

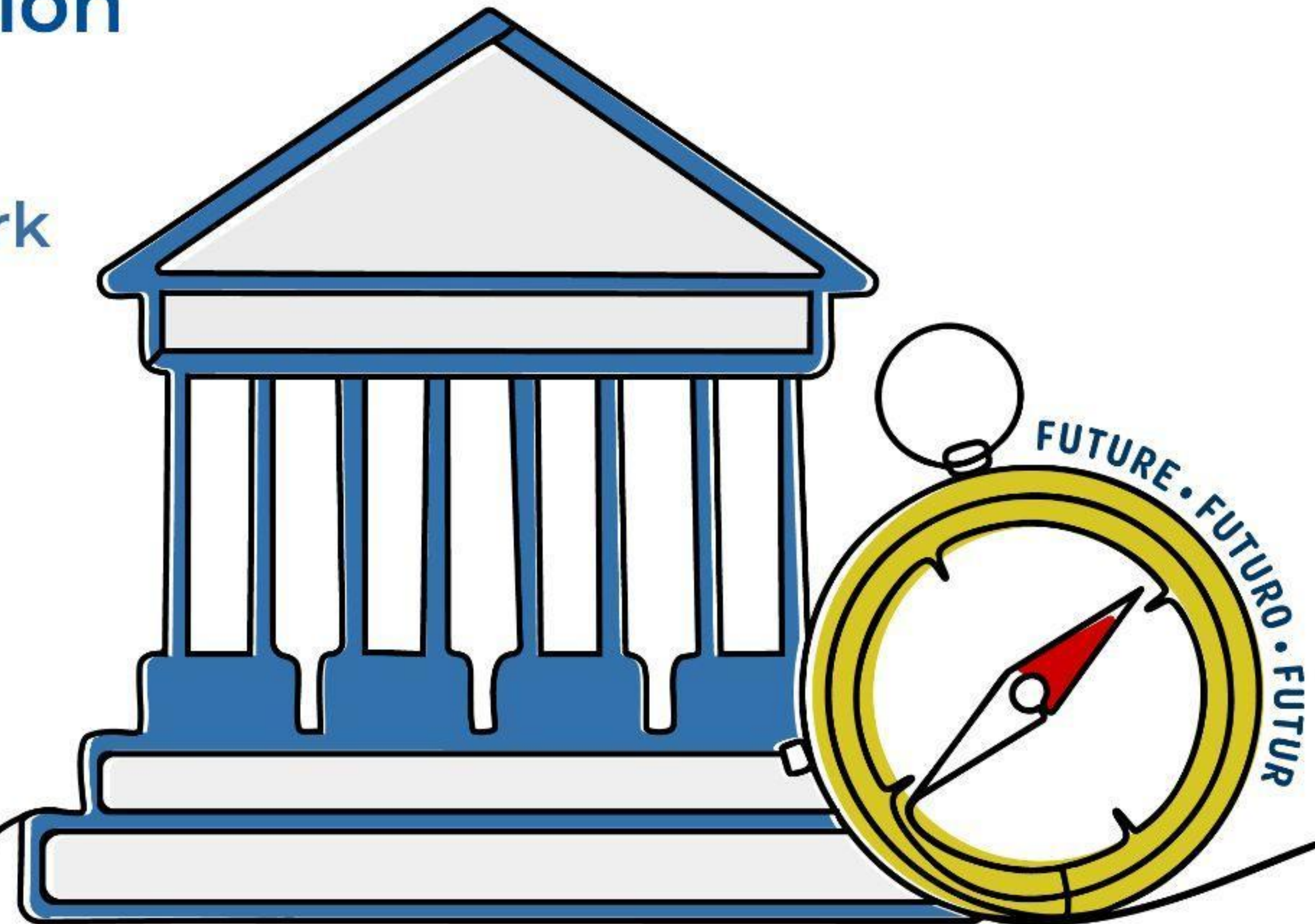


Legislating for the Future: Harnessing Anticipatory Governance in Parliamentary Action

21st ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly &
9th Gathering of Open Parliament Network

