



**Contributions to the
Implementation of the
IX Summit of the Americas
Commitments**



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ParlAmericas and Summits of the Americas

The origins of the connection between national parliaments and the Summit of the Americas can be traced to the First Summit in 1994, at which the Miami Plan of Action was adopted. The Plan of Action recognizes the need to promote opportunities for the exchange of experiences between democratic institutions of OAS Member States, particularly between their legislative bodies, and acknowledges the value of inter-parliamentary diplomacy in the Inter-American system.


ParlAmericas, previously known as the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas - FIPA, was created by the national parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean in 2001 to coincide with the III Summit of the Americas in Quebec City. In accordance with Resolution 1673/99 of the OAS General Assembly, the purpose of ParlAmericas' formation was to promote parliamentary participation in the inter-American system and to foster inter-parliamentary dialogue on issues of importance to the hemisphere.

Parliaments play a critical role in the successful implementation of the political commitments that emerge from the Summit of the Americas. Many of the mandates adopted by Governments have implications for the legislative branch. Parliaments are relied upon to approve inter-American agreements and to harmonize those agreements with national legislation. Through the annual budget approval process, parliaments are asked to approve allocations to different government organs to implement related policies. Through their representative functions, parliamentarians engage directly with constituents, bring the concerns of citizens into decision-making processes, and to inform citizens about how their lives will be impacted by national policies and by international agreements.

For nearly 25 years, ParlAmericas has pursued its mandate by convening representatives of its member parliaments on regional issues that coincide with the thematic topics addressed in the Summit of the Americas processes. Parliamentarians come together through ParlAmericas to strengthen their knowledge base and exchange relevant good practices, based on cooperative political dialogue. For each Summit of the Americas since Quebec City, ParlAmericas has undertaken activities to engage parliamentarians in the Summit process.

I. The IX Summit of the Americas

The IX Summit of the Americas, held in Los Angeles, United States of America, was no exception. Convened under the theme of *Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future*, this Summit coincided with a period of global recovery and rebuilding from the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the leadership of the Summit host, the United States of America, five thematic working groups were created for member states to discuss and negotiate [commitment documents covering five priority sub-themes](#): (I) Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance; (II) Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas; (III) Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation; (IV) Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition; and (V) Our Sustainable Green Future. On the margins of the Summit, discussions were also held with member states to negotiate the [Los Angeles Declaration on](#)



[Migration and Protection](#), a collective commitment adopted by 20 countries to create a more sustainable and humane approach to migration in the Americas and Caribbean.

Through ParlAmericas, parliamentarians from across the Americas and the Caribbean had the opportunity to gather for inter-parliamentary sessions in the lead up to, and within the framework of the Summit ([view report](#)). These sessions allowed them to be informed of the multilateral processes and negotiations being undertaken by member states, share their perspectives on the Summit themes, and reflect on legislative actions and good practices to address these regional issues.

Notably during this IX Summit, the Heads of State and Government, recognizing the importance of engaging parliamentarians in these processes, reaffirmed ParlAmericas’ mandate to **“promot[e] parliamentary engagement, as an integral part of the Summits process through ParlAmericas, the inter-parliamentary organization of the Hemisphere”** within the [Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance](#) (Section D: Citizen Participation and Inclusion, Art 24.f). In response, the ParlAmericas Board of Directors, a body composed of parliamentarians from across the hemisphere designated by their national legislatures, adopted a [Commitment for Parliamentary Engagement in the Summits of the Americas Process](#) to reaffirm ParlAmericas’ dedication to active and meaningful participation in Summit dialogues and processes.¹


II. ParlAmericas work to advance Summit commitments

The importance of multilateralism and promoting collaboration, cooperation and coordination between the branches of government at the highest level in the Inter-American System is particularly evident in today’s complex political context, marked by serious challenges to democratic governance, political polarization, social inequalities and citizen distrust of institutions. Furthermore, overlapping global crises –such as the direct impact of a climate change on lives and livelihoods, the lasting social and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence and the expanding digital revolution– amplify the imperative for urgent, coordinated action among decision makers.

As preparations are made for the X Summit of the Americas to be held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic in December 2025, this report serves as an accountability tool for ParlAmericas member parliaments and for the inter-American community. It presents the work undertaken through ParlAmericas to advance progress on the implementation of the political commitments set out in the five outcome documents adopted by the Heads of State and Government from the Americas and Caribbean region² at the IX Summit of the Americas.

¹ ParlAmericas’ commitment for Parliamentary Engagement in the Summits of the Americas Process was reinforced in a [Declaration on Parliamentary Engagement in the Inter-American System through ParlAmericas](#) adopted on December 2, 2022 by parliamentary delegations assembled in Bogota, Colombia, for the ParlAmericas 19th Plenary Assembly.

² Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States and Uruguay.



This document includes an overview of ParlAmericas’ engagement with the five priority themes and includes in annex a compendium of all the relevant ParlAmericas work that has been carried out since the IX Summit took place – covering the period of late June 2022 to present – with references to the connections to specific commitments within the corresponding Summit outcome document. This compilation of ParlAmericas activities includes in-person and virtual inter-parliamentary sessions, publications, dashboards and engagements in externally-organized events, all serving the purpose to foster hemispheric political dialogue that translates into productive legislative action at the national level.

Given the natural interconnections of the IX Summit commitments and of ParlAmericas’ work, some activities address multiple Summit themes. This overlap reflects ParlAmericas’ integrated approach to thematic priorities and objectives. It is also reflective of strategic approaches shared by ParlAmericas, the Organization of American States, and other Inter-American and international actors which seek to address complex hemispheric issues holistically – considering systemic root causes and sustainability while also responding to immediate policy needs.

IX Summit of the Americas Commitments


I. Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance

Escalating social, economic and political challenges in the Americas and the Caribbean pose serious threats to stability and democracy, underscoring the need for resilient democratic institutions, transparent governance, and inclusive decision-making processes. Confronting these pressures is essential to upholding citizens’ rights and accountability and to rebuilding public trust in governance systems.

The [Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance](#) provides a comprehensive framework for advancing democracy, human rights, sustainable development, anti-corruption, and citizen participation. This Action Plan comprises 32 commitments that emphasize the importance of inclusive policymaking, institutional integrity, and regional partnerships. Its commitments recognize the interconnectedness of democratic governance and regional stability, offering pathways to address shared challenges through mutual support and cooperation.

FOLLOW-UP TO THE XIII SUMMIT

Notably this action plan reaffirmed many of the XIII Summit of the Americas Lima Commitment mandates on addressing corruption and promoting transparency and citizen participation to strengthen democracy and sustainable development in the region; all core elements of ParlAmericas work championed through its [Open Parliament Network](#) and Open Parliament Staff Network. See: [Report on ParlAmericas Contributions to the Implementation of the Lima Commitment](#).



ParlAmericas recognizes the fundamental role of parliaments in fostering and protecting democratic governance and is committed to strengthening democratic principles and their application across the Americas and the Caribbean. All of ParlAmericas' work is guided by this commitment, with its programs, networks, and caucuses playing leading roles in advancing inclusive democratic practices.

Some of the key provisions of the Action Plan that coincide most frequently with ParlAmericas' work include:

- ✓ Strengthen existing regional mechanisms for political dialogue to analyze and address challenges to democracy (Action #1).
- ✓ Recognize, respect, and protect the rights of all, in accordance with those international treaties to which each state is party and in accordance with its domestic legislation (Action #9).
- ✓ Deepen the relationship between inclusive, democratic governance and sustainable development (Action #10).
- ✓ Promote regional mechanisms to facilitate meaningful participation of civil society and social actors, including women's and youth organizations in monitoring the implementation of the Summit commitments (Action #23).
- ✓ Foster multi-stakeholder forums for dialogue among the public sector, the private sector, and civil society, including women's and youth organizations and social actors, to strengthen democratic practices, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, anti-corruption, and open government efforts (Action #24).
- ✓ Increase efforts to ensure inclusion and diversity in all aspects of governance (Action #26);
- ✓ Increasing the use of tools that incorporate gender perspective in assessing and drafting legislation so that laws and policies are responsive to differential impacts on men, women, boys, and girls, including in efforts to address climate change, the digital economy, and healthcare, among others (Action #26-a).

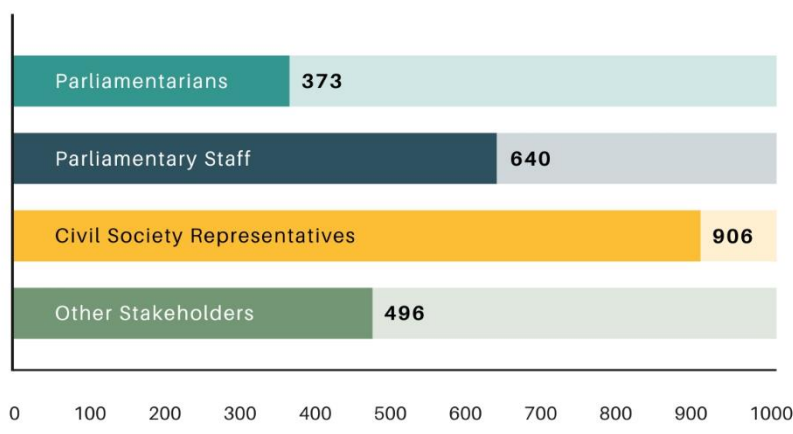
GENDER EQUALITY AS AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR PARLIAMENTS' DEMOCRATIC FUNCTIONING

In 2024, ParlAmericas launched a new [interactive dashboard](#) to track progress on various indicators measuring the gender-responsiveness of each parliamentary chamber within its membership. This tool allows parliamentarians and other stakeholders to explore and compare country-level data on good practices and policies that support the tenets of the Action Plan on Democratic Governance related to ensuring gender inclusion and diversity in all aspects of governance, including through assessing and drafting legislation, so that policies are responsive to differential impacts and needs of women and men (Action #26-a).



