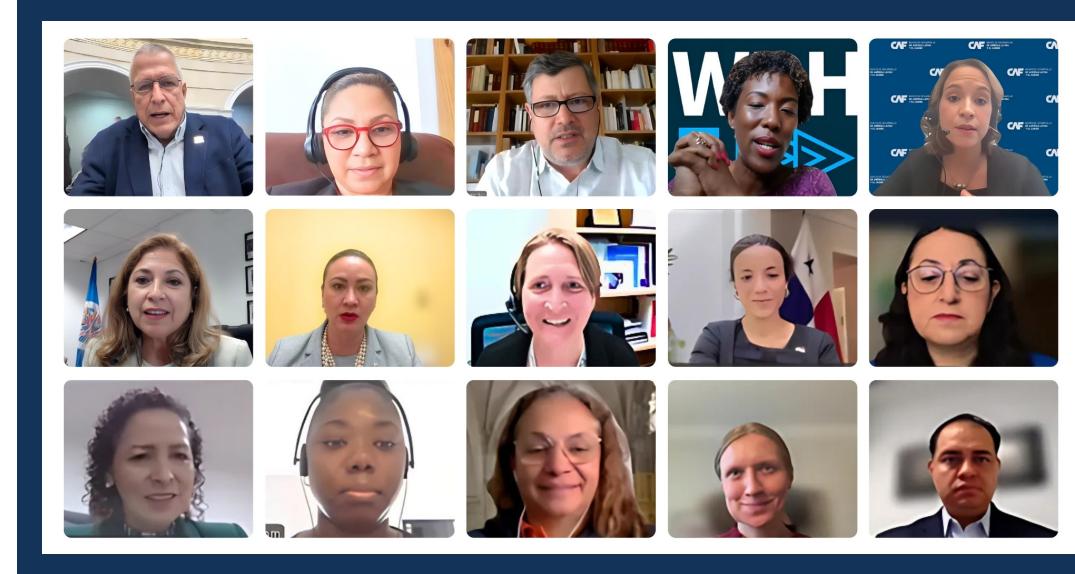
SERIES OF MEETINGS IN THE LEAD UP TO THE TENTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

In preparation for the Tenth Summit of the Americas, ParlAmericas convened a virtual Pre-Summit Series designed to foster informed parliamentary dialogue on priority hemispheric challenges. Grounded in the Summit's vision of "Building a Secure and Sustainable Hemisphere with Shared Prosperity," the series created a structured space for parliamentarians to examine the evolving regional context and explore legislative avenues for coordinated action.

"The Evolving Landscape of Transnational Organized Crime" underscored troubling developments such as the rise of environmental crimes as financial engines for illicit activity, the convergence between criminal networks and irregular migration flows, and the use of firearms as currency. Themes highlighted included the need for stronger intelligence-sharing, dismantling financial structures, reinforcing controls on chemical precursors, and advancing legislative reforms that prioritize the protection of women, youth, and other disproportionately affected groups.

"Security in the Age of Emerging Technologies" addressed the resilience of critical infrastructure as a core dimension of human security, emphasizing anticipatory and evidence-based approaches to governance. Discussions stressed the importance of updated risk data, coordinated action among public and private actors, and alignment with international frameworks. Particular attention was given to growing exposure of essential systems to cyberattacks and to water security as a cornerstone of regional cooperation.

"Migration Governance and Human Security" presented migration as a structural and multidirectional phenomenon tied to inequalities and demographic shifts, but also development opportunities. Debates underscored that inclusive, coordinated, and rights-based governance is essential for ensuring safe, orderly, and regular migration and for recognizing the contributions of migrants to development and social cohesion. Those solutions include pathways for regularization and harmonization of national frameworks with global and inter-American instruments.



Security in the hemisphere is a complex and interconnected issue, spanning criminal networks, environmental degradation, technological vulnerabilities, and human mobility. Parliaments are important stakeholders to promote integrated, rights-based, and forward-looking approaches that match the complexity of today's security challenges. The insights generated throughout the series also fed directly into the first gathering of the Parliamentary Network on Security, helping shape its priorities and its commitment to strengthening regional cooperation through informed legislative action.