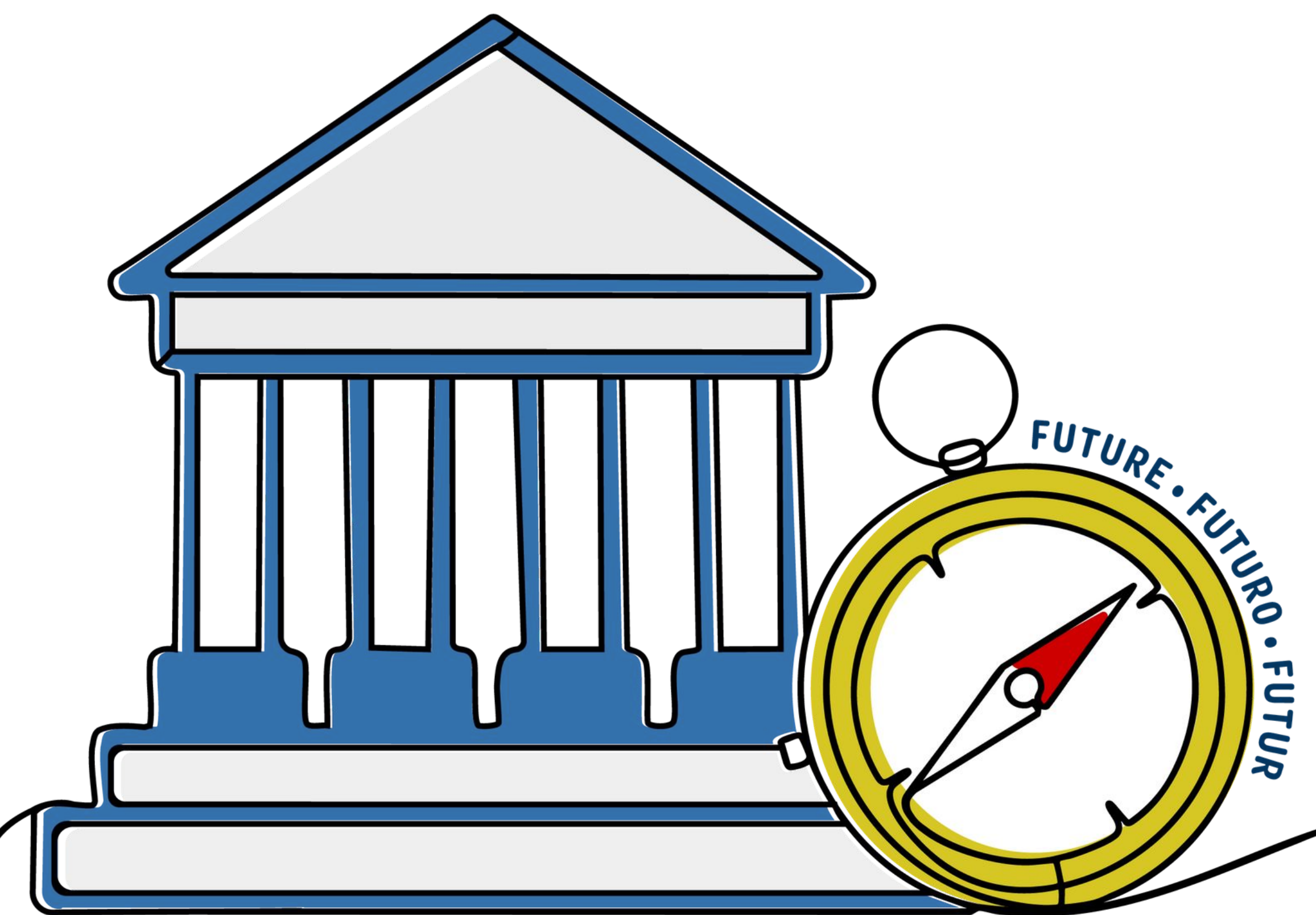
May 27-29, 2025

Montevideo, Uruguay



The Future of Democracy: Rebuilding the Social Contract

Session 6

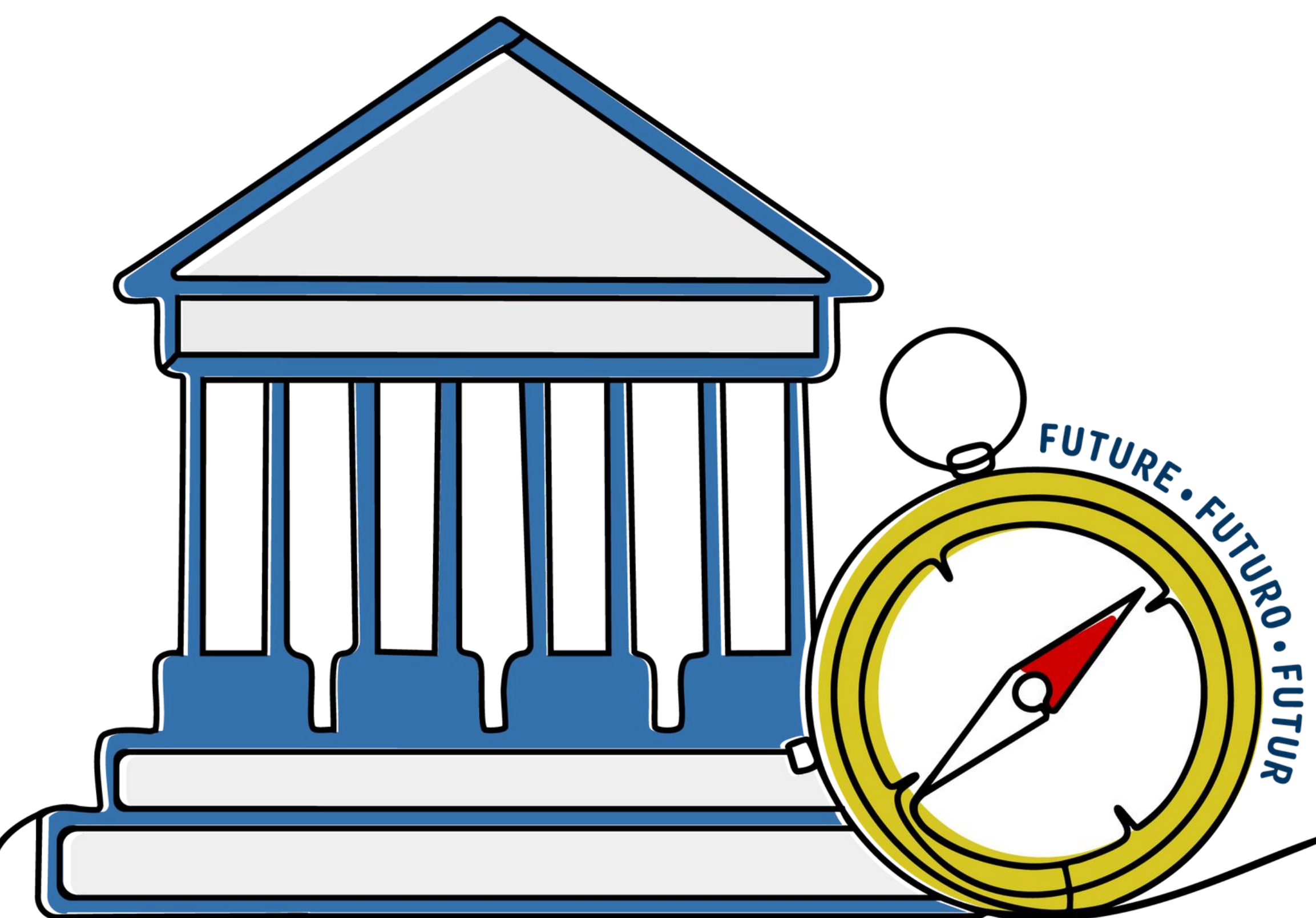