As evidenced by the number of parliamentary initiatives undertaken since the IX Summit, democratic governance is a fundamental cross-cutting theme for Summit follow-up efforts due to its intersection with a wide range of mechanisms shaping decision-making, accountability, and citizen participation and representation. It also underpins human rights and enables more inclusive social and economic development, among many other policy areas.

ParlAmericas has conducted 92 activities between June 2022 and February 2025 that have contributed to advancing the commitments of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance, engaging parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, civil society, and other stakeholders across the Americas and the Caribbean.



Note: Figures reflect data from activities conducted up to September 2024 and are subject to update.

For a comprehensive list of ParlAmericas activities aligned with the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance, please refer to the [Compendium of ParlAmericas Activities](#) undertaken between the IX and X Summit of the Americas.

II. Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas

The consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, compounded by the growing impacts of climate change, food and nutrition insecurity, and demographic shifts, have shed light on the pressing need to strengthen the resilience of healthcare systems across the Americas and the Caribbean. These overlapping crises have revealed grave disparities in healthcare access, exposed weaknesses in the delivery of public health services, and highlighted the urgency of prioritizing the inclusion and support of vulnerable communities in response efforts.

The [Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas](#) was developed following a formal [commitment](#) made by the Heads of State and Government at the IX Summit of the Americas to elaborate and implement a regional framework for strengthening health systems and resilience by 2030. After a process of widespread consultation and inputs, the Action Plan was adopted at the [First Meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group \(SIRG\) at the Ministerial Level](#) held in 2023.



The Action Plan outlines 16 commitments, which include advancing equitable access to health services and products, investing in robust health systems, enhancing emergency preparedness, addressing non-communicable diseases, and appropriately leveraging technology to support these efforts, among others.

In line with this agenda, ParlAmericas promotes human rights-based legislative approaches to ensure that vulnerable communities are included in comprehensive social protection systems and that legal frameworks support equitable, gender-sensitive policies for essential health-related services.

Some of the key provisions of the Action Plan that coincide most frequently with ParlAmericas' work include:

- ✓ Redouble efforts to accelerate achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Action #1).
- ✓ Expand equitable access to quality, comprehensive, and people- and community-centered health services, and strengthen primary health care to move toward universal health coverage, including access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, with particular attention to the needs and challenges faced by members of groups that have been historically marginalized, discriminated against, and/or in vulnerable situations, as well as all women and girls, taking into account their diverse conditions and situations, in accordance with national legislation and policies and international law (Action #2).
- ✓ Increase the retention and the availability of well-trained and qualified health workers and build future leadership in public health governance and management, mindful that women make up the majority of the health workforce in the region (Action #4).

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH

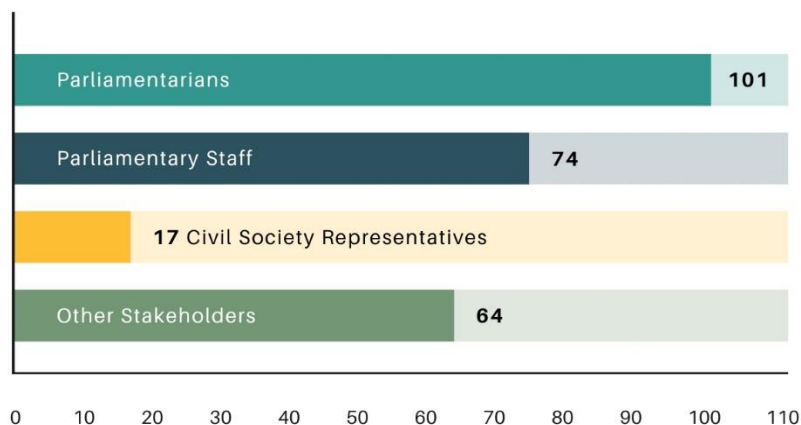
Given women's overrepresentation in the health sector, and their frequently overlooked leadership in this area, the Inter-American Task Force on Women's Leadership developed a comprehensive study, [*Women's Leadership in Health in the Americas: For Parity and Inclusion in Health Governance*](#). This study was delivered to the OAS Summit Secretariat as a contribution towards the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. As a member of this Task Force, ParlAmericas contributed insights to the study on the ways parliaments can advance women's leadership in the health sector.

In particular, a key focus of ParlAmericas work that aligns with the Action Plan for Health and Resilience is strengthening of the care sector. Championed by the ParlAmericas [Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality](#) (PNGE), this line of work establishes the right to care as fundamental to societal well-being and highlights its critical role in improving health services and economic inclusion.



Care work—both paid and unpaid—underpins health systems, from childcare to eldercare, yet remains undervalued. Investing in accessible, quality care services enhances health outcomes and improves working conditions for caregivers, the majority of whom are women. Recognizing care as a fundamental right is key to building health resilience and more equitable, sustainable societies.

ParlAmericas has conducted 13 activities between June 2022 and February 2025 that have contributed to advancing the commitments of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas, engaging parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, civil society, and other stakeholders across the Americas and the Caribbean.




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For a comprehensive list of ParlAmericas activities aligned with the Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas, please refer to the [Compendium of ParlAmericas Activities](#) undertaken between the IX and X Summit of the Americas.

III. Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation

Digital transformation is rapidly reshaping the Americas and the Caribbean, unlocking vast opportunities to enhance governance, optimize public services and foster deeper regional collaborations. When implemented strategically and inclusively, digital advancements can also drive economic growth by expanding markets, creating jobs and accelerating efficiencies and innovation. However challenges such as the digital divide, cybersecurity risks, and ethical dilemmas underscore the need for responsible regulation. Ensuring that these technologies are harnessed equitably is essential for sustainable progress.

The [Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation](#) sets forth a shared vision for building resilient, secure, and inclusive digital environments, through a comprehensive set of 44 commitments aimed at advancing digital ecosystems and connectivity, digital and open government, cybersecurity, economic growth and competitiveness. These priorities seek to harmonize digital governance practices across the hemisphere, fostering transparency, accountability and trust in public institutions.

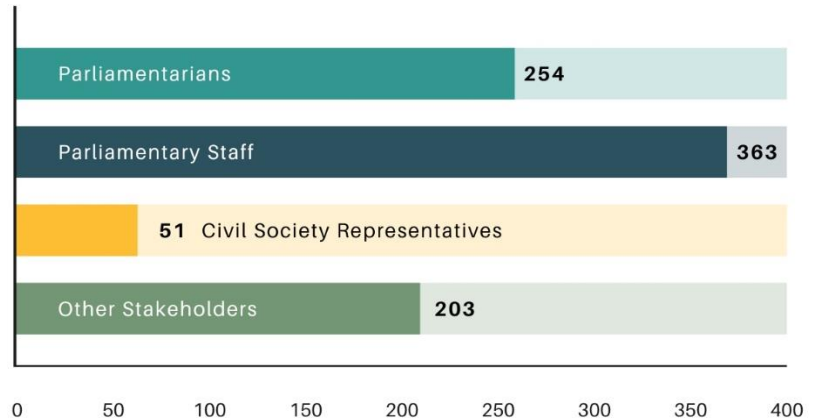


Parliaments play a central role in shaping digital transformation by crafting responsive legislation, addressing societal needs, and ensuring inclusive progress. To support this, ParlAmericas established the [Digital Caucus](#), a parliamentary working group within its Open Parliament Network (OPN). This caucus provides a dedicated space for parliamentarians to explore both the opportunities and challenges of digital transformation while addressing its diverse impacts across the Americas and the Caribbean. By facilitating dialogue and exchanging practical legislative solutions, the Digital Caucus promotes the creation of equitable, secure and forward-looking digital ecosystems that serve the needs of all of society.

Some of the key provisions of the Regional Agenda that coincide most frequently with ParlAmericas' work include:

- ✓ Promote the appropriate, convergent, and progressive use of information and communication technologies, emerging technologies, and new technologies to promote sustainable and integral development, fostering innovation, inclusion, and competitiveness (Action #6).
- ✓ Promote respect for human rights, including freedom of expression, as well as digital literacy, privacy of personal data, and the dissemination and secure, responsible, and lawful development and use of emerging and digital technologies, in line with international standards, to address the challenges of content moderation and to fight against disinformation (Action #15).
- ✓ Further a strategy of open data and public information that facilitates interoperability in the region, strengthening collaboration and active participation among States, civil society, the private sector, and academia towards an open-government approach (Action #21).
- ✓ Promote transparency and accountability in the management, publication, and use of open data and digital technologies, including the responsible and ethical development and use of artificial intelligence systems and other transformative technologies, while protecting individual privacy and personal data and promoting equity and respect for human rights and inclusive growth; and foster transparency and accountable use of algorithms that enable their auditing and technical evaluation, in a manner consistent with domestic legislation and international law (Action #22).
- ✓ Promote regional efforts to share knowledge, tools, and digital solutions that could accelerate digital transformation of government across the Americas, reinforcing the central role of the collaborative networks (Action #27).

ParlAmericas has conducted 32 activities between June 2022 and February 2025 that have contributed to advancing the commitments of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation, engaging parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, civil society, and other stakeholders across the Americas and the Caribbean.



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For a comprehensive list of ParlAmericas activities aligned with the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation, please refer to the [Compendium of ParlAmericas Activities](#) undertaken between the IX and X Summit of the Americas.

IV. Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition

Clean energy has emerged as a top priority for countries in the Americas and the Caribbean, driven by the dual imperatives of mitigating climate change and fostering sustainable economic development. Investing in renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind and hydropower, is not only critical for environmental sustainability but also stimulates job creation, lowers energy costs, and improves public health.

The outcome document [Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition](#) includes 15 commitments to promote energy efficiency and integration across the region. They emphasize investments in resilient energy infrastructure and clean technologies, decarbonization, reducing methane emissions, expanding renewable energy targets, and ensuring an equitable transition that benefits all communities, particularly women and marginalized groups.