Following the host country's decision to postpone the Tenth Summit of the Americas, ParlAmericas will resume its Summit-related activities once a new date is established, ensuring continued support for meaningful parliamentary engagement in the process.

NATIONAL-LEVEL MEETINGS: SUPPORTING PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

In addition to its hemispheric and regional initiatives, ParlAmericas advances democratic governance through national-level engagements developed in close partnership with member parliaments. These activities respond to country-specific reform processes and institutional priorities, offering tailored spaces for dialogue while fostering peer exchange with parliamentarians and practitioners from across the Americas and the Caribbean. By grounding regional principles, such as openness, accountability, and inclusive governance, in national contexts, this work helps translate comparative experience into practical legislative action.



In 2025, ParlAmericas supported two national-level meetings that illustrate the value of this approach. In Peru, an international parliamentary delegation convened dialogues with members of the Congress of the Republic as the country advanced its transition toward a bicameral legislative system. The discussions drew on comparative experiences from the region to examine institutional design, legislative efficiency, and accountability mechanisms.



associated with bicameralism. The exchange provided Peruvian legislators with practical insights into managing institutional change, while reinforcing the importance of transparency and citizen trust during periods of constitutional and procedural reform.



In Panama, ParlAmericas partnered with the National Assembly to host a dialogue on strengthening legislative openness, bringing together parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and civil society actors. The discussions focused on lessons learned in advancing open parliament commitments, including transparency tools, participatory mechanisms, and internal reforms to enhance institutional integrity. The meeting also emphasized the role of parliamentary staff and cross-sector collaboration in sustaining openness initiatives over time and adapting them to national realities.



Together, these experiences reflect how national-level engagements can serve as laboratories for democratic innovation, linking regional standards with local reform processes and strengthening parliaments' capacity to respond to citizens' expectations. Looking ahead to 2026, ParlAmericas aims to continue supporting member parliaments through similar initiatives, reinforcing peer learning and ensuring that legislative reforms are informed, inclusive, and responsive to evolving democratic challenges.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: STRENGTHENING PARLIAMENTARY CAPACITY THROUGH TARGETED SUPPORT

Beyond convening dialogue, ParlAmericas supports member parliaments through technical assistance initiatives designed to strengthen legislative capacity in areas where rapid change, complexity, or innovation demand tailored support. These initiatives focus on equipping parliamentarians, and, where relevant, parliamentary staff, with practical knowledge, analytical tools, and comparative perspectives that can inform legislative work, oversight, and institutional modernization.



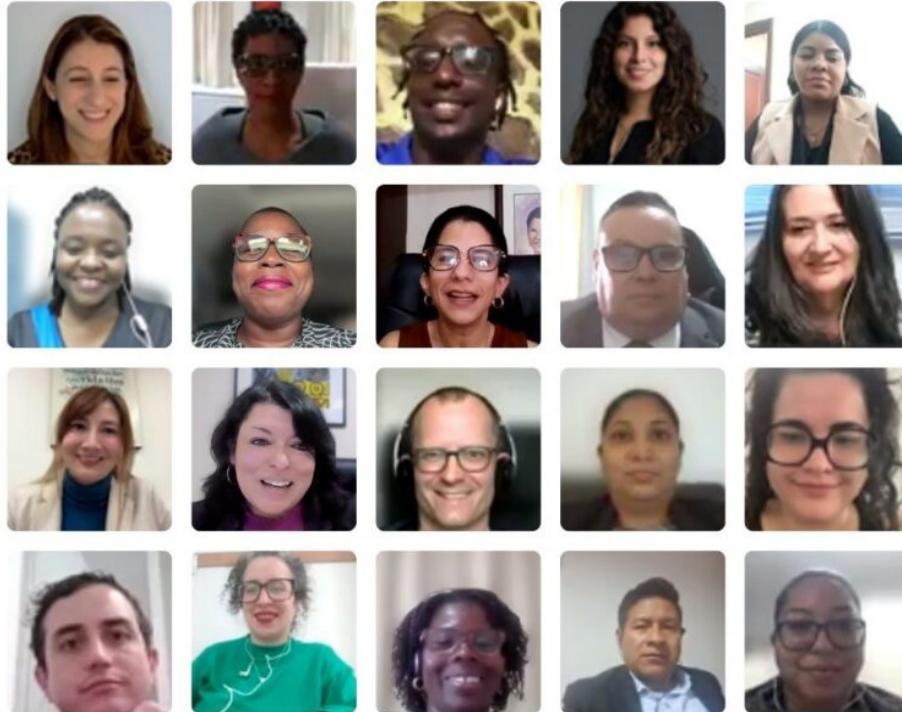
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In 2025, ParlAmericas supported member parliaments through multiple technical assistance initiatives, with the following two highlighted as prominent examples of this work. The first was the launch of a virtual training course on the Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence and Parliamentary Processes, developed in partnership with the University of the Andes (Colombia) and the United Nations Development Programme. The course was designed to deepen understanding of artificial intelligence from a parliamentary perspective, addressing both its potential to support modernization, efficiency, and transparency, and the risks associated with its use, including bias, inequality, and misinformation. Through expert-led sessions and case-based discussions, participants explored how AI tools are already being integrated into legislative environments and how parliaments can approach regulation and adoption in a responsible and ethical manner.