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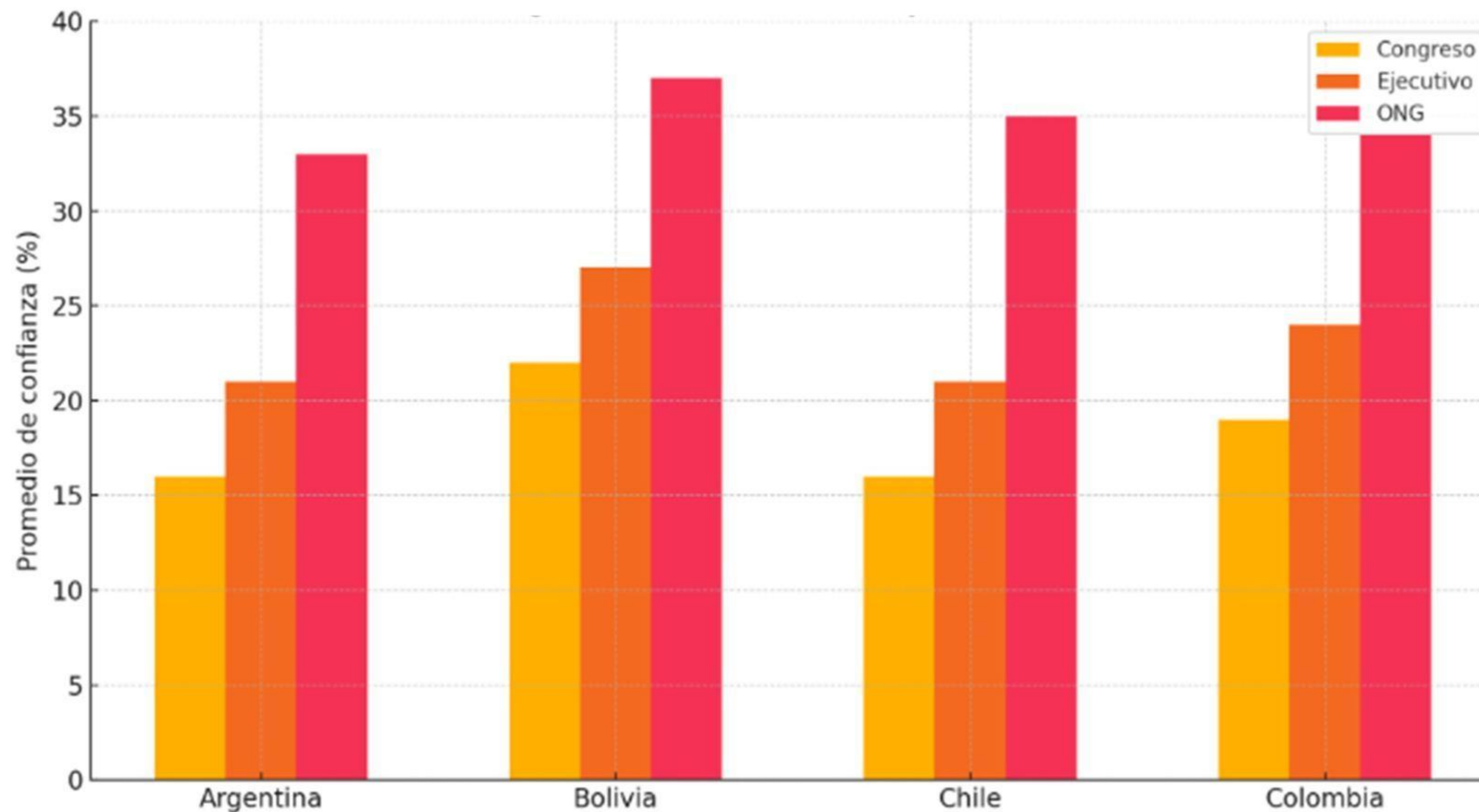
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Legislative Transparency**