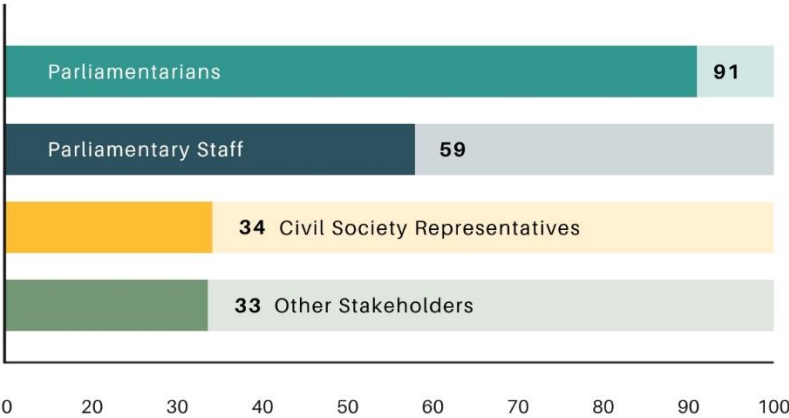
Since parliaments can play a central role in shaping the future of clean energy through their law-making, budget approval, and representational functions, ParlAmericas has implemented activities and developed resources that support parliamentary action to accelerate the energy transition in line with commitments adopted at the IX Summit of the Americas, promoting a collective vision for a cleaner, more sustainable and just energy landscape.



Some of the key provisions of this outcome document that coincide most frequently with ParlAmericas’ work include:

- ✓ Recall that the Glasgow Climate Pact calls upon Parties to accelerate the development, deployment, and dissemination of technologies, and the adoption of policies to transition towards low-emission energy systems, including by rapidly scaling up the deployment of clean power generation and energy efficiency measures, including accelerating efforts towards the phasedown of unabated coal power and phase-out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies, while providing targeted support to the poorest and most vulnerable in line with national circumstances and recognizing the need for support towards a just transition (Point #4).
- ✓ Support and promote cooperation to increase the share of all forms and types of renewable energy in the countries of the Americas, according to their national strategies, including wind, solar, offshore wind, bioenergy, geothermal, hydroelectricity, and other low-carbon emissions energy, particularly in the electric, industrial, transportation, and housing sectors, along with carbon capture, storage, and removal technologies, and emission abatement mechanisms, as well as low carbon hydrogen that may contribute to achieving net zero emissions by 2050 (Point #7).
- ✓ Work towards developing just and inclusive energy transition strategies with a gender perspective that take into account specific geographic circumstances in the region, in particular the vulnerable situation of small island developing states, which face economic and environmental resilience challenges, in addition to technical limitations to interconnecting their energy infrastructures (Point #15).

ParlAmericas has conducted 10 activities between June 2022 and February 2025 that have contributed to advancing the commitments of Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition, engaging parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, civil society, and other stakeholders across the Americas and the Caribbean.



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For a comprehensive list of ParlAmericas activities aligned with Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition, please refer to the [Compendium of ParlAmericas Activities](#) undertaken between the IX and X Summit of the Americas.



V. Our Sustainable Green Future

The impacts on lives and livelihoods of a changing climate are becoming increasingly evident to inhabitants across the Americas and the Caribbean region, with rising temperatures, more frequent extreme weather events, and ecosystem disruptions. As countries in the region work to respond to these challenges, there is a growing recognition of the need for sustainable strategies that integrate environmental stewardship with economic development.

The [Our Sustainable Green Future](#) Summit outcome document outlines a unified plan to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change while strengthening environmental resilience and sustainability. It sets forth 6 commitments to promote the sustainable management of ecosystems; reduce greenhouse gas emissions from land-use sectors; harness the role of oceans and other bodies of water; support global efforts to combat plastic pollutants; and accelerate climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts that account for the diverse national circumstances across the region.

As part of its climate action programming, ParlAmericas conducts work that enhances the coordination and alignment of parliamentary actions on the environment with existing international frameworks, fostering greater synergy between global and national objectives. Since June 2022, this work has additionally incorporated the commitments of Our Sustainable Green Future as important reference points for parliamentarians to shape more sustainable, resilient and equitable societies.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES AND PLANS OF THE AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN

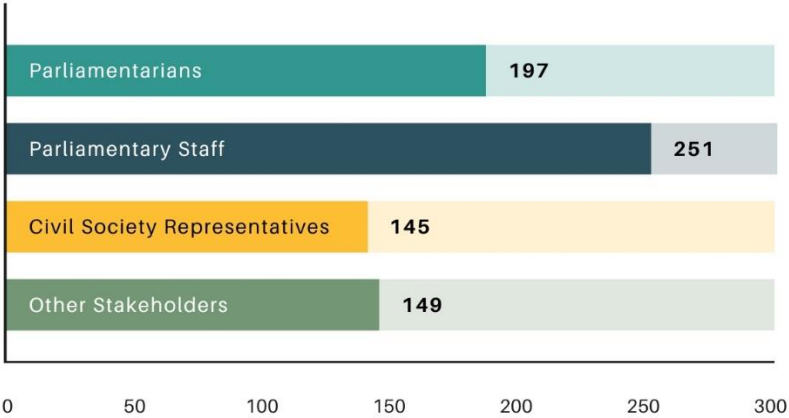
ParlAmericas has developed a [dashboard](#) that maps the strategies and plans adopted by the governments of the Americas and the Caribbean to address various environmental topics, including climate mitigation. This tool allows parliamentarians to familiarize themselves with the action plans and initiatives being undertaken by their executive branches, enabling them to identify progress and potential gaps where parliamentary action can support outcomes or where political oversight may be needed.

Some of the key provisions of this outcome document that coincide most frequently with ParlAmericas' work include:

- ✓ Advance the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forest and Land Use, national deforestation and conservation commitments, and regional efforts to halt and reverse deforestation and conserve, sustainably manage, and use ecosystems (Point #1).
- ✓ Decrease the amount of greenhouse gas emissions released into the atmosphere from agricultural, forestry, mining, and other land-use sectors (Point #2).

- ✓ Accelerate measures on climate change adaptation, taking into account different national circumstances (Point #4).
- ✓ Strengthen and integrate regional cooperation networks to assist governments and for the building of resilience by means of using appropriate methodologies (Point #5).

ParlAmericas has conducted 35 activities between June 2022 and February 2025 that have contributed to advancing the commitments of Our Sustainable Green Future, engaging parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, civil society, and other stakeholders across the Americas and the Caribbean.



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For a comprehensive list of ParlAmericas activities aligned with Our Sustainable Green Future, please refer to the [Compendium of ParlAmericas Activities](#) undertaken between the IX and X Summit of the Americas.


VI. Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection

On the margins of the IX Summit of the Americas, 20 States³ also endorsed the [Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection](#), a collective commitment to creating a more sustainable and humane approach to migration in the Americas and Caribbean. The declaration addresses both immediate needs and long-term solutions to migration challenges through a responsibility-sharing framework that focuses on three core governance pillars: (1) stabilization, (2) expanding legal pathways and protection, and (3) humane border management.

In recent years ParlAmericas has worked to elevate rights-based migration governance as a central topic for legislative agendas across the hemisphere and has implemented **the following programming aligned with tenets and commitments outlined in the Los Angeles Declaration:**

- ✓ In **March 2023**, ParlAmericas facilitated a virtual [learning lab](#) to mobilize parliaments to address climate migration. Held within the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the

³ Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, and Uruguay



Americas and the Caribbean (RP23), the session explored strategies for parliaments to support resilience-building to prevent forced climate migration, as well as for integrating gender-responsive relocation plans into disaster risk management.

- ✓ From **October 24 to 25, 2023**, ParlAmericas and the National Assembly of Panama hosted a multi-stakeholder dialogue titled [*Parliamentary Perspectives for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean*](#). This two-day gathering served as a space for parliamentarians, civil society representatives, and subject matter experts to analyze recent migration trends in the region, exchange insights on national migration policies and legislative practices, and explore sustainable, gender-sensitive strategies to strengthen collaboration among national parliaments. The dialogue emphasized the promotion of comprehensive, inclusive, and human rights-based approaches to migration governance.
- ✓ In **June 2024**, ParlAmericas released the parliamentary primer [*Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS*](#) in preparation for the 4th International Conference on SIDS. This primer addresses critical migration-related challenges for Caribbean SIDS, emphasizing the interplay between disaster displacement, climate change, and gender and other social dynamics. It highlights the heightened risks faced by marginalized groups including gender-based violence, human trafficking, displacement, and societal exclusion in transit and in host communities.
- ✓ In **September 2024**, ParlAmericas and the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) - Population Division of ECLAC published [*Inclusive Migration Governance in the Americas and Caribbean: A Primer for Parliamentarians*](#). This resource equips parliamentarians with information to strengthen legislative frameworks, promote inclusive policies, and support sustainable migration governance. It emphasizes gender-sensitive, rights-based, and differential approaches to address the needs of vulnerable groups, including women, children, and displaced communities. The resource also highlights regional best practices and recommendations to align migration policies with international standards and evolving societal realities.
- ✓ From **October 23 to 25, 2024**, ParlAmericas, FOPREL, and the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica hosted the hemispheric interparliamentary gathering [*Migration in the Context of Socio-Environmental Challenges*](#). This three-day event delved into the complexities of migration in the Americas and the Caribbean, focusing on its intersections with climate and environmental challenges, gender equality and human rights. Participants unpacked topics such as responsible migration governance frameworks, the economic contributions of migrants, climate-induced mobility, and strategies for social protection and integration. The gathering concluded with the adoption of a [political declaration](#) that emphasized the need for human rights-based migration governance, called for updating and strengthening legislative frameworks, and encouraged greater regional collaboration to address the root causes of migration.



Conclusion

The IX Summit of the Americas marked a pivotal occasion for advancing multilateral dialogue and cooperation towards addressing key challenges and opportunities in the Americas and Caribbean region. It also resulted in a series of new, widely-endorsed outcome documents that serve as strong frameworks to guide the hemisphere's political decision-making towards shared aspirations.

Additionally, the IX Summit's outcomes recognized parliamentary engagement as an integral component of the Summit process; ParlAmericas' mandate in the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance is a reaffirmation of the unique capacities and responsibilities of parliaments to translate regional Executive branch commitments into national actions, helping to ensure that governance is responsive to the diverse needs of societies.