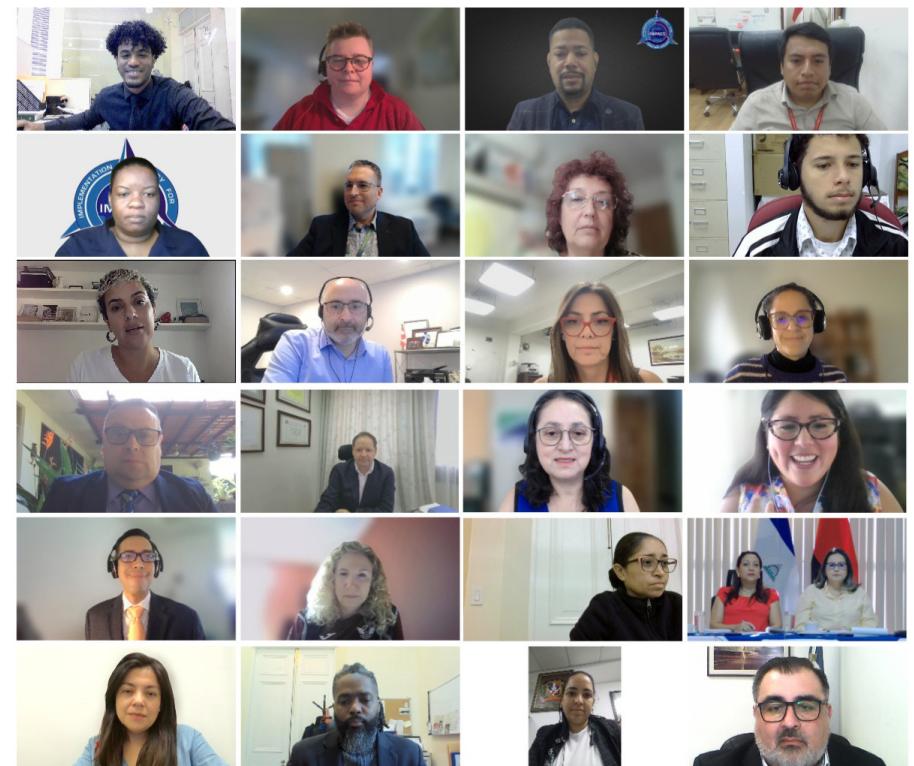
The second initiative was a pilot-program delivered with the International Science Council (ISC), which connected parliamentarians with leading scientific experts to support evidence-informed legislative processes. This initiative responded to a recurring challenge faced by legislatures: translating complex scientific knowledge into actionable policy and lawmaking. By creating structured exchanges between lawmakers and scientists, the program strengthened parliamentary capacity to assess technical evidence, evaluate policy trade-offs, and exercise informed oversight, particularly in areas such as environmental governance, food security, and critical minerals. Importantly, the program emphasized science as a resource for legislative decision-making, while respecting the political and institutional role of parliaments.