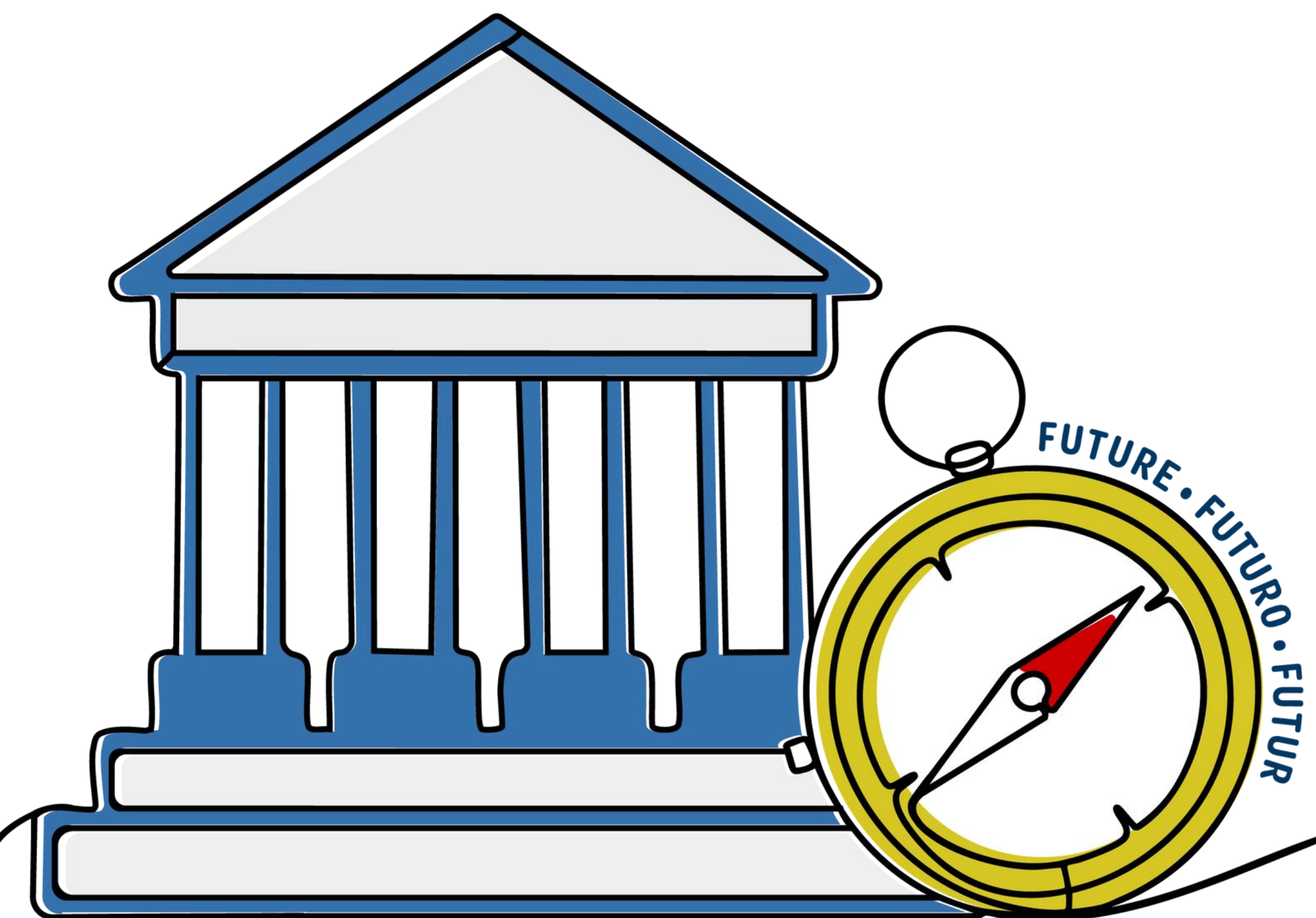
Average citizen trust in public institutions (2018-2023)

Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Colombia



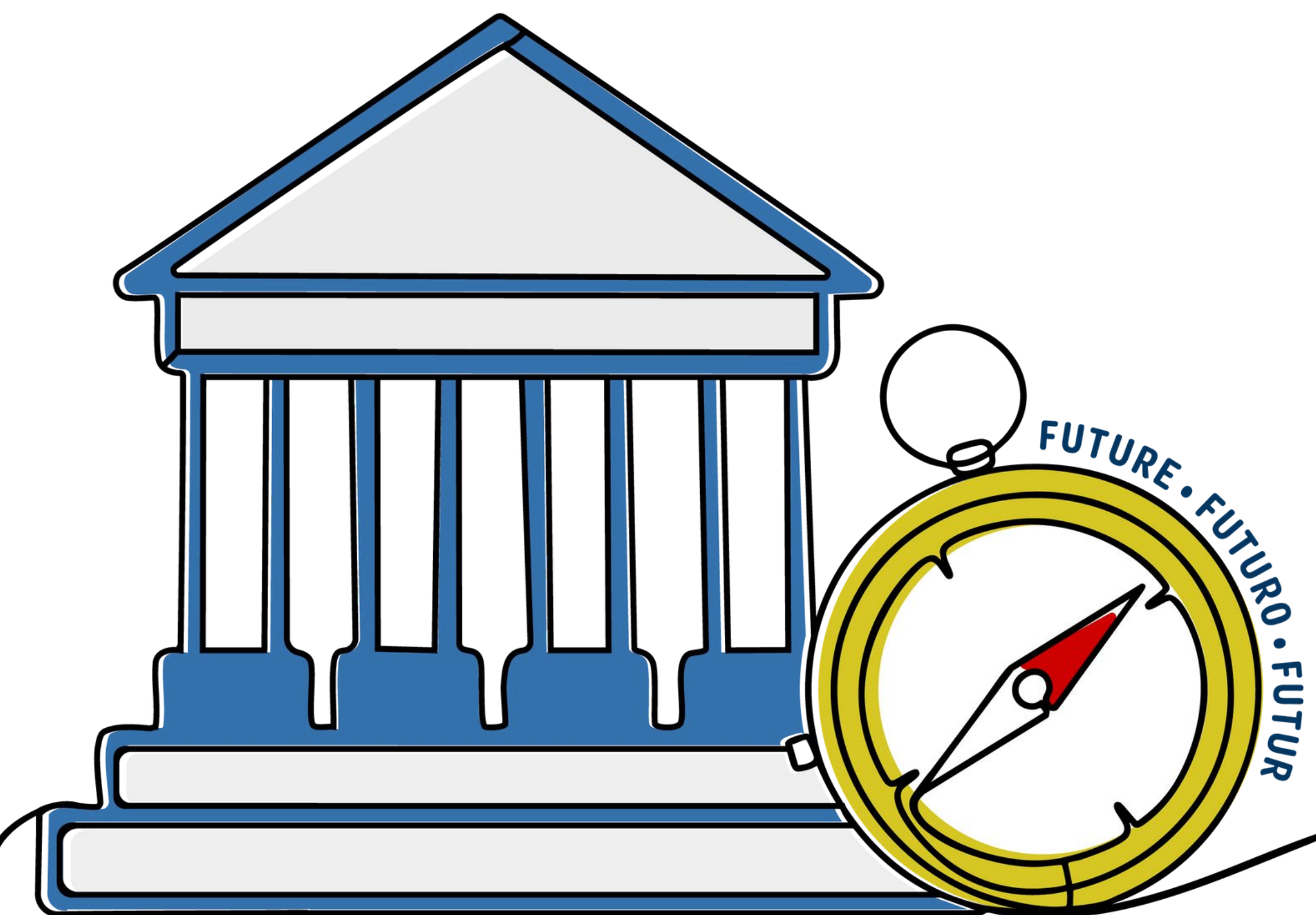
Fuente: Latinobarómetro, UNDP, Edelman Trust Barometer (2018-2023)

Plenary Assembly



Alisha Todd

Director General
ParlAmericas



International Secretariat - Annual Report

Strategic Plan 2025-2030



VISION, MISSION AND VALUE STATEMENTS

VISION

A hemisphere in which democracy delivers for all people through effective, open, inclusive, representative and independent parliaments.

