



Parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean adopt declaration on building a food-secure future

Mexico City (MEXICO), September 29, 2023 — Today, ParlAmericas concluded its joint 7th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change (PNCC) and 15th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality (PNGE). The event, titled “[A food secure future: Building people and planet-centred strategies](#),” was organized with the Senate of the Republic of Mexico and brought together in Mexico City more than 50 parliamentarians from 18 countries of the Americas and the Caribbean.

The delegations in attendance adopted a [declaration](#) through which they commit to use principles of food sovereignty to promote legislative measures that address the crisis of food insecurity; create spaces for traditionally marginalized and underrepresented groups in decision-making processes; and encourage the use of gender analysis as a tool for legislation related to food security, among other commitments.

The Gathering began on Thursday, September 28 and took place over the course of two days at the Senate of Mexico. Parliamentarians, alongside specialists and representatives of regional and international organizations, participated in working sessions focused on climate change mitigation and adaptation for agri-food systems, national efforts to end food insecurity and poverty, and the role of women’s leadership in these initiatives. During the Gathering, ParlAmericas also launched its new “[Primer on Gender-Responsive Parliamentary Work on Food Security](#).”

Among the highlights of the final day of the Gathering, the new Executive Committees of both the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change (PNCC) and ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality (PNGE) were announced.

The PNCC Committee will be formed by:

- President: Senator the Honourable **Rosa Galvez** (Canada)
- Vice-President for North America: Senator **Raúl Bolaños-Cacho Cué** (Mexico)
- Vice-President for Central America: Member of the Legislative Assembly **Óscar Izquierdo Sandí** (Costa Rica)
- First Vice-President for the Caribbean: Senator **Anthony Vieira** (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Second Vice-President for the Caribbean: Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Nelsa Shoraya Suárez Ariza** (Dominican Republic)
- First Vice-President for South America: Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Margarita Stolbizer** (Argentina)
- Second Vice-President for South America: Member of the National Assembly **Radjendrekoeemar Debie** (Suriname)

The PNGE Committee will be formed by:

- President: Senator **Verónica Noemí Camino Farjat** (Mexico)
- Vice-President for North America: Member of Parliament **Stephanie Kusie** (Canada)
- First Vice-President for Central America: Member of the National Assembly **Kayra Harding Bart** (Panama)
- Second Vice-President for Central America: Member of Congress **Andrea Villagrán Ánton** (Guatemala)
- Vice-President for the Caribbean: Senator **Lisa Jawahir** (Saint Lucia)
- First Vice-President for South America: Senator **Carmen Gloria Aravena** (Chile)
- Second Vice-President for South America: Senator **Daniella Velloso Borges Ribeiro** (Brazil)

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