



Representatives of Caribbean women’s caucuses met for parliamentary exchange in Saint Lucia

GROS ISLET (SAINT LUCIA), November 2, 2023 — Today, members of women’s parliamentary caucuses from the Caribbean gathered in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia, for an exchange focused on current priorities and good practices for caucus functioning. The meeting was co-organized by ParlAmericas, the UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, and the Parliament of Saint Lucia, with the aim of strengthening networks among the women’s caucuses in the Caribbean.

Opening remarks were provided by Senator the Honourable **Alvina Reynolds** (Saint Lucia), President of the Senate and **Alisha Todd**, Director General of ParlAmericas, and the meeting was facilitated by **Letitia Nicholas**, Monitoring and Reporting Analyst of UN Women Caribbean.

The agenda included an interactive roundtable session, whereby representatives of parliamentary caucuses shared their existing priorities and projects. Participants also exchanged on the opportunities for the current caucuses to provide guidance and support to other parliaments interested in establishing women’s caucuses, and explored areas in which technical assistance from ParlAmericas and UN Women MCO-Caribbean can further support the ongoing work of women’s caucuses across the region.

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Quote

The Honourable Dessima Williams (Grenada), President of the Senate and Member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors

“It is crucial that we continue to amplify the voices of women parliamentarians in our Caribbean region. We have seen that establishing and strengthening women’s parliamentary caucuses can be an effective way to ensure that women’s leadership emerges and is supportive of our countries’ development. It is my hope that with opportunities to learn from one another, this leadership work will continue to make a positive impact on the parliamentary system and for our people.”

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