ParlAmericas' work and contributions to the IX Summit of the Americas commitments underscore the value of parliamentary diplomacy and highlight concrete and robust parliamentary engagements towards advancing the Summit commitments. This report and the accompanying compendium of activities showcase the breadth of these efforts and reflect the dedication of the organization and its member parliaments to driving regional progress and strengthening democracy.

As ParlAmericas prepares to play an active role in the X Summit of the Americas in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, it does so with a renewed determination to ensure that parliamentarians remain central to the hemisphere's efforts to address shared challenges. The growing impacts of insecurity, migration, poverty, climate change, social inequality and other pressing issues across the Americas and the Caribbean reveal the urgent need for innovative legislative solutions that draw on transnational coordination. ParlAmericas continues to expand its efforts to facilitate meaningful political dialogue for parliamentarians and to share knowledge of best practices based on empirical evidence, supporting the ability of legislatures to navigate today's multifaceted challenges in conjunction with diverse stakeholders.



Compendium of ParlAmericas Activities between the IX and X Summits of the Americas

I. ParlAmericas Contributions to the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance

Each activity includes footnotes indicating alignment with specific commitment points of the [Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance](#).

Young Women in Leadership – Saint Lucia (YWIL SLU)

From May to June 2022, ParlAmericas, CIWiL Regional Secretariat and its Saint Lucia chapter, in partnership with the Parliament of Saint Lucia, organized the [YWIL SLU](#) program.

- ✓ This program prepared young women leaders in Saint Lucia for future leadership roles through sessions on political leadership, gender equality, inclusive decision-making, and parliamentary procedure. It culminated in historic, all-women simulated debates in the House of Assembly and the Senate.⁴

Launch of UNFCCC Academy for Global Youth Leadership Empowerment (AGYLE) in Latin America

In June 2022, ParlAmericas participated in the event [Strengthening Youth Leadership for Climate Action: Launch of AGYLE Latin America](#), organized by the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre in Panama.

- ✓ The meeting promoted the launch of AGYLE Latin America, an initiative that seeks to build capacity, empower, and connect youth leaders, advocates, and entrepreneurs working to promote a sustainable future. ParlAmericas moderated a panel featuring young women leaders who shared strategies to enhance youth participation in climate processes.⁵

Inter-Parliamentary Meeting: Promoting Legislative Openness in the Region

In September 2022, ParlAmericas and the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic co-organized the interparliamentary meeting [Promoting Legislative Openness in the Region](#), within the framework of the Open Americas Regional Conference.

- ✓ The meeting served as a platform to share progress and good practices on transparency, accountability, and citizen participation. Participants emphasized the importance of integrating

⁴ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 24b and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁵ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 10e, 23 and 24b of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

ethics into legislative work and incorporating gender perspectives as key elements to strengthen democratic governance.⁶

Panama Youth Assembly Program Session

In September 2022, the National Assembly of Panama, as part of its Youth Assembly Program, jointly held a [session](#) with ParlAmericas, with support from Fundación Espacio Cívico and the National Forum of Women in Political Parties (FONAMUPP).

- ✓ The session explored strategies to empower young people and highlighted their vital role in promoting transparent, inclusive legislative processes. Discussions included initiatives to instill leadership and teamwork values among youth, and the importance of integrating a gender perspective into legislative work to respond effectively to public needs and international commitments.⁷

Effective Engagement in Parliamentary Processes for Caribbean Women's Organizations

In September 2022, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean and Equality Fund, hosted the virtual workshop [Effective Engagement in Parliamentary Processes](#) for Caribbean women's organizations.

- ✓ The workshop introduced participants to the roles and functions of government branches, the legislative cycle, and formal mechanisms for public participation. It emphasized evidence-based advocacy and strategic engagement with parliamentarians, including building alliances with women's caucuses, parliamentary staff, and constituency offices, as well as leveraging opportunities to promote gender-inclusive and transparent parliamentary processes.⁸

3rd Meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality (PNGE-Staff)

In September 2022, ParlAmericas held a virtual meeting of the PNGE-Staff, titled [Allies inside and outside parliament: weaving networks to promote gender equality](#).

- ✓ The meeting centered on enhancing technical approaches to integrate gender perspectives into parliamentary work by fostering partnerships with women's organizations, experts, and gender equality advocates. It underscored the value of building networks to tackle inequalities and advance inclusive leadership.⁹

⁶ Aligned with commitment points 1, 12l, 24d, 24e, 26a and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁷ Aligned with commitment points 10c and 23 of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁸ Aligned with commitment points 23 and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁹ Aligned with commitment points 10d, 23, 26a and 26c of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.



High-Level Parliamentary Dialogue on Women's Political Participation

In October 2022, the Congress of the Republic of Peru and ParlAmericas co-organized the high-level parliamentary dialogue [*Consolidating the full political participation of women: building consensus*](#), in Lima, Peru, alongside the 52nd General Assembly of the OAS.

- ✓ The event provided a platform to discuss strategies for advancing women's leadership and removing persistent barriers to their political participation. Emphasizing collaboration and consensus-building, the dialogue highlighted the role of parliaments in strengthening democratic systems, fostering gender equality, and promoting inclusive representation that reflects society's diversity.¹⁰

Global Inter-Parliamentary Exchange on Women in Defence, Security, and Peace

In October 2022, ParlAmericas and the Parliamentary Centre co-organized a virtual global inter-parliamentary exchange titled [*Women parliamentarians on the agendas of defence, security, and peace*](#).

- ✓ The meeting explored the experiences of women legislators working on defence, security, and peacebuilding, emphasizing the importance of incorporating gender perspectives in these areas. Discussions highlighted the disproportionate impact of insecurity and armed conflicts on women and girls and underscored the value of diverse and inclusive voices in parliamentary debates.¹¹

Youth Legislative Impact Program – Honduras

From October and December 2022, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the National Congress of Honduras and the Honduran Women's Political Forum, held the Youth Legislative Impact program [*Strengthening the political leadership of young Honduran women*](#).

- ✓ The program aimed to build leadership skills and strengthen political advocacy among young Honduran women through virtual and in-person training. It included collaboration with community leaders and women parliamentarians to address challenges and promote gender equality in politics. The program concluded at the National Congress, where participants presented a [*collective statement*](#) and an [*intersectional legislative tool*](#).¹²

¹⁰ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 10c, 10d and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

¹¹ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

¹² Aligned with commitment points 10c, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.



XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

In November 2022, ParlAmericas participated in the [XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), under the theme *The Care Society: Horizon for a Sustainable Recovery with Gender Equality*, organized by ECLAC with the support of UN Women, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- ✓ The Parliamentary Forum, co-organized by the Argentine National Congress, served as a platform to exchange experiences and advance the regional gender agenda in the legislative sphere. Discussions focused on developing regulatory frameworks to uphold the right to care, establish comprehensive care policies and systems, and enhance provisions for maternity, paternity, and parental leave. The forum also emphasized the importance of fostering social and gender responsibility and recognizing unpaid care work.¹³

Working meeting on Transparency, Anti-Corruption, and Ethics

In November 2022, ParlAmericas organized a [virtual meeting](#) that brought together parliamentary committees on transparency, anti-corruption, and ethics in Latin America.

- ✓ The meeting examined committee standards aimed at promoting and advancing efforts for legislative openness in the region, with a particular focus on strengthening transparency and inclusivity in parliamentary work, incorporating a gender perspective.¹⁴

Caucus formation retreat for women parliamentarians in The Bahamas

From November 18 to 19, 2022, ParlAmericas, CIWiL Bahamas, UN Women Caribbean, and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) hosted a [retreat](#) in Nassau to support Bahamian women parliamentarians in establishing a women's parliamentary caucus in the Parliament of The Bahamas.

- ✓ The retreat featured sessions on applying a gender lens to legislative work and advancing gender equality in parliamentary processes. It concluded with guided discussions that reached consensus on the next steps for establishing the women's parliamentary caucus.¹⁵

14th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality (PNGE)


From November 30 to December 1, 2022, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Congress of Colombia, hosted the 14th Gathering of the PNGE in Bogotá, Colombia, titled [Legislative Perspectives for Inclusive Economic Growth: Investing in the Care Economy](#).

- ✓ The gathering emphasized the role of parliamentarians in legislating the economic and social value of care work. Discussions focused on promoting gender equality, examining the Inter-American

¹³ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 26a and 26c of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

¹⁴ Aligned with commitment points 12a, 12c, 19a, 19b and 24d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

¹⁵ Aligned with commitment points 10d and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.



Model Law on Care, addressing inequalities in the distribution of care responsibilities and unpaid care work, and fostering multilateral cooperation to strengthen care systems.¹⁶

- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) emphasizing the importance of care work for economic and social development, with commitments to improve data collection, implement gender-responsive policies, expand protections, and challenge stereotypes.¹⁷

Training Retreat for Jamaican Women Parliamentarians

From December 3 to 4, 2022, ParlAmericas, UN Women Multi-Country Office – Caribbean, the Bureau of Gender Affairs in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment, and Sport, and the Houses of Parliament of Jamaica hosted a [training retreat](#) in Ocho Rios, bringing together Jamaican women parliamentarians and local government representatives.

- ✓ The retreat facilitated discussions on women’s political participation, gender equality in legislative work, and collaboration on issues such as gender-based and family violence. Participants highlighted the importance of fostering trust, adopting people-centered approaches, and strengthening advocacy for issues impacting women and children. The retreat also built on ongoing efforts within the Parliament of Jamaica to establish a bicameral women’s caucus.¹⁸

Third Caribbean Clerks Programme

From January 26 to 27, 2023, ParlAmericas, The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK Branch (CPA UK) and the Parliament of Barbados, hosted the third [Caribbean Clerks Programme](#) in Bridgetown, Barbados.