MISSION

1. To promote parliamentary diplomacy in the Inter-American system and parliamentary engagement in multilateral spaces;
2. To generate cooperative political dialogue and collaboration between parliaments on hemispheric issues; and
3. To support parliaments and parliamentarians to fulfill their democratic functions in service of all people throughout the Americas and the Caribbean.

VALUES

ParlAmericas is guided by values of openness, inclusion, equality, mutual respect, multilateral cooperation, and the defense and promotion of democratic principles and human rights to achieve sustainable development, peaceful societies and a healthy planet for future generations.

Annual Reports - ParlAmericas Website



YEAR IN
HIGHLIGHTS
2024



ParlAmericas' operations and activities in the 2024 fiscal year were financed through the support of our member parliaments, our partners and the generous contributions of the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada. ParlAmericas wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the invaluable support, expertise and time contributed by member parliaments, individual parliamentarians and partners to ensure the successful implementation of ParlAmericas' programming throughout the year.

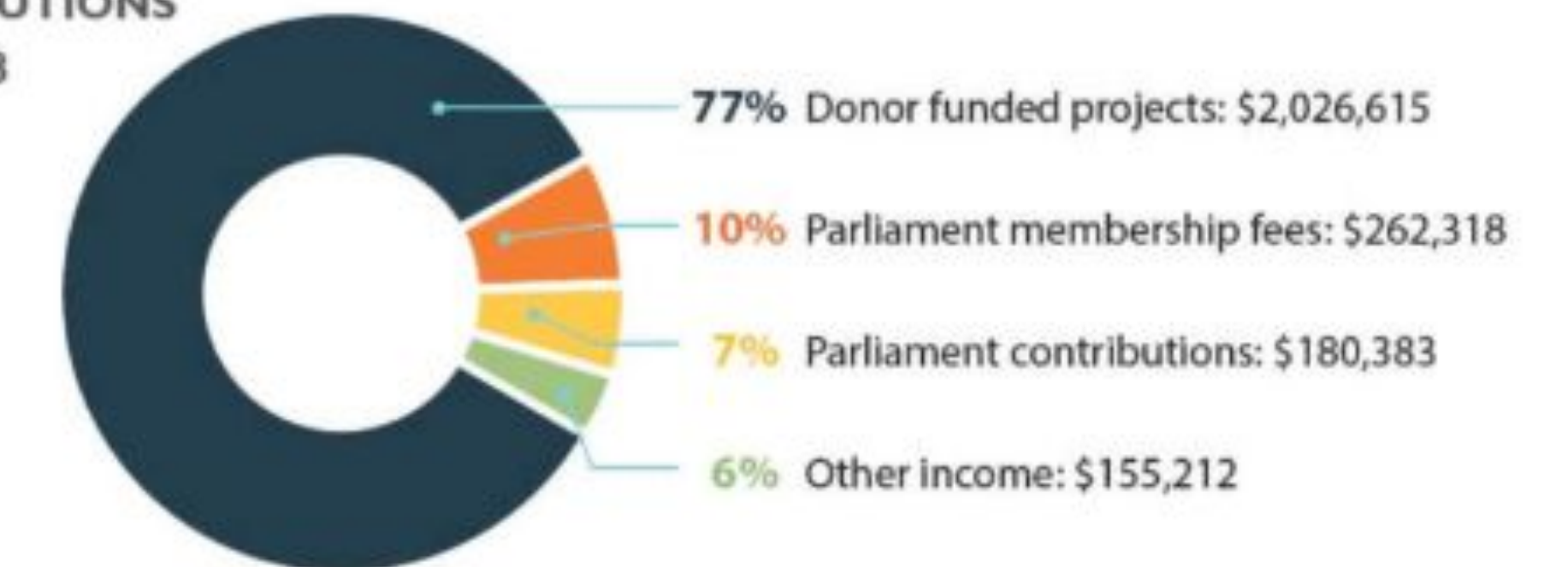
Note: The in-kind contributions included in ParlAmericas' financial statements are recorded when fair values can be reasonably estimated and supporting documentation is provided by the member parliament. We recognize that the amount shown is a fraction of the overall value of in-kind support provided 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.

* A small amount of other income captured in ParlAmericas' financial statements is derived from partner cash contributions and has been reclassified accordingly.

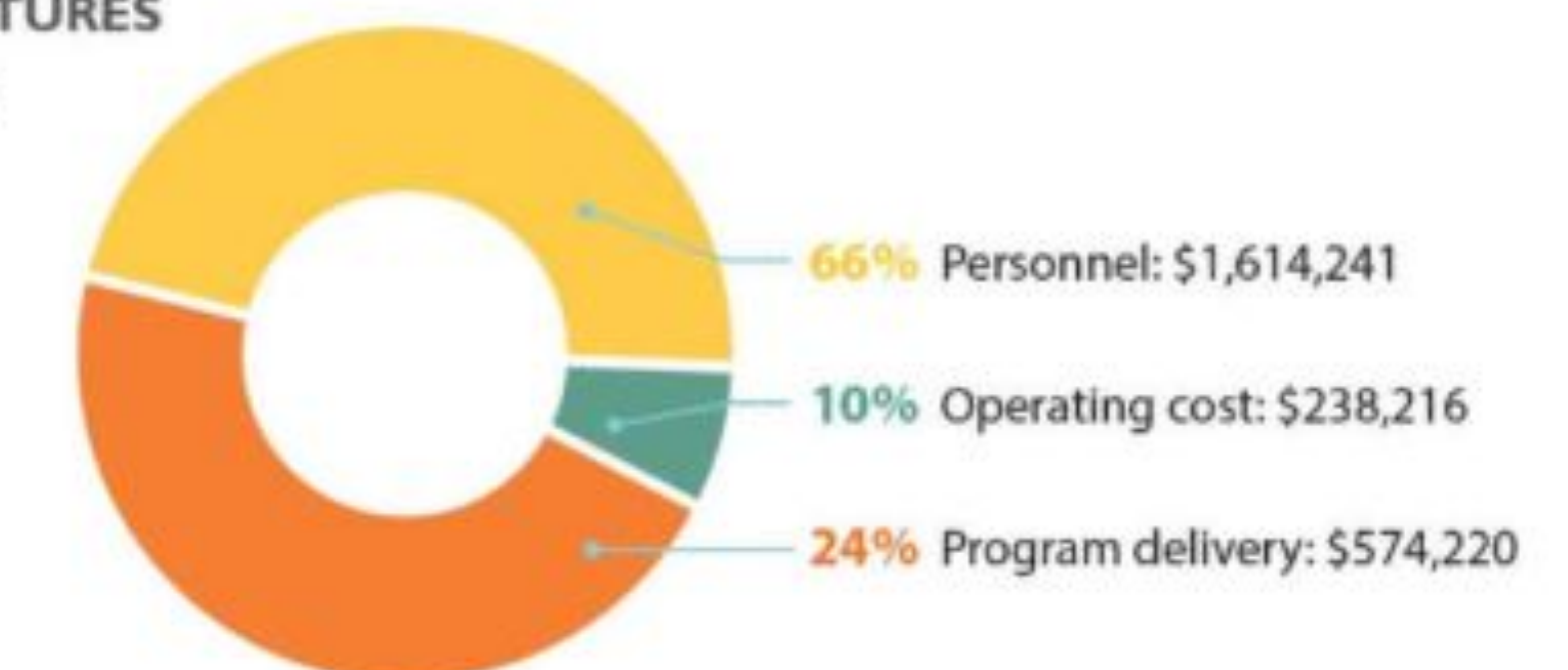
Source: ParlAmericas' audited financial statements as of September 17, 2024, and the corresponding annual financial report prepared for the ParlAmericas Board of Directors and member parliaments.

OPERATIONS AND FINANCES

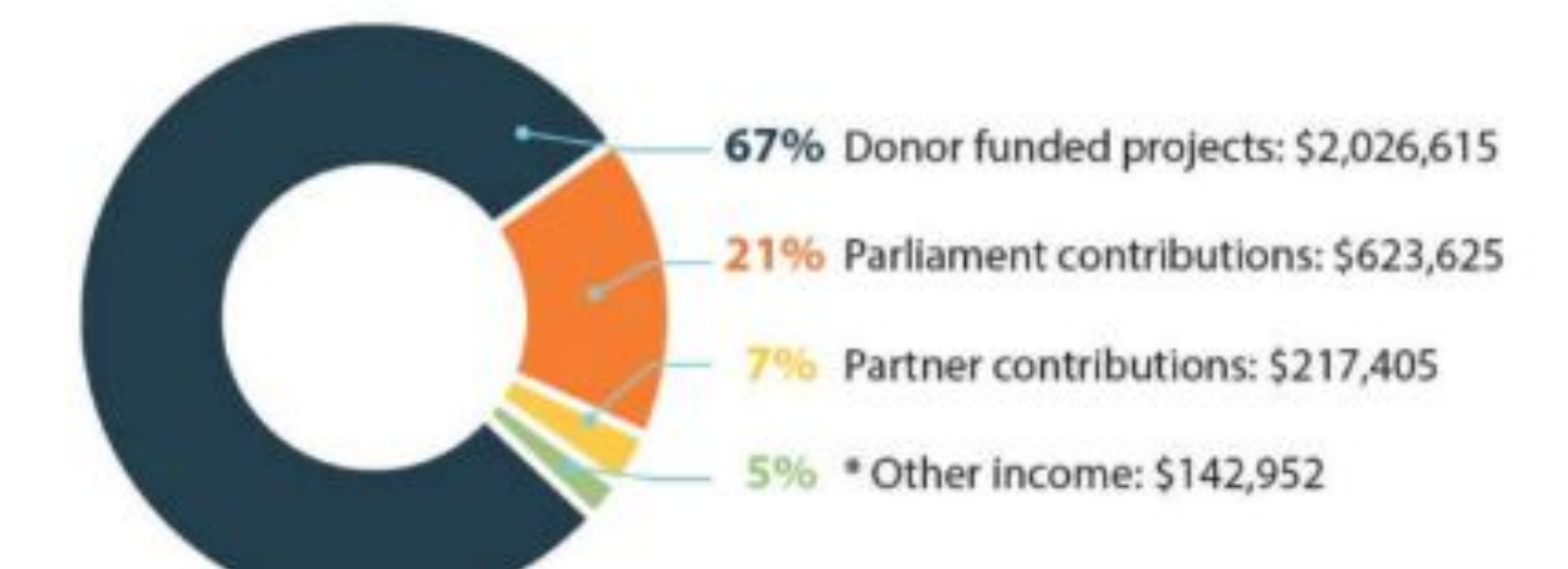
CONTRIBUTIONS \$2,624,528



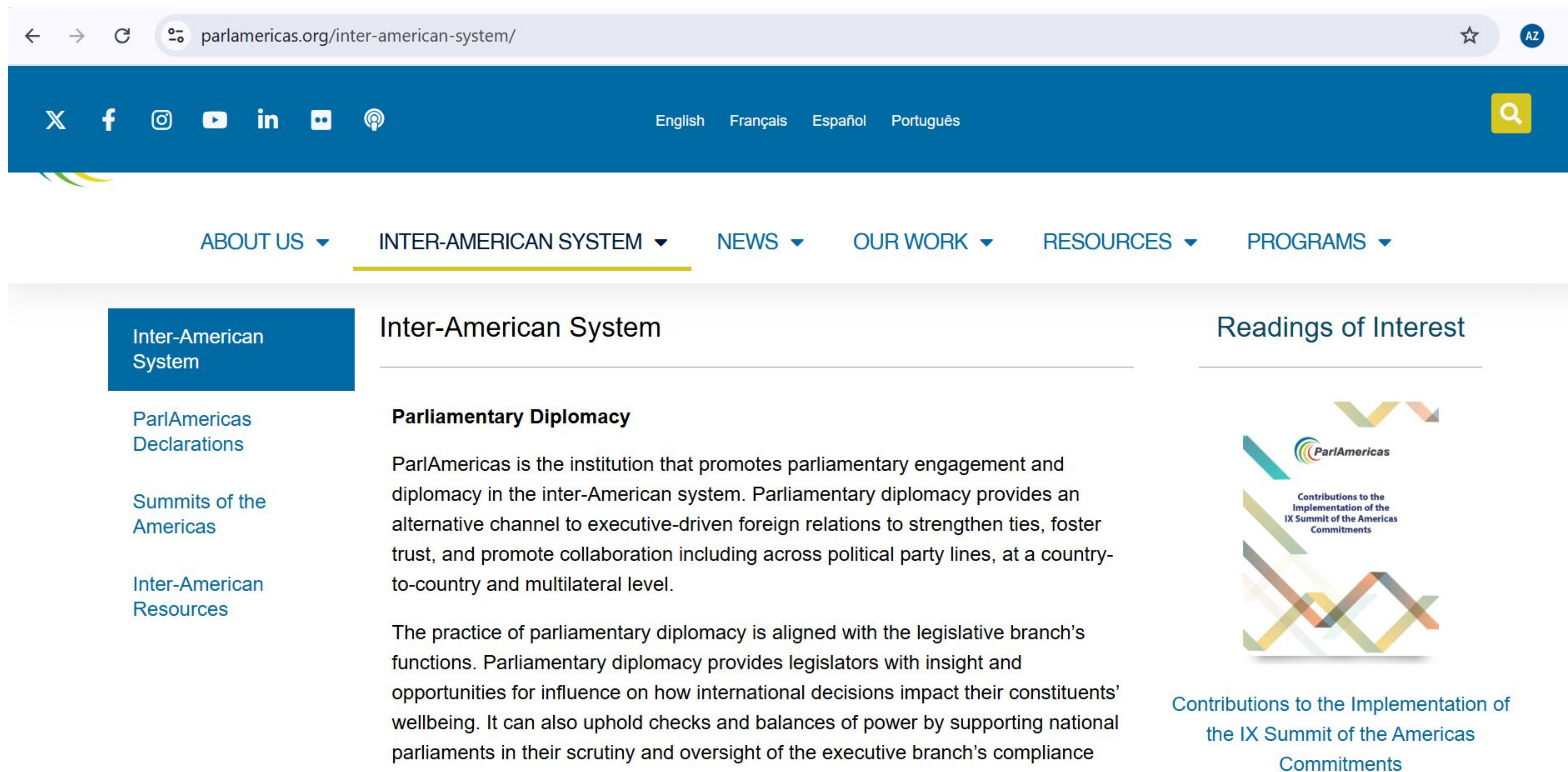
EXPENDITURES \$2,426,677



INDICATIVE VALUE OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$3,010,597



New Website Section: Inter-American System



The screenshot displays the ParlAmericas website interface. The browser address bar shows the URL `parlAmericas.org/inter-american-system/`. The website features a blue header with social media icons (X, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, Messenger, and RSS) and language options (English, Français, Español, Português). A search icon is also present. The main navigation menu includes links for ABOUT US, INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM (highlighted), NEWS, OUR WORK, RESOURCES, and PROGRAMS. The content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a sidebar with links to Inter-American System, ParlAmericas Declarations, Summits of the Americas, and Inter-American Resources. The middle column, titled 'Inter-American System', features a section on 'Parliamentary Diplomacy' which describes the institution's role in promoting engagement and diplomacy, and its alignment with legislative functions. The right column, titled 'Readings of Interest', displays a graphic for 'Contributions to the Implementation of the IX Summit of the Americas Commitments'.

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Parliamentary Diplomacy

ParlAmericas is the institution that promotes parliamentary engagement and diplomacy in the inter-American system. Parliamentary diplomacy provides an alternative channel to executive-driven foreign relations to strengthen ties, foster trust, and promote collaboration including across political party lines, at a country-to-country and multilateral level.

