



ParlAmericas delegation visited Washington D.C. to attend the Special Meeting of the Organization of the American States Permanent Council

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 19, 2023 — Senator Verónica Camino Farjat (Mexico), Second Vice-President of ParlAmericas and President of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality, together with Wilma Andrade Muñoz (Ecuador), former Member of the National Assembly and former Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network visited Washington D.C as part of the delegation of ParlAmericas to attend the Special Meeting of the Organization of the American States (OAS) Permanent Council on Friday, May 19.

The session titled "Best practices and recommendations for improving inter-American parliamentary dialogue" was convened in response to *resolution AG/RES. 2989 (LII-O/22) Strengthening democracy*, adopted by the OAS General Assembly which establishes, among its mandates, the holding of a special meeting with parliamentarians through ParlAmericas and other regional parliamentary organizations to share good practices and recommendations with member states, with a particular focus on gender perspective, to enhance inter-American parliamentary dialogue.

Yesterday, the agenda of the ParlAmericas delegation in Washington D.C. included a meeting hosted by the US Permanent Mission to the OAS at the United States Senate with U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Roger Wicker, and members of the OAS Permanent Council. In her remarks, the Director General of ParlAmericas, Alisha Todd, expressed her gratitude for the initiative to hold this meeting, highlighting the importance of parliamentary engagement in multilateral spaces and emphasized the opportunity to improve the involvement of national parliaments in the OAS through ParlAmericas.

Additionally, the delegation attended a meeting with Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), to discuss the collaboration of ParlAmericas in the process of consultations for the development of the Inter-American model laws formulated by the CIM/OAS. Finally, the delegation also participated in bilateral meetings with Permanent Missions to the OAS.

Quote

Senator Verónica Camino Farjat (Mexico), Second Vice-President of ParlAmericas and President of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

“The commitment of our membership to be proactive stakeholders in the Inter-American System and co-participants in the achievement of shared objectives is what gives meaning to our institutional vision, which is based on the recognition of the value of parliamentary diplomacy as an indispensable tool for strengthening regional integration and consensus building in the Americas and the Caribbean”

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