- ✓ The programme brought together Caribbean parliamentary clerks, deputy clerks, researchers and support staff for discussions on parliamentary functions, collaboration with parliamentarians, research support, committee roles, and strategies to enhance inclusive citizen participation, focusing on engaging underrepresented groups and improving practices.¹⁹

Virtual Workshop for Latin American Feminist Organizations


In February, 2023, ParlAmericas hosted the virtual workshop [Strengthening Legislative Advocacy by Feminist Organizations in Latin America: Processes, Tools, and Experiences](#) for feminist organizations in Latin America.

¹⁶ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 10d, 10e, 26a and 26c of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

¹⁷ Aligned with commitment points 8, 10a, 10c, 10e, 26a and 26c of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

¹⁸ Aligned with commitment points 10d, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

¹⁹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 24b, 24e and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

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- ✓ The session examined the pivotal role of feminist organizations in driving legislative change, offering advocacy tools, strategies for engaging parliamentarians, insights on building collaborative relationships with parliaments, the open parliament approach as an advocacy opportunity, and the connection between the public agenda and the legislative agenda.²⁰

Young Women In Leadership – Jamaica (YWiLJA)

From December 2022 to February 2023, ParlAmericas and CIWiL, in partnership with the Bureau of Gender Affairs in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, and the Houses of Parliament of Jamaica, organized the program [YWiLJA](#).

- ✓ The program, designed for young women leaders in Jamaica, focused on transformational leadership, inclusive decision-making, and parliamentary procedure. It included a series of virtual and in-person training sessions, culminating in a simulated all-women parliamentary debate in the House of Representatives.²¹

Regular Session of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States

In February 2023, ParlAmericas participated in the [regular session](#) of the Permanent Council of the OAS.

- ✓ ParlAmericas summarized its work since its last participation in February 2022, highlighting actions taken to fulfill mandates from the IX Summit of the Americas and the 52nd OAS General Assembly to promote parliamentary engagement within the Inter-American System. The representatives also reflected on the role of inter-parliamentary diplomacy and how ParlAmericas' 2023 activities align with OAS efforts to address regional challenges.²²

5th Meeting of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament (OPN-Staff)

In March 2023, ParlAmericas held a [virtual meeting](#) of the OPN-Staff focused on plain language in legislative work.

The meeting focused on the importance of using inclusive and accessible language in legislative work to foster informed and empowered citizen participation. Parliamentary staff shared progress on applying legislative openness standards in parliamentary committees and exchanged good practices on using plain language to strengthen the relationship between parliaments and the public.²³

²⁰ Aligned with commitment points 11, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

²¹ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 24b and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

²² Aligned with commitment points 1, 10a, 23 and 24f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

²³ Aligned with commitment points 19b, 24e and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

 **Legislative Track of the II Summit for Democracy**

From March 28 to March 30, 2023, ParlAmericas participated in the [Legislative Track](#) organized by HDP as part of the II Summit for Democracy in Washington D.C., United States.

- ✓ ParlAmericas moderated a high-level session, “Holistic Approaches to Good Governance,” that explored the role of legislatures in strengthening democratic resilience and good governance practices.²⁴

 **Building Bridges between Escazú and Open Government**

In April 2023, ParlAmericas participated in the workshop [Building Bridges between Escazú and Open Government](#), organized by the Open Government Alliance, ECLAC, and Hemisferios University (Ecuador) in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- ✓ The meeting addressed key challenges and opportunities in implementing the Escazú Agreement with a focus on how its principles—access to information, public participation, and environmental justice—can bolster environmental democracy. Discussions highlighted actionable strategies to connect the environmental and open government communities of practice, promote multi-stakeholder engagement, integrate gender-responsive approaches, and protect vulnerable peoples.²⁵

 **7th Gathering of the OPN**

From April 20 to 22, 2023, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the National Congress of Chile, hosted the 7th Gathering of the OPN in Santiago, titled [The Future of Democracy in the Digital Era](#).


- ✓ The gathering examined legislative strategies for democratic governance in the digital age, focusing on digital inclusion, disinformation, and comprehensive governance. It emphasized empowering women and marginalized groups through inclusive policies to strengthen their participation in the digital ecosystem and strengthening democratic institutions.²⁶
- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) committing to legislative actions that advance inclusive digitalization, bridge connectivity gaps in marginalized communities, counter disinformation while upholding human rights, and foster digital skills for equitable participation in the digital era.²⁷

²⁴ Aligned with commitment points 1, 10a, 24a, 24d and 24e of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

²⁵ Aligned with commitment points 2c, 7a, 7b, 10b, 12j, 24b, 24d and 24e of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

²⁶ Aligned with commitment points 5, 10d, 10e, 12l, 14 and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

²⁷ Aligned with commitment points 5, 10c, 10d, 10e, 12l, 14, 26a and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.



5th Meeting of the PNGE-Staff

In May 2023, ParlAmericas held a virtual meeting of the PNGE-Staff, titled [Addressing gender-based violence in parliaments from an intersectional perspective](#).

- ✓ The meeting examined strategies and shared experiences for addressing gender-based violence in parliaments, considering both their parliamentary and administrative functions. Discussions highlighted good practices and provided recommendations through an intersectional lens, focusing on factors such as race, ethnicity, and disability.²⁸

Special Meeting of the OAS Permanent Council

In May 2023, a ParlAmericas delegation participated in the [session](#) of the Special Meeting of the OAS Permanent Council, titled “Best Practices and Recommendations for Improving Inter-American Parliamentary Dialogue,” convened in response to OAS General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2989 (LII-O/22) on Strengthening Democracy.

- ✓ The participation underscored ParlAmericas' commitment to advancing inter-American parliamentary dialogue and emphasized the importance of parliamentary engagement in multilateral spaces. It also highlighted opportunities to strengthen the involvement of national parliaments in the OAS through ParlAmericas.²⁹

Together We Are Stronger: Effectively Engaging in Parliamentary Processes

In June 2023, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Equality Fund and UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, hosted the workshop, [Together We Are Stronger](#), as part of a three-part training series for women's organizations in the Caribbean on effectively engaging in parliamentary processes.

- ✓ This session focused on sharing strategies for effective parliamentary advocacy, emphasizing the importance of collaborative approaches to addressing systemic inequalities and advancing gender equality.³⁰

Towards Effective Environmental Governance: Access to Information, Participation, and Justice


In July 2023, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), convened a virtual multi-stakeholder dialogue titled [Towards Effective Environmental Governance: Access to Information, Participation, and Justice](#).

- ✓ The session emphasized the pivotal role of parliaments in upholding the Escazú Agreement's principles of access to information, public participation, and justice in environmental governance.

²⁸ Aligned with commitment points 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

²⁹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 10a, 23 and 24f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

³⁰ Aligned with commitment points 10d, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.



It underscored the importance of empowering women, youth, and marginalized communities to actively shape sustainable and inclusive policies.³¹

Joint Meeting of the OPN-Staff and the PNGE-Staff

In August 2023, ParlAmericas and the Federal Senate of Brazil co-organized the joint meeting of the OPN-Staff and the PNGE-Staff titled [Open and Inclusive Parliaments: Experiences and Strategies in Latin America](#), held in Brasília, Brazil.

- ✓ The meeting focused on gender equality in parliaments, addressing gender-based violence, care policies, and sharing good practices in legislative and administrative processes. It also facilitated collaboration with civil society to co-create a tool integrating open parliament principles with gender-sensitive and intersectional approaches.³²

Lactation and Daycare Facilities in Parliaments: Good Practices in the Americas and the Caribbean

In August 2023, ParlAmericas published the briefing document [Lactation and Daycare Facilities in Parliaments: Good Practices in the Americas and the Caribbean](#).

- ✓ This document emphasizes the importance of implementing family-friendly policies in parliamentary workplaces, particularly lactation rooms and daycare facilities, to promote gender equality and enable equitable participation. It also features a compilation of good practices from parliaments across the hemisphere and around the world.³³

Towards Equality: Strengthening Women's Political Leadership

In August 2023, ParlAmericas and the Ministry of Women of the Republic of Panama organized the meeting [Towards Equality: More Women Shaping Politics](#), held in Panama City.

- ✓ The meeting explored strategies to empower Panamanian women in politics through inclusive practices and transparent decision-making. Panels and discussions provided tools and shared experiences to enhance women's leadership and strengthen gender equality in political representation.³⁴
- ✓ A [declaration](#) was adopted by Panamanian women leaders, along with representatives from state powers, political parties, civil society, and community organizations, committing to promote

³¹ Aligned with commitment points 2c, 7a, 7b, 9a, 9b, 10b, 12j, 24b, 24d and 24e of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

³² Aligned with commitment points 10c, 10d, 19a, 24e, 26a, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

³³ Aligned with commitment points 10d, 26a, and 26c of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

³⁴ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 10d and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

gender equality in politics through participation, leadership, and decision-making within the political sphere.³⁵

The Role of Youth in Strengthening Democracy: Building a Just and Inclusive Future

In August 2023, ParlAmericas, the National Forum of Youth in Political Parties, IRI, and Fundación Espacio Cívico co-organized the meeting [The Role of Youth in Strengthening Democracy: Building a Just and Inclusive Future](#), held in Panama City.

- ✓ The meeting focused on fostering Panamanian youth participation in politics by exploring innovative strategies and shared experiences. Through discussions and collaborative workshops, participants examined the challenges and opportunities faced by young people in political spaces, emphasizing the development of inclusive policies and the strengthening of democratic institutions.³⁶

First Regional Gathering of the Forums of Women in Political Parties

From August 23 to 24, 2023, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, co-organized the first regional gathering of the Forums of Women in Political Parties, [Building Networks of Sisterhood to Promote Gender Equality](#), held in San José, Costa Rica.

- ✓ The two-day gathering convened women parliamentarians and leaders from women's forums and political party groups from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, and the Dominican Republic. The participants discussed key issues, including advocacy, financing, and combating political violence. They also exchanged strategies to strengthen alliances and networks among women's forums, promoting inclusive representation and advancing gender parity.³⁷
- ✓ A [declaration](#) was adopted reaffirming the commitment of participants to advancing women's political rights, achieving gender parity, and eliminating violence against women in political and public life.³⁸

8th Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit

From September 5 to 7, 2023, ParlAmericas participated in the [8th OGP Global Summit](#), hosted in Tallinn, Estonia.


