

## ParlAmericas participated in the Second World Summit of the Committees of the Future 2023 organized by the Parliament of Uruguay and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

MONTEVIDEO (URUGUAY), September 27, 2023 — Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Vlado Mirosevic** (Chile), ParlAmericas Board Member, and **Michelle Volpin**, Project Manager for Gender Equality and Climate Change of the International Secretariat of ParlAmericas, participated in the <u>Second World</u> <u>Summit of the Committees of the Future 2023</u>, jointly organized by the Parliament of Uruguay and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on September 25, 26, and 27.

The Second World Summit of the Committees of the Future 2023 brought together parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, international organizations, private sector representatives, and experts to explore the role of parliaments in addressing the challenges posed to democracy by artificial intelligence (AI) and other forms of emerging technology. Member of the Chamber of Deputies Vlado Mirosevic introduced the Digital Caucus of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network during the round table "Challenges in parliamentary work in an era of change". During his presentation, he highlighted the mandate of this new ParlAmericas parliamentary working group to develop legislative proposals on digital governance, including with respect to regulating artificial intelligence using inclusive and multidimensional approaches. In this regard, Member of the Chamber of Deputies Mirosevic noted: "*This Caucus is a legislative community of practice where we can exchange best practices and coordinate various hemispheric actors to build proposals for actions that promote transparent, accountable, and inclusive digital governance. One of its objectives is to offer specialized legislative materials and tools to parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean to support their work in the areas of data protection, transparency, and multilateral governance, among others."* 

The participation of the Digital Caucus in the Second World Summit of the Committees of the Future 2023 stems from strategic actions to ensure that parliamentarians from the Americas and the Caribbean, particularly those from the Global South, can meaningfully participate in the discussion on the scope of artificial intelligence and digital rights to ensure that artificial intelligence governance models reflect shared principles around democracy and the rule of law, peace, human rights, the eradication of poverty, justice, transparency, and equality.

In addition, within the framework of the Summit, Member of the Chamber of Deputies Mirosevic met with the President of the Chamber of Representatives of Uruguay, Representative **Sebastián Andújar**, to discuss the importance of parliamentary diplomacy in the hemisphere for strengthening democracy and the work that ParlAmericas carries out in the inter-American system.

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