ParlAmericas participated in the 8th Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit in Estonia

TALLINN (ESTONIA), September 7, 2023 — ParlAmericas Board members Vlado Mirosevic, Member of the Chamber of Deputies (Chile) and Carolina Delgado, Member of the Legislative Assembly (Costa Rica); along with ParlAmericas delegates Andrea Villagrán Antón, Member of Congress (Guatemala) and the Honourable Faris Al-Rawi, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Trinidad and Tobago); and Anabella Zavagno, Deputy Director General of the ParlAmericas International Secretariat, participated in the Open Parliament Day and the 8th Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit held in Tallinn, Estonia on September 5, 6 and 7.

The 8th OGP Global Summit brought together Heads of State and Government, civil society representatives, and policy makers from around the world to discuss the challenges and opportunities of open government and democratic governance in the digital age. Featuring high-level dialogues, workshops, and networking opportunities that reflected OGP’s new 2023-2028 strategy, ParlAmericas’ attendance at the Summit emphasized the importance of parliamentary engagement in open government work.

The agenda included a session on September 6, “Examining Leadership, Roles, and Relationships in Advancing Open Government,” during which Mr. Mirosevic presented on some of his own contributions to open government work as a member of the legislative branch and his perspective on how to advance this work in a leadership capacity.

On September 6 and 7 respectively, the ParlAmericas delegation also participated in two high-level roundtable discussions. Ms. Villagrán participated in the session “Sustaining Leadership and Catalyzing Global Action on Anti-corruption,” in which she discussed anti-corruption implementation efforts in the Americas and Caribbean and how to turn existing commitments into action. Mr. Mirosevic also spoke in the session “Realizing the Ambition of Open Government,” which focused specifically on OGP’s 2023-2028 strategy and advancing transformative reforms.

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