- ✓ The summit explored the pressing challenges and opportunities of open government in the digital era. ParlAmericas highlighted the essential role of parliaments in advancing open government work, sharing insights on legislative efforts and leadership in this area. Discussions also covered

³⁵ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 10d and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

³⁶ Aligned with commitment points 3e, 10c and 24 of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

³⁷ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 10d and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

³⁸ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 10c, 10d and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.



the diverse anti-corruption measures implemented across the Americas and the Caribbean, along with strategies to transform existing commitments into meaningful action.³⁹

Promoting Inclusion and Equality through Parliamentary Youth Programming: Resource Compilation for Member Parliaments

In September 2023, ParlAmericas published the parliamentary tool [Promoting Inclusion and Equality through Parliamentary Youth Programming: Resource Compilation for Member Parliaments](#).

- ✓ This publication underscores the importance of integrating gender equality and inclusion into youth parliamentary programming. It highlights good practices from initiatives across the Americas and the Caribbean that amplify diverse youth voices, promote gender-sensitive leadership, and foster equitable participation.⁴⁰

Parliamentary Perspectives for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean

From October 24 to 25, 2023, ParlAmericas and the National Assembly of Panama co-organized the multi-stakeholder dialogue [Parliamentary Perspectives for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) in Panama City, Panama.

- ✓ The gathering provided a space to analyze recent migration trends in the region from various perspectives and to facilitate the exchange of national migration policies and good legislative practices, aiming to promote comprehensive, inclusive, and human rights-based migration governance.⁴¹

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Gender Equality and Sustainable Development

From October 31 to November 1, 2023, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean and the Parliament of Saint Lucia, organized a two-day [multi-stakeholder dialogue](#) on gender equality and sustainable development in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia.

- ✓ The dialogue brought together parliamentarians from the Caribbean, national gender machineries, civil society, and international organizations to exchange ideas on advancing gender equality as a driving force for sustainable development. It underscored various forms of gender inequality—particularly violence against women and girls, with an emphasis on family violence—as significant obstacles to the sustainable development of Caribbean SIDS.⁴²

³⁹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 12h, 12j, 12l, 15, 19a, 24d, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁴⁰ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 24a and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁴¹ Aligned with commitment points 5, 8, 10c, 10e, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

⁴² Aligned with commitment points 10b, 10d, 24e and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

- ✓ The dialogue concluded with the issuance of a [regional joint statement](#), committing participants to collaborative actions to advance sustainable development, promote gender equality, and eliminate violence against women and girls.⁴³

Caribbean Women's Parliamentary Caucus Exchange

In November 2023, ParlAmericas, the UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, and the Parliament of Saint Lucia co-organized a [meeting](#) of representatives of women's parliamentary caucuses from across the Caribbean at Gros Islet, Saint Lucia.

- ✓ This exchange aimed to strengthen networks among caucuses, facilitate the sharing of priorities and best practices for their operations, and explore mentorship opportunities where established caucuses could support parliaments in other countries seeking to form similar bodies.⁴⁴

OPN Working Meeting

From November 29 to 30, 2023, ParlAmericas, in partnership with the Congress of the Republic of Colombia and the Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency, hosted the OPN working meeting [Legislative Transparency Measurements and Tools: Opportunities for Parliamentary Openness](#), in Bogotá, Colombia.

- ✓ The meeting focused on advancing the open parliament agenda in the region by highlighting the importance of legislative transparency measurements and tools. It served as a platform to reflect on implementing actions aligned with open parliament pillars and fostered discussions on strategies for enhanced legislative transparency and accountability.⁴⁵

28th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP28)

From November 30 to December 12, 2023, ParlAmericas participated in [COP 28](#) in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates.

- ✓ ParlAmericas hosted an official side event, [The Escazú Agreement and Action for Climate Empowerment \(ACE\): Strengthening Environmental Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), in the first-ever parliamentary pavilion. The event examined how efforts toward the implementation of the Escazú Agreement and ACE can strengthen gender-transformative environmental democracy, increase citizen participation and protect human rights.⁴⁶


Virtual Seminar for Women Parliamentarians on the Defence, Peace, and Security Agenda

⁴³ Aligned with commitment points 10b, 10d, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁴⁴ Aligned with commitment points 10d and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁴⁵ Aligned with commitment points 12h, 19a, 19b, 24a, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁴⁶ Aligned with commitment points 2c, 4, 7, 9, 10b, 12j, 24b, 24d and 24e of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Clean Energy](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.



In December 2023, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Global Centre for Pluralism and the Parliamentary Centre co-organized the virtual seminar [“With All That’s Going on Right Now...”: The Challenge of Political Leadership During Crisis](#).

- ✓ The seminar brought together current and former women parliamentarians, along with civil society representatives, to foster constructive dialogue from a gender perspective on key issues in the defense, peace, and security sectors. It provided a platform for discussion and the exchange of good practices in ethical and responsible leadership.⁴⁷

Meeting of the ECLAC Community of Practice on Voluntary National Reviews

In December 2023, ParlAmericas participated in the [meeting](#) of the ECLAC Community of Practice on Voluntary National Reviews.

- ✓ In the panel “Setting the Stage: The Role of Parliamentarians in the Implementation, Review, and Monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, ParlAmericas highlighted the strategic role of parliaments in the implementation, review, and monitoring of this agenda, emphasizing its work in convening parliamentarians from across the hemisphere to address issues intrinsically linked to poverty, such as food security and migration.⁴⁸

7th Meeting of the PNGE-Staff

In December 2023, ParlAmericas virtually hosted the 7th Meeting of the PNGE-Staff, titled [Care Policies in Parliaments: Exchanging Good Practices in the Americas and the Caribbean](#).

- ✓ This meeting served as a platform for parliamentary staff and representatives of national gender machineries to explore care policies in national parliaments. It included presentations on key considerations for care-related parliamentary work and facilitated peer-to-peer dialogue on both current and future initiatives.⁴⁹

2024 Caribbean Clerks Programme

In January 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [2024 Caribbean Clerks Programme](#), organized by CPA UK.

- ✓ This virtual two-day programme brought together clerks and parliamentary staff from the Caribbean to discuss effective committee operations and opportunities for professional development. ParlAmericas highlighted the work of its Staff Networks in fostering peer

⁴⁷ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 10d and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁴⁸ Aligned with commitment points 10a, 10b, 10c and 10d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁴⁹ Aligned with commitment points 10c and 26c of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

exchanges, the importance of engaging young people in parliamentary processes, and the need to incorporate equality and inclusion considerations within public outreach initiatives.⁵⁰

Regional Meeting of Women of Political Parties

In March 2024, ParlAmericas hosted the virtual session [Building More Equal Democracies: Women's Political Participation and Leadership](#) as part of the framework of International Women's Day and as a follow-up to the First Regional Gathering of the Forums of Women in Political Parties.

- ✓ This session focused on inter-American standards for preventing and eradicating gender-based political violence and explored strategies to achieve parity in political representation. Discussions addressed current challenges and opportunities for women's participation in politics.⁵¹

ParlAmericas Parliamentary Delegation to Washington, D.C.

From March 12 to 14, 2024, ParlAmericas organized a [parliamentary delegation](#) to Washington, D.C., to strengthen ParlAmericas institutional collaboration with the OAS and engage in high-level discussions with key stakeholders.

- ✓ The delegation participated in a Joint Special Meeting with the OAS Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs and the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities. During the session, the delegation presented a [proposal](#) to strengthen parliamentary engagement within the OAS framework through ParlAmericas.⁵²
- ✓ The program featured meetings with U.S. Congress representatives, OAS Executive Secretariats, and other key stakeholders to address regional priorities like democracy, security, migration, and climate change. These engagements underscored ParlAmericas' role within the Inter-American System and the crucial role of parliamentary diplomacy in safeguarding democracy.⁵³

Navigating Online Information: Tips and Tricks for Parliamentary Research

In March 2024, ParlAmericas published the parliamentary tool [Navigating Online Information: Tips and Tricks for Parliamentary Research](#).


- ✓ This resource provides practical strategies for navigating the digital information landscape in parliamentary research. It addresses challenges such as misinformation and emphasizes the

⁵⁰ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 10d, 10e and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁵¹ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 10d, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁵² Aligned with commitment points 1 and 24f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁵³ Aligned with commitment points 1, 10, 14, 23 and 24f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.



importance of accessing disaggregated data to support evidence-based decision-making and foster informed, inclusive dialogues.⁵⁴

Meeting of the OPN-Staff

In March 2024, ParlAmericas held a [virtual meeting](#) of the OPN-Staff on accountability of parliaments.

- ✓ The meeting explored good practices and tools for enhancing transparency and accountability within parliamentary work. Discussions emphasized the importance of both political oversight of the Executive Branch and internal mechanisms for parliamentary accountability, highlighting inclusive approaches to strengthen public trust in democratic institutions.⁵⁵

Global Innovations in Democracy (GID): Parliamentary Exchange

From April 15 to 17, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [GID: Parliamentary Exchange](#), held in Washington, D.C., and organized by the Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability (IDEA) at The Ohio State University and the Center for Democracy Innovation at the National Civic League.

- ✓ ParlAmericas moderated the session titled “Why Do We Need to Innovate and Expand Our Definitions of Constituent Engagement?” The session explored the need to modernize how legislators engage with citizens, addressed the challenges of traditional constituency outreach, and highlighted global trends in developing more inclusive and effective participation strategies.⁵⁶

20th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly and 8th Gathering of the OPN

From May 8 to 10, 2024, ParlAmericas and the Chamber of Senators of Paraguay co-organized the 20th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly and the 8th Gathering of the OPN in Asunción, under the theme [Building Partnerships to Strengthen Democracy and Promote Human Rights](#).