In combination, these initiatives illustrate how targeted technical assistance can enhance parliamentary effectiveness by bridging knowledge gaps and supporting informed decision-making. Looking ahead to 2026, ParlAmericas aims to build on these experiences, expanding opportunities for capacity-building that respond to evolving legislative needs and reinforce the role of parliaments as informed, responsive, and forward-looking institutions.

PARLIAMENTARY STAFF NETWORKS MEETINGS



By engaging parliamentary staff alongside parliamentarians, ParlAmericas reinforces a holistic vision of parliamentary work, one that acknowledges staff as key actors in institutional memory, informed policy-making, and policy implementation. In a context of increasing legislative complexity, digital transformation, and public scrutiny, staff networks support parliaments in becoming more gender-responsive, open, youth-inclusive, and resilient. The 2025 meetings brought together staff working across thematic areas, from gender equality and youth engagement to open parliament, digital readiness, climate communication, and strategic outreach.



Throughout 2025, ParlAmericas continued to invest in parliamentary staff networks as a strategic pillar in its mission of promoting cooperation between transparent and inclusive parliaments in the hemisphere. Recognizing that the accomplishment of this mission depends not only on political leadership but also on strong institutional capacity, ParlAmericas convenes parliamentary staff to foster peer learning, professional development, and sustained collaboration across the Americas and the Caribbean. These networks provide spaces where parliamentary officials can exchange practical solutions, reflect on emerging challenges, and translate democratic principles into day-to-day institutional practices.



The meeting *“Charting the Course to More Gender-Sensitive Parliaments in 2025”* convened members of the Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality to reflect on priorities for advancing gender-responsive institutional practices. Participants examined how parliamentary administrations can support gender analysis, inclusive legislative processes, and internal reforms, while strengthening collaboration between staff and parliamentarians. The exchange underscored staff’s role in embedding gender equality across parliamentary work, from committee support to budget analysis and institutional planning.

Digital transformation was the focus of

the meeting *“Digital Readiness in Parliaments”*, which brought together members of the Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament to explore how digital tools are reshaping legislative work. Discussions addressed opportunities and risks associated with digitalization, including data management, transparency, cybersecurity, and accessibility. Participants shared lessons learned and practical approaches for enhancing digital readiness while ensuring that innovation strengthens openness, accountability, and public trust.

Youth inclusion featured prominently in the session Youth-Focused Initiatives Are Turning Parliaments into More Inclusive Institutions, which highlighted the role of parliamentary staff in designing and implementing youth-centered engagement strategies. Participants exchanged experiences on institutional mechanisms

that promote youth participation, intergenerational dialogue, and meaningful inclusion in legislative processes. The dialogue reinforced the importance of staff-led initiatives in translating commitments to youth engagement into sustained institutional practice.

Strategic communication was explored in The Power of Strategic Communication to Continue Advancing Legislative Openness, where parliamentary staff examined how communication strategies can support transparency, citizen engagement, and institutional credibility. Discussions focused on narrative framing, coordination between parliamentary offices, and the use of digital platforms to make legislative work more accessible and understandable to the public, particularly in polarized information environments.

The series also addressed the intersection of climate policy and public discourse through *When Climate Policy Meets Public Conversation*, which brought together parliamentary staff and experts to reflect on the role of communication in advancing climate action. Participants explored how legislative administrations can support parliamentarians in communicating complex climate issues, countering misinformation, and connecting climate policy to citizens’ everyday concerns, reinforcing staff’s role in bridging policy, science, and public understanding.

Collectively, these meetings underscore ParlAmericas’ commitment to strengthening parliaments from within by investing in the people and systems that sustain their daily work. By convening parliamentary staff across thematic networks, ParlAmericas helps translate the democratic principles of openness, gender equality, youth inclusion, and climate responsibility into operational realities. These exchanges reinforce staff as key partners in institutional change, ensuring that reforms are not only adopted but implemented, sustained, and adapted over time in response to evolving democratic challenges.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION ACROSS THE HEMISPHERE

In 2025, ParlAmericas expanded its commitment to elevating youth voices and strengthening the capacities of young leaders, especially young women, to engage meaningfully in political and legislative processes. Through the initiatives *Youth Legislative Impact (Impacto Legislativo Joven-ILJ)* and *Young Women in Leadership (YWIL)*, ParlAmericas in collaboration with national parliaments offered spaces for dialogue, learning, reflection, and action aimed at bridging youth leadership with parliamentary practice across the hemisphere.



