

Agenda

5th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network: Countering Disinformation to Promote Responsible Public Discourse

PLENARY SESSION

March 26, 2021 | 10:30 (UTC – 04:00)

8:30 (GMT-6)	9:30 (GMT-5)	10:30 (GMT-4)	11:30 (GMT-3)
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The plenary session will provide a space for parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean to share legislative proposals and open parliament initiatives for addressing disinformation. In addition, parliamentary delegations will be invited to report on the progress made in the implementation of commitments presented at the previous OPN Gathering and in open parliament action plans included in the [ParlAmericas Open Parliament Commitment Tool](#), as well as present new commitments planned for next year. Finally, a declaration will be adopted and elections for the OPN Executive Committee will be held for vacant positions: the presidency and vice presidencies representing North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean (four positions subject to election).

10:30 – 10:55

Inauguration

- Senator, the Honourable Pierrette Ringuette (Canada), Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate
- Member of Parliament Bruce Stanton (Canada), Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons
- Senator Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas

10:55 – 11:40

High-level panel: The impacts of disinformation on democracy and international progress to address this phenomenon

- Moderator: Senator, the Honourable Ranard Henfield (The Bahamas), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network for the Caribbean
- Catalina Botero Marino, Member of the Facebook Oversight Board
- Lucina Di Meco, Gender Equality Expert and Co-founder of #ShePersisted Global
- Member of Parliament Nathaniel Erskine-Smith (Canada), International Grand Committee on Disinformation

The challenges and impacts of disinformation in contemporary societies require that responses involve all actors, from the political system to citizens and the private sector. Laws, public policies, new initiatives, and reform efforts originating from parliaments would benefit from regional and international experiences and efforts in this area. In this dialogue, panelists will draw on their respective expertise to address central issues of the debate on digital disinformation, including the tension between content moderation and freedom of expression and key considerations for legislation aimed at counteracting the effects of disinformation and regulating digital platforms and applications from a holistic approach, considering, among other key issues, the alarming prevalence of online violence against women and girls among others.

11:40 – 12:10

Question and answer period

12:10 – 12:50

Presentation of the results of open parliament commitments adopted at the 4th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network, and new commitments

- Moderator: Senator Bertha Alicia Caraveo Camarena (Mexico)

Parliamentary delegations are invited to report on the progress achieved to implement the commitments they presented at the previous Gathering of the Open Parliament Network which have been published on [ParlAmericas' Open Parliament Commitment Tool](#), as well as present new commitments that they intend to implement over the next year. Each delegation will have 3 minutes for their presentation. If your parliament's delegation is interested in participating in this session, we kindly ask that you complete the [form available at this link](#) and send it to the ParlAmericas International Secretariat by March 25, 2021.

12:50 – 13:00

Elections

- President of the Open Parliament Network
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for North America
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for Central America
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for South America
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for Caribbean America

13:00 – 13:10

Reading of the declaration

- Moderator: Senator, the Honourable Rosa Galvez (Canada), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change for North America

13:10 – 13:15 **Evaluations**

13:15 – 13:30 **Closing**

- President-elect of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network



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