- ✓ The gathering offered a space for parliamentarians to address challenges in democracy, human rights, and inclusive governance. It emphasized strategies to uphold human rights, foster media pluralism, and navigate digital technology impacts, while highlighting parliamentary diplomacy's role in advancing democratic values.⁵⁷
- ✓ As part of its Plenary Assembly session, parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) committing to safeguarding democracy, protecting human rights, promoting gender equality, and strengthening civic spaces. The declaration underscores the importance of collaborative efforts

⁵⁴ Aligned with commitment points 5, 12g, 24e and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁵⁵ Aligned with commitment points 12c, 12j and 12l of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁵⁶ Aligned with commitment points 24a, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁵⁷ Aligned with commitment points 1, 3d, 4, 5, 12h, 12l, 19a, 24a, 24d, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

to address transnational challenges, advance women's political rights, combat corruption, and uphold the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter.⁵⁸

Open Parliament Commitment Tool

In May 2024, ParlAmericas relaunched the web-based dashboard titled [Open Parliament Commitment Tool](#).

- ✓ This dashboard enables users to explore and track the implementation of commitments submitted through Open Parliament and Open Government Action Plans, allowing for the monitoring of open parliament commitments made by legislatures across the Americas and the Caribbean.⁵⁹

Children's Books on Environmental Stewardship and Youth Leadership

Between September 2023 and May 2024, in collaboration with member parliaments and civil society partner organizations, ParlAmericas launched a series of [children's books](#).

- ✓ These resources—[Izzy and her Friends](#), [Rocío and the Belled Forest](#), and [Yerutí y los Superhéroes del Planeta](#)—aim to promote leadership and citizen participation from an early age. They serve as valuable tools for parliamentarians to connect with young audiences and foster democratic values.⁶⁰

Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

In June 2024, ParlAmericas released the parliamentary primer [Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS](#) in preparation for the 4th International Conference on SIDS.

- ✓ The primer addresses the interconnected challenges faced by SIDS, including crime and violence, debt, access to financing, and education, among others. It highlights how these issues disproportionately impact women and other vulnerable groups, emphasizing the importance of gender-responsive legislative and policy solutions. By providing tools, data, and actionable

⁵⁸ Aligned with commitment points 2c, 3d, 4, 5, 7, 10b, 10d, 12i, 12j, 12l, 19a, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁵⁹ Aligned with commitment points 12l, 14, 15, 19a, 19b, 24a, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁶⁰ Aligned with commitment points 10b, 10c and 11 of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

strategies, the primer empowers parliamentarians to develop inclusive and equitable responses that address the specific needs of Caribbean SIDS.⁶¹

SIDS Gender Equality Forum and 4th International Conference on SIDS

- ✓ The [ParlAmericas delegation](#) of Caribbean parliamentarians in the SIDS Gender Equality Forum and the 4th International Conference on SIDS, held in Antigua and Barbuda from May 25 to 30, 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance*.
- ✓ The ParlAmericas delegation participated in sessions on women's leadership, the integration of gender equality and SIDS priorities into international frameworks, and strategies for tracking progress on SIDS-related goals. Additionally, ParlAmericas' side event, [Empowering Action on the Escazú Agreement: A Parliamentarians & Civil Society Dialogue](#), emphasized the Escazú Agreement as a key framework for inclusive environmental governance. It highlighted the critical role of parliamentarians in advancing access to information, public participation, and justice for environmental defenders.⁶²

Towards Parity: Strengthening Women's Political Participation in Paraguay

In June 2024, in the framework of the 54th Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly, ParlAmericas, the Chamber of Senators of Paraguay, and CIM co-organized the session [Towards Parity: Strengthening Women's Political Participation in Paraguay](#) in Asunción.

- ✓ This session convened women parliamentarians to explore inter-American tools and strategies to advance women's political leadership in Paraguay. Experts shared resources to address political violence against women and provided recommendations for implementing legislative frameworks inspired by successful practices from other countries.⁶³

Open, Inclusive, and Sustainable Parliaments: The Key Role of Parliamentary Staff

In June 2024, in the framework of the 54th Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly, ParlAmericas and the Chamber of Deputies of Paraguay co-organized the session [Open, Inclusive, and Sustainable Parliaments: The Key Role of Parliamentary Staff](#) in Asunción.

- ✓ This session focused on equipping parliamentary staff with practical tools and regional insights to enhance their work in promoting openness, gender equality, and climate action. Tailored

⁶¹ Aligned with commitment points 8, 9, 10, 24b and 26 of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section, the [Digital Transformation](#) section, the [Clean Energy](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

⁶² Aligned with commitment points 2c, 3d, 4, 7, 10, 12j, 24b, 24d, 24e, 26c, 26d and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

⁶³ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 10d and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

resources to support efforts in building more transparent, inclusive, and sustainable parliaments were shared.⁶⁴

Beyond Borders: Regional Security Strategies

From July 10 to 11, 2024, ParlAmericas and the Congress of Peru jointly organized the interparliamentary meeting [Beyond Borders: Regional Security Strategies](#) in Lima, Peru.

- ✓ The meeting addressed the region's security challenges through holistic, human rights-centered approaches, focusing on topics such as citizen security, organized crime, and cybersecurity. Discussions highlighted governance models that strengthen the rule of law, reduce inequalities, and promote inclusion and sustainable development.⁶⁵

International Congress on Open States and Governance

In July 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [First International Congress on Open State and Governance](#) organized by ECLAC, the Open Government Academic Network International, and the National University of Costa Rica.

- ✓ The event fostered dialogue on innovative practices in transparency, citizen participation, and accountability, with a strong focus on open governance and its role in strengthening democracy. ParlAmericas' contributions underscored regional progress in legislative openness, highlighting the importance of gender and intersectionality and their applications in commitments.⁶⁶

Young Women In Leadership – Grenada (YWiL Grenada)

From May to July 2024, ParlAmericas and CIWiL, in partnership with the CIWiL Grenada National Chapter and the Houses of Parliament of Grenada, organized [YWiL Grenada](#), a training program for young Grenadian women leaders.


- ✓ This program prepared participants for leadership roles through training in political leadership. It included virtual and in-person sessions on transformational leadership, gender equality, and parliamentary procedure, culminating in two historic all-women mock parliamentary debates—one in the House of Representatives and the other in the Senate—focused on developing a national action plan for gender equality and women's economic empowerment.⁶⁷

⁶⁴ Aligned with commitment points 10b, 10d, 19a and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁶⁵ Aligned with commitment points 7a, 8, 10d, 24a, 25, 26a, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁶⁶ Aligned with commitment points 12a, 12c, 12h, 12k, 12l, 19a, 24a, 24d, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁶⁷ Aligned with commitment points 10d and 26c of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.



Tying the Threads Together: Parliamentary Actions to Advance International Agreements on the SIDS and Gender Equality

In August, 2024, ParlAmericas, UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, and CIWiL partnered to host the virtual meeting [Tying the Threads Together: Parliamentary Actions to Advance International Agreements on the SIDS and Gender Equality](#).

- ✓ The session equipped parliamentarians with practical actions to advance key gender equality and sustainable development frameworks, such as the SIDS agenda, the Bridgetown Initiative 3.0, and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. It also emphasized the importance of collaboration with civil society to advance these goals and explored strategies to promote peace and sustainability across the region.⁶⁸

Regional Workshop for Judges and Prosecutors on Combating Illegal Mining

From August 6 to 8, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [Regional Workshop for Judges and Prosecutors on Combating Illegal Mining through the Judicial System](#), organized by the Department against Transnational Organized Crime of the OAS and supported by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, held in Bogotá, Colombia.

- ✓ ParlAmericas contributed to the session “Criminal Policy and Legislative Initiatives to Combat Illegal Mining” by delivering a presentation on legislative experiences and approaches that support investigations into money laundering and illegal mining in Latin America.⁶⁹

Meeting of the PNGE-Staff

In September 2024, ParlAmericas hosted a virtual meeting of the PNGE-Staff, titled [Strategies for Gender Equality Training in Parliaments](#).

- ✓ This session convened parliamentary staff to exchange strategies for designing and implementing effective training programs that advance gender equality within parliaments. Through peer dialogue and expert guidance, participants explored practical approaches to strengthen gender-focused capacity-building efforts.⁷⁰

Parliamentary Practices for Gender Equality Dashboard

In September 2024, ParlAmericas launched a new web-based dashboard, titled [Institutional Progress on Gender Equality in the Parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean](#).

⁶⁸ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 3e, 10, 24a, 24b, 26a, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

⁶⁹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 7a, 12b 12i and 12j of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁷⁰ Aligned with commitment points 10d, 26a, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

- ✓ This dashboard enables users to monitor the progress of national parliaments in the Americas and the Caribbean in advancing gender equality. Through an interactive chart and map, it allows users to explore and compare efforts related to the implementation of institutional practices and legislative frameworks that promote gender-responsive governance across the region.⁷¹

Inclusive Migration Governance in the Americas and Caribbean: A Primer for Parliamentarians

In September 2024, ParlAmericas and CELADE - the Population Division of ECLAC - published the resource [*Inclusive Migration Governance in the Americas and Caribbean: A Primer for Parliamentarians*](#).

- ✓ **Democratic Governance:** This resource offers parliamentarians actionable tools to support rights-based migration governance. It explores international frameworks and legislative approaches that facilitate regular mobility and promote the social protection, economic integration, and fair treatment of migrants.⁷²
- ✓ **Health and Resilience:** This resource highlights the importance of ensuring that migrants have access to essential services like healthcare and advocates for integrating their right to health into broader parliamentary discussions. It also calls for legislative reviews to remove barriers that hinder access to basic services, irrespective of immigration status.

Inclusive Citizen Participation: Exploring Opportunities in Digital Transformation

In October, 2024, ParlAmericas and the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala hosted the meeting [*Inclusive Citizen Participation: Exploring the Opportunities of Digital Transformation*](#).

- ✓ This session, designed for Guatemalan parliamentary staff, explored how citizen participation can enhance parliamentary work by leveraging digital technologies to create more inclusive and transparent processes.⁷³

Towards the Full Political Participation of Women in Guatemala

In October 2024, ParlAmericas and the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala co-organized the session [*Towards the Full Political Participation of Women in Guatemala*](#) in Guatemala City.