Through ILJ, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Senate of Brazil and the Congress of Colombia, convened emerging young women leaders in both Brazil and Colombia respectively to explore the intersections between grassroots experience and public decision-making. In September, ILJ-Brazil brought together 20 young women from diverse regions for a hybrid series of virtual and in-person sessions. Participants engaged with parliamentary representatives, activists, and experts to discuss topics that included climate action, racial equity, education, and violence against women, underscoring the importance of engaging these young leaders with the parliamentary agenda. Their collective work culminated in

a document designed as a tool to incorporate intersectional and intergenerational perspectives into legislative work.



In November, ILJ-Colombia brought together over 30 young women for a blend of virtual and in-person sessions hosted with the Congress of Colombia. The group engaged with national and international parliamentarians, civil society representatives and parliamentary staff. This gave them the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences, allowing the participants to learn from diverse leadership trajectories and to reflect on the challenges they face as young women leaders, and their own motivations and strategies to overcome them. As part of their participation, the group generated ideas for a new Open Congress Action Plan focused on transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and public ethics, and created videos addressing challenges and proposals for change in areas such as environment, health, education, and work.

Building on the success of past Young Women in Leadership (YWIL) initiatives undertaken throughout the Caribbean, in partnership with Caribbean Women in Leadership (CIWiL) and the UN Women Multi-Country Office- Caribbean, this year

saw the launch of the YWiL Regional Network. Throughout 2026, YWiL alumni, along with the alumni from other national-level parliament initiatives such as the Yes! Young Women in Leadership (YWiL) programme delivered a four-part virtual series across the Caribbean that strengthened gender-responsive leadership skills while advancing youth-led advocacy on core regional priorities. Across the sessions, participants engaged with parliamentarians, civil society actors, and institutional partners to translate gender equality commitments into practical strategies for influence, deepen their understanding of how to navigate legislative processes, and build collective momentum for policy change. The series also provided space to tackle pressing thematic issues, such as gender-based violence, youth-led legislative advocacy, and climate resilience and disaster response, highlighting the diverse ways young women are shaping more equitable, safer, and more sustainable futures in their communities.



Taken together, ParlAmericas' youth programming in 2025 reinforced a central conviction: empowering young women and youth leaders to engage with parliamentary processes not only enriches democratic representation but also strengthens the quality and responsiveness of public policy across the Hemisphere. These initiatives continue to build networks, skills, and legislative insights that position young people as essential partners in governance and social transformation.



2025 ACTIVITIES

January

- 13 - 15** Participation in the III Summit of Committees of the Future organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in Santiago, Chile
- 28** Virtual meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality "Charting the Course to More Gender-Sensitive Parliaments in 2025"
- 29 - 30** Participation in the International Economic Forum of Latin America and the Caribbean 2025 organized by the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), in Panama City, Panama
- 31** National-level meeting "Progress and Opportunities for Legislative Openness" organized with the support of the Panama Chapter of Transparency International and Espacio Cívico, in Panama City, Panama
- 31** Virtual meeting "Reducing Methane Emissions: A Legislative Agenda" organized by the ParlAmericas Green Economy Caucus (COP Series)

February

- 11 - 12** Participation in the 2025 Conference of English Caribbean Parliamentary Clerks organized by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - UK

March	7	Virtual meeting of the Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability "Parliamentary Exchange: Strategies for Bold Climate Initiatives"
	13	Participation at the Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians organized by IPU, in Mexico City, Mexico
	14	Virtual meeting of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Staff Network "Digital Readiness in Parliaments"
	25	Webinar "Future ready parliaments" organized in partnership with IPU and UNDP
	25 - 27	ParlAmericas Parliamentary Delegation to Washington, D.C., United States in preparation for the Tenth Summit of the Americas
April	1	National-level meeting "Returning to the Bicameral System in Peru, Bilateral Sessions and Meetings" organized in partnership with the Congress of the Republic of Peru, in Lima, Peru
	25	Virtual meeting "AI and the Environment: Impacts and Innovation" (COP30 series)
May	19 - 21	Participation in the Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security organized by the Senate of Spain, the University of Salamanca, and FAO, in Madrid, Spain
	21 - 23	Participation in Climate Week organized by United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in Panama City, Panama
	27 - 29	21 st ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly & 9th Gathering of Open Parliament Network "Legislating for the Future: Harnessing Anticipatory Governance in Parliamentary Action" organized in partnership with the Parliament of Uruguay, in Montevideo, Uruguay

June

- 5 Virtual meeting "The Power of Nature to Advance Economic Growth and Sustainable Development: Implementing the Rio Conventions" (COP series)
- 11 Virtual session of the Young Women in Leadership Network on Gender-Based Violence co-organized by ParlAmericas, UN Women Multi-Country - Caribbean, and Caribbean Women in Leadership (CIWiL)
- 17 Virtual meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality "Promoting Inclusion and Equality through Youth Programming"
- 18 - 19 Participation in the Women's Leadership Conference "Bold Leadership, Lasting Impact" organized by CIWiL in Bridgetown, Barbados
- 20 Virtual meeting "The Evolving Landscape of Transnational Organized Crime" (Tenth Summit of the Americas series)
- 23 - 27 Participation in the Internet Governance Forum - Parliamentary Track organized by the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, IPU and the Norwegian Parliament, in Lillestrøm, Norway
- 24 - 25 Participation in the First Global Meeting of the International Network for Legislation on Drugs (INLOD) organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna, Austria
- 25 - 26 Participation in the OAS General Assembly in St John's, Antigua and Barbuda

July

- 2 Virtual Advocacy Capacity Building Training for the National Youth Delegates and CARICOM Youth Ambassadors Corps
- 7 - 8 Participation in the Regional Dialogue "Gender Equality and Governance for Development as a horizon for well-being and prosperity" organized by CAF and UNDP, in Panama City, Panama
- 24 Virtual meeting "Navigating COP Negotiations: A Guide for Parliamentarians on Participation and the Oversight of Multilateral Environmental Agreement Commitments" (COP30 series)

August

- 22** Virtual meeting "Security in the Age of Emerging Technologies" (Tenth Summit of the Americas series)
- 29** Virtual meeting of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Staff Network "Strengthening Legislative Openness: Communication Strategies to Keep Moving Forward"
- 29** Virtual session of the Young Women in Leadership Network on "Youth-Led Advocacy: Shaping Policy and Legislation" co-organized by ParlAmericas, UN Women Multi-Country office – Caribbean, and CIWiL

September

- 24** Youth Legislative Impact - Brazil organized in partnership with the Federal Senate of Brazil, in Brasilia, Brazil
- 25 - 26** 17th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality "Beijing+30: Promoting Equality in a Changing World", organized in partnership with the Federal Senate of Brazil, in Brasilia, Brazil

October

- 1 - 2** Participation in the Ibero-American Forum of Digital Parliamentarians meeting on digital parliamentarians organized by CAF, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 6 - 8** Participation in the OGP Global Summit organized by the Government of Spain, in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain
- 7** Participation in the Seminar "Opportunities and Challenges in the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence" organized by the Senate of Argentina, in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 14** Virtual session of the Young Women in Leadership Network on the intersection of gender equality, climate change, and disaster risk reduction co-organized by ParlAmericas, UN Women Multi-Country Office – Caribbean, and CIWiL

October	15 - 16	Youth Legislative Impact - Colombia organized in partnership with the Congress of the Republic of Colombia, in Bogota, Colombia
	16	Virtual meeting "Migration Governance and Human Security" (X Summit series)
	22 - 24	Participation in the First Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Forum on Food Security organized by FAO, in Mexico City, Mexico
November	10	Participation in the 30 th Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Belém do Pará, Brazil
	14	Participation in the High-Level Panel on New Challenges for Democracy and Equality in the Americas organized by the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), in Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala
	27 - 28	First Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Security "Human Security and Regional Stability: Parliamentary Responses to Challenges in the Americas and the Caribbean" organized in partnership with the National Assembly of Panama, in Panama City, Panama
December	12	Virtual meeting "Communicating with Constituents about Climate: Dispelling Myths and Taking Action" (COP series)
	16	Virtual meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality on inclusive language

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