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Parliamentarians and experts to meet to develop new parliamentary protocol on disaster risk reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean

On Thursday, February 22, and Friday, February 23, parliamentarians from the Americas and the Caribbean will meet in Panama City to discuss disaster risk reduction in the hemisphere.

This activity, which will consist of two days of working sessions and a field visit, is being undertaken as the result of a partnership between ParlAmericas and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and in response to a call by signatory countries to the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030](#).

Participants will provide information on relevant legislation that currently exists or is being drafted in their respective countries in order to support dialogue between parliamentarians, experts, and civil society representatives on the fundamental role of parliaments in the implementation of disaster risk reduction action plans. The meeting, in addition to serving as a space for the presentation of technical knowledge that can contribute to reducing disaster risk in the countries of the hemisphere, will initiate the development of a new parliamentary protocol on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

Member of the National Assembly Javier Ortega (Panama), president of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change, stated that “this dialogue is a space for exchanging ideas and knowledge in order to identify key elements that must be considered when promoting legislative reforms and making informed decisions on risk and climate change adaptation. The agenda for the next two days has been designed to facilitate the effective implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in our legislatures.”

For further information and updates on the meeting, consult the [agenda](#) and follow @ParlAmericas on social media using the hashtags #ParlAmericasCC and #Switch2Sendai.

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