- ✓ This session, designed for women parliamentarians in Guatemala, focused on exploring strategies to overcome barriers to women's political leadership and participation. Discussions highlighted

⁷¹ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 10d, 26a, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁷² Aligned with commitment points 8, 9, 10c, 10d, 10e, 12g, 24a, 24d, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

⁷³ Aligned with commitment points 12l, 24a, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

legislative practices aimed at advancing gender equality and strengthening women's roles in national decision-making processes.⁷⁴

Regional Dialogue on Democratic Backsliding in Latin America

From October 3 to 4, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the regional dialogue [How to Counter Democratic Backsliding in Latin America: Experiences and Designs to Strengthen Institutions and Democratic Resilience](#), held in La Antigua, Guatemala, and organized by AECID and International IDEA.

- ✓ ParlAmericas contributed by sharing insights on open parliament initiatives, highlighting their role in strengthening democratic principles through transparency, citizen participation, and accountability, vital for countering democratic regression and fostering institutional resilience.⁷⁵

Policy Brief for Legislating on Sexual Violence with a Consent-Based Approach

In October 2024, ParlAmericas and Equality Now published the [Policy Brief for Legislating on Sexual Violence with a Consent-Based Approach](#).

- ✓ This resource emphasizes the importance of adopting consent-based legal definitions of sexual violence to align national laws with international human rights standards. It provides parliamentarians with actionable recommendations to eliminate discriminatory frameworks, promote survivor-centered justice, and integrate gender-sensitive approaches into legislation.⁷⁶

8th Gathering of the PNCCS and 16th Gathering of the PNGE

From October 23 to 25, 2024, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Forum of Presidents of Legislative Bodies of Central America and the Caribbean (FOPREL) and the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, held the hemispheric interparliamentary gathering [Migration in the Context of Socio-Environmental Challenges](#).

- ✓ The gathering centered on the drivers of migration in the Americas and the Caribbean and the critical role of parliamentarians in shaping inclusive and sustainable migration governance frameworks. Key themes included social protection and integration for migrants, and the importance of gender equality and human rights in legislative responses to migration challenges.⁷⁷

⁷⁴ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 3e, 3f, 10d, 26a, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁷⁵ Aligned with commitment points 1, 12k, 19a, 24a, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁷⁶ Aligned with commitment points 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁷⁷ Aligned with commitment points 8, 9, 10c, 10d, 24b, 24e, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) committing to advancing inclusive policies and updating regulatory frameworks to address the structural drivers of migration. It underscores the importance of human rights-based governance and outlines concrete commitments to guide legislative action on migration.⁷⁸

16th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16)

From October 21 to November 2, 2024, members of ParlAmericas Networks and Caucuses actively participated in [COP 16](#), held in Cali, Colombia.

- ✓ ParlAmericas members participated in the Parliamentary Forum, where a parliamentary declaration, to which ParlAmericas contributed, was debated and adopted. The Forum underscored the critical role of parliamentarians in these negotiation spaces. Other events highlighted key topics, including the protection of environmental defenders under the Escazú Agreement and the promotion of women’s involvement in biodiversity conservation.⁷⁹

Promoting Women’s Political Participation in Equality and Free from Violence

In October 2024, ParlAmericas, Costa Rica’s Forum of Women in Political Parties, and the Supreme Electoral Court of Costa Rica co-organized the session [Promoting Women’s Political Participation in Equality and Free from Violence](#) in San José.

- ✓ The session explored the challenges and opportunities for strengthening women’s political leadership in Costa Rica. It emphasized practical strategies to foster inclusive and safe spaces, ensuring women can fully participate in political life without violence or discrimination.⁸⁰

XVI Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

From October 30 to November 1, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [XVI Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) held in Bridgetown, Barbados, hosted by the Government of Barbados with the support of UNDP and ECLAC.

- ✓ The forum gathered ministers and decision-makers from the region to discuss a broad range of topics related to human and social development, including strategies to build resilience in uncertain times. ParlAmericas contributed to the session “Adaptive Social Protection Systems for

⁷⁸ Aligned with commitment points 5, 8, 9, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 24b, 24e, 26a and 26c, 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

⁷⁹ Aligned with commitment points 2c, 7, 9, 10a, 10b, 10c, 12j, 24b, 24c and 24e of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

⁸⁰ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 3e, 3f, 10d, 24a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

Vulnerable Populations”, highlighting gender-responsive approaches and the importance of regional collaboration as part of the wider discussions on inclusive and sustainable policies.⁸¹

Regional Gathering of Women Parliamentarians of Latin America and the Caribbean

From October 31 to November 1, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [Regional Gathering of Women Parliamentarians of Latin America and the Caribbean: For an Inclusive, Just, Sustainable, and Parity Democracy](#), organized by PARLATINO and UN Women in Panama City, Panama.

- ✓ ParlAmericas participated in the session “Renewing Commitments to Parity Democracy and Substantive Equality.” The discussion focused on advancing parity democracy by strengthening institutional frameworks, addressing structural barriers, and fostering inclusive political spaces through gender-sensitive policies and interparliamentary collaboration.⁸²

10th G20 Parliamentary Speakers’ Summit (P20)

From November 6 to 8, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [10th G20 Parliamentary Speakers’ Summit \(P20\)](#), held in Brasília, Brazil, and organized by the Chamber of Deputies and the Federal Senate of Brazil in collaboration with IPU.

- ✓ The summit, titled *Parliaments for a Fair World and a Sustainable Planet*, brought together parliamentary leaders to address critical global issues. ParlAmericas contributed to discussions on women’s political participation, sustainable development, and the role of parliaments in tackling inequality.⁸³

Gender and Race Parity Event at the G20 Social Summit

From November 14 to 16, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in and contributed to the session [Aligning Global Agendas: Gender and Race Parity as a Principle of Social, Economic, and Democratic Justice](#), co-organized by the Alziras Institute and Geledés - Black Women’s Institute, with the support of multiple organizations, as part of the G20 Social Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

- ✓ The session featured discussions on advancing gender and race parity across executive, legislative, and judicial powers as a cornerstone for strengthening democracies and achieving social justice. ParlAmericas highlighted parliamentary diplomacy's role in promoting gender equality, sharing strategies to institutionalize parity and address barriers like unpaid care work that limit women's political participation.⁸⁴

⁸¹ Aligned with commitment points 10, 24b, 26a and 26c of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁸² Aligned with commitment points 3d, 3e, 3f, 10d, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁸³ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 3e, 3f, 10, 26a, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

⁸⁴ Aligned with commitment points 3d, 3e, 3f, 8, 9, 10c, 10d, 11 and 26c of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.



Course for Women Electoral Candidates – Trinidad and Tobago Edition

From November 18 to 19, 2024, ParlAmericas partnered with CIM, the OAS School of Government, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, and CIWiL to host the [Course for Women Electoral Candidates](#) in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

- ✓ The course provided practical training on campaign strategies, political communication, and leadership, while addressing issues such as political violence and gender-based discrimination. Participants benefited from sessions led by regional experts and parliamentarians, gaining tools to enhance their electoral campaigns and foster inclusive governance.⁸⁵

Building Safe, Inclusive, and Violence-Free Digital Spaces

In November 2024, ParlAmericas, the National Assembly of Panama, and the Ministry of Women of the Republic of Panama co-organized the meeting [Building Safe, Inclusive, and Violence-Free Digital Spaces](#).

- ✓ The session, held in the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the 30th anniversary of the Belém do Pará Convention, addressed the pressing issue of technology-facilitated gender-based violence and its impact on women’s political participation. It focused on international standards, successful legislative approaches, and actionable strategies to foster inclusive and safe digital environments while mitigating risks of harm.⁸⁶

International Technical Meeting on the Implementation of a Bicameral System in Peru

In November 2024, ParlAmericas, the Congress of the Republic of Peru, NDI, the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation, and the Innovation Network co-organized the international technical meeting [Analysis and Perspectives for the Implementation of a Bicameral System in the Congress of the Republic of Peru](#).

- ✓ The session examined the experiences of Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay, focusing on the structure of bicameral governance, legislative coordination, and challenges associated with the system. Discussions highlighted key practices and regulatory frameworks that could inform the development of effective and context-specific bicameral procedures in Peru.⁸⁷

Exchange of Experience: Women Legislators Working on Defence, Security and Peace

From November 25 to 27, 2024, ParlAmericas participated and contributed in the program [Exchange of Experience: Women Legislators Working on Defence, Security, and Peace – Canada, Latin America, and Ukraine](#). Held in Ottawa, Canada, the program was organized by the Parliamentary Centre as part of the Global Network of Women Legislators in Defence, Security, and Peace Portfolios (WLID).

⁸⁵ Aligned with commitment points 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 10d and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁸⁶ Aligned with commitment points 5, 10d and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁸⁷ Aligned with commitment points 1 and 19b of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

- ✓ The program convened women legislators to exchange experiences, share best practices, and explore strategies for strengthening their contributions to defense, security, and peace. Emphasizing gender inclusivity, the discussions covered key topics, including parliamentary codes of conduct, e-democracy, digital tools for citizen engagement, and political party governance.⁸⁸

Open Parliament and Innovations for the Future

In December 2024, ParlAmericas, the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil, and the Open Parliament Global Network (OPeN) co-organized the session [Open Parliament and Innovations for the Future](#) in Brasília, Brazil, to commemorate Open Parliament Day. This meeting was held as part of the Open Americas Regional Conference organized by OGP from December 3 to 5, 2024.

- ✓ The session addressed the need to reduce barriers to participation for women and historically marginalized groups, reaffirmed the importance of inclusive and open governance in legislative processes, and emphasized the role of technology in enhancing interactions between parliaments and citizens.⁸⁹

USAID Legislative Strengthening Conference

From December 4 to 6, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [USAID Legislative Strengthening Conference](#) in Washington, DC, contributing to the panel "Promoting Inclusion while Undertaking Legislative Strengthening."

- ✓ The panel highlighted how legislative strengthening programs incorporate gender equity and inclusion, focusing on promoting leadership among