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ParlAmericas and the National Congress of Chile lead a study visit on legislative openness with parliamentary delegations from the Americas

On September 13 and 14, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the National Congress of Chile, are organizing a study visit on legislative openness with participants representing the parliaments of five Latin American countries: Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Paraguay and Peru.

One of the main objectives of this activity is to continue to build capacity in topics related to transparency, accountability, and ethics, pillars of <u>ParlAmericas' Open Parliament Network</u>. This will be achieved through dynamic exchanges and by learning from the experience of the Chilean parliament, one of the assemblies that pioneered an action plan on legislative openness.

This initiative is taking place in the framework of the <u>Global Legislative Openness Week</u> (GLOW), a forum for promoting and encouraging initiatives, tools, and practices that contribute to the development of more open parliaments on a global level. In connection with this initiative, ParlAmericas will present an interactive map where legislators from the Americas and the Caribbean share their reasons for supporting progress on the open parliament agenda in their assemblies.

Another highlight of the Network's activities in this study visit is the launch of the "Roadmap towards legislative openness". This document, approved by more than 50 legislators from 20 countries in the Americas and Caribbean, together with civil society organizations including the Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency (RLTL), sets out agreements on transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and ethics for legislatures across the Americas and the Caribbean. It also acts as a frame of reference for national assemblies in giving momentum to initiatives and actions that guarantee open legislative processes and strengthen citizen's confidence in their respective parliaments.

For updates on the study visit, follow the event hashtag: <u>#VisitaOPN</u>.

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