



## **ParlAmericas participated in the #FoodFirst Ibero-American Political-Academic Dialogue organized by the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger of Latin America and the Caribbean and the FAO**

OTTAWA (CANADA), April 26 — This week ParlAmericas took part in the Ibero-American Political-Academic Dialogue organized by the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, held in Antigua, Guatemala from April 24 to 26, 2024. The event gathered parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and academia to exchange good practices for the sustainable transformation of food systems and connections with the gender equality and climate agendas.

As part of the ParlAmericas delegation, Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Shoraya Suarez** (Dominican Republic), 2nd Vice-President for the Caribbean for the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability, moderated a session on the implementation of the Parliamentary Pact Against Hunger and Malnutrition, which emphasized the link between food waste, food insecurity, and methane emissions contributing to climate change.

Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas, participated virtually and presented the [Primer on Gender-Responsive Parliamentary Work on Food Security](#), which outlines how parliamentarians can respond to the differentiated needs and realities of diverse members of the population.

Member of Congress **Andrea Villagrán** (Guatemala), Second Vice-President for Central America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality, contributed to a panel discussion on parliamentary alliances and strategic partnerships, sharing the work ParlAmericas has conducted to advance and uphold the right to food while promoting sustainability and resiliency through multisectoral cooperation. Notably, she referenced the parliamentary [declaration](#) adopted last year during the 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and 15th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality.

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