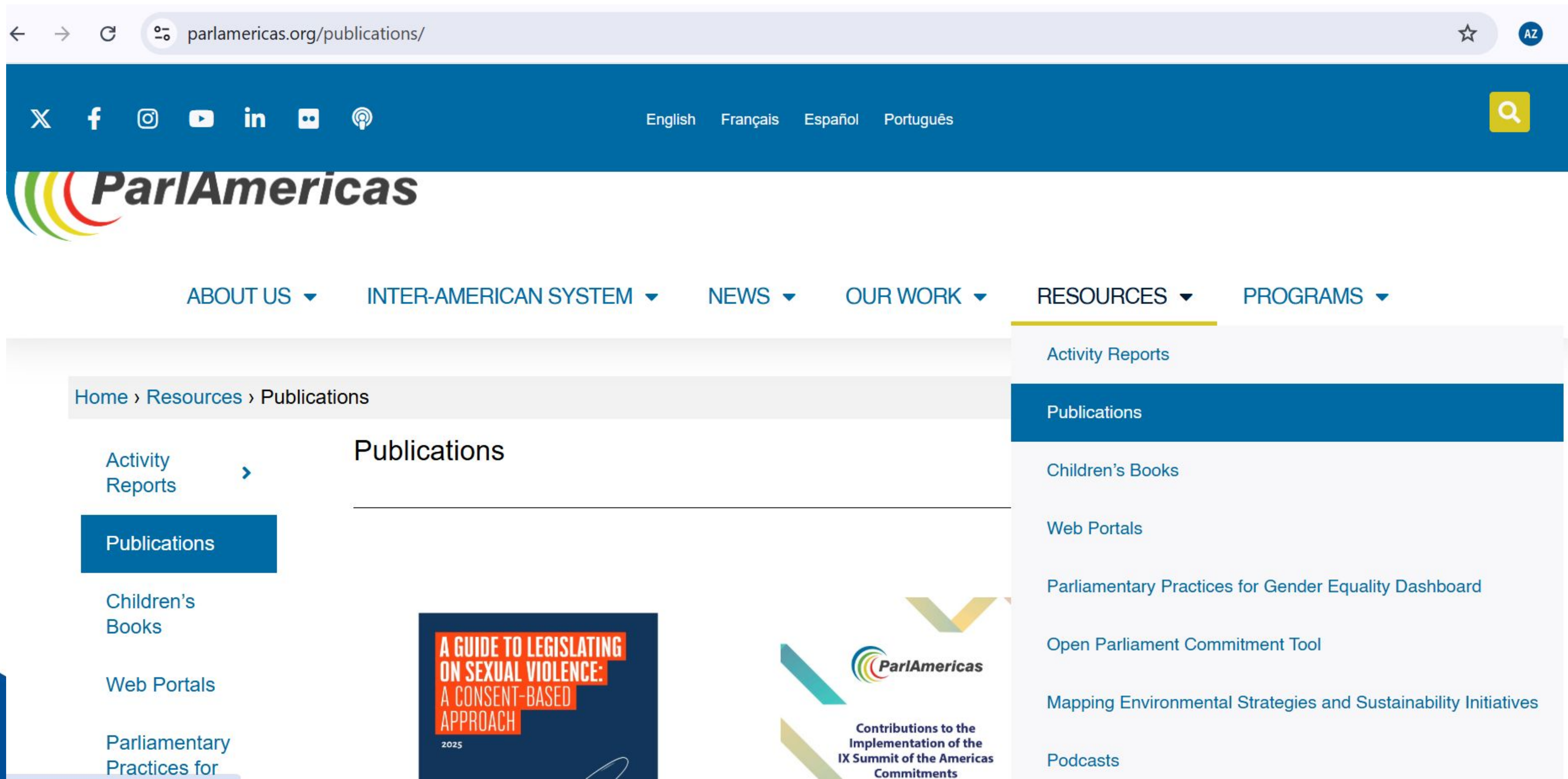
The practice of parliamentary diplomacy is aligned with the legislative branch's functions. Parliamentary diplomacy provides legislators with insight and opportunities for influence on how international decisions impact their constituents' wellbeing. It can also uphold checks and balances of power by supporting national parliaments in their scrutiny and oversight of the executive branch's compliance

Readings of Interest



Contributions to the Implementation of the IX Summit of the Americas Commitments

Resources and Tools



The screenshot shows the ParlAmericas website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with social media icons (X, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, Messenger, RSS) and language options (English, Français, Español, Português). Below this is the ParlAmericas logo and a navigation menu with links: ABOUT US, INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, NEWS, OUR WORK, RESOURCES, and PROGRAMS. The RESOURCES link is highlighted with a yellow underline. A dropdown menu is open under RESOURCES, listing: Activity Reports, Publications (highlighted in blue), Children's Books, Web Portals, Parliamentary Practices for Gender Equality Dashboard, Open Parliament Commitment Tool, Mapping Environmental Strategies and Sustainability Initiatives, and Podcasts. On the left side of the main content area, there is a sidebar with links: Activity Reports, Publications (highlighted in blue), Children's Books, Web Portals, and Parliamentary Practices for. The main content area is titled 'Publications' and features a breadcrumb trail: Home > Resources > Publications. Below the title, there is a featured publication titled 'A GUIDE TO LEGISLATING ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE: A CONSENT-BASED APPROACH' with a 2025 date. To the right of this is another featured publication titled 'Contributions to the Implementation of the IX Summit of the Americas Commitments' with the ParlAmericas logo.

Partnerships and MOUs

COLLABORATION MECHANISMS

YEAR IN HIGHLIGHTS 2024

PARTNERS



The [Inter-American Task Force on Women's Empowerment and 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.



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



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.



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.



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.



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.

Calendar of Activities

- 1) Pre-COP 30 and Pre-Summit of the Americas Virtual Series
- 2) Sept 24-26: 17th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality (PNGE), **Brasilia, Brazil**
- 3) November: 9th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability (PNCSS), in the framework of COP 30, **Belem, Brazil**
- 4) December: Parliamentary Gathering at the X Summit of the Americas, **Punta Cana, Dominican Republic**
- 5) March 2026: Annual ParlAmericas Session at the OAS, **Washington, D.C.**
- 6) May 2026: 22nd Plenary Assembly and 10th Gathering of the Open Parliament Network (OPN), **Ottawa, Canada**