



**"In an era of instant access, social media has confused people between knowledge, opinion and popularity; whatever is popular is assumed to be true." — Unknown**

# ParlAmericas Caribbean Women Parliamentary Session

## The Inter-American Model Law as a Parliamentary Tool

## Practical Pathways for Caribbean Action on TFGBV

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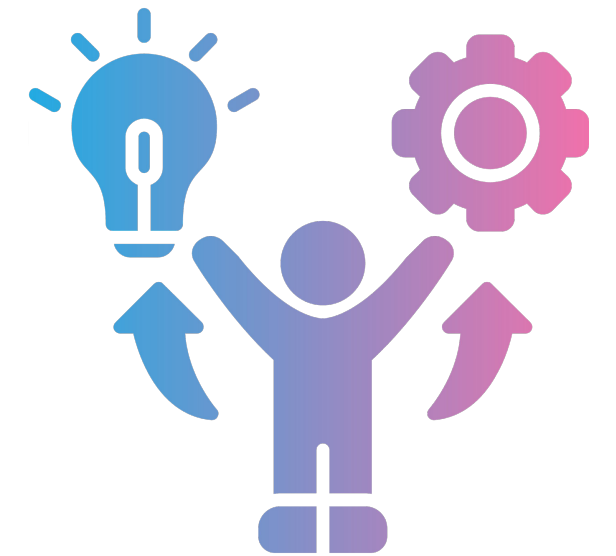
# Road map for Session



**The Model Law -  
More Than  
Legislation**



**Critical Areas for  
Parliamentary  
Action**



**Regional Good  
Practices -  
What's Working**



**Five Practical  
Recommendatio  
ns for Caribbean  
Leadership**



**The Caribbean  
Leadership  
Moment**



**Call to Action -  
What You Can  
Do This Week**



# The Model Law - More Than Legislation

5 Ways to Use This Framework NOW (Before Drafting Laws):

- **Budget Oversight:** Scrutinize allocations for digital forensics, victim services, and specialized units
- **Parliamentary Questions:** Hold governments accountable on TFGBV response, training, and prosecution rates
- **Committee Investigations:** Convene hearings with survivors, tech companies, law enforcement, and civil society
- **International Cooperation:** Learn from regional examples, build Caribbean solidarity through



**INTER-AMERICAN MODEL LAW**  
to Prevent, Punish, and Eradicate  
Gender-Based Digital Violence against Women

# Three Priority Focus Areas from the Model Law

## Critical Areas for Parliamentary Action

**Platform  
Accountability  
(Articles 18-33)**

**Algorithmic  
Accountability  
(Article 32)**

**Intersectional  
Protection  
(Article 9)**

5 Chapters and 68 Articles

Chapter I: Definition and Scope of Application

Chapter II: Duties of the State

Chapter III: The Regulation of Internet Intermediaries for the Purposes of this Law

Chapter IV: Judicial Proceedings

Chapter V: General Provisions

One additional article labeled "Article 25 bis" (which provides functions for the Internal Evaluation Team mentioned in Article 25). So technically, there are 69 distinct articles when counting Article 25 bis separately.

# Regional Good Practices - What's Working: Proven Strategies from the Americas & Beyond



<b>Ley Olimpia Movement (Mexico, 19+ states, crossing borders)</b>	Survivor-led, multi-state adoption, dual approach (law + culture)	Build coalitions across parties; start local where possible; center survivor voices
<b>Mauritius Cybersecurity Act (2021)</b>	Young MP transformed trauma into legislative change	Swift action IS possible; support young women MPs as champions
<b>ALEXINNA AI Literacy &amp; Digital Literacy Innovation Hub (Caribbean)</b>	Women engage practically to improve AI/digital skills, submit data to train AI models, develop AI avatars/agents, learn responsible AI governance architecture	Empower women to understand and shape AI systems; build digital capacity; create ethical frameworks for AI twins/avatars; use AI for social change
<b>Pacific Women in Power Forum (UNDP, 14 countries)</b>	Cross-border peer support, digital safety training for MPs	Strengthen ParlAmericas network; create regional TFGBV-specific support system
<b>Trinidad &amp; Tobago Community Approach (UNFPA partnership)</b>	Art, culture, youth engagement for prevention	Use creative methods; build grassroots demand for policy change
<b>UNFPA-ECLAC Regional Study (22 Caribbean territories)</b>	Evidence-building on TFGBV against women MPs/journalists	Participate; use findings to justify budgets and priorities



# Five Practical Recommendations for Caribbean Leadership



**Caribbean  
Parliamentary  
Digital Safety  
Protocol**



**Digital Safety  
Score Cards**



**Digital Dignity  
Initiative in  
Schools**



**Caribbean Tech  
Accountability  
Summit**



**Parliamentary Safe  
Spaces Program**



# The Caribbean Leadership Moment

## Global Context:

- International observers track women's protection as a key development indicator
- Early adopters set standards and influence global conversations
- Caribbean can lead, not follow

## What's at Stake?

- Safety and dignity of Caribbean women and girls in digital spaces
- Democratic participation and freedom of expression
- Economic opportunities (the digital economy requires safe digital spaces)

## Our Regional Opportunity:

- Model Law approved December 2025—we're at the starting line WITH everyone else
- Small island states can move faster than large bureaucracies
- ParlAmericas network provides a built-in cooperation infrastructure
- Our diverse experiences enrich global learning



# What You Can Do This Week

Immediate Next Steps for Parliamentarians: Rain drop Steps

**In Parliament**



**In Your  
Constituency**



**In Regional  
Networks**



**In Your  
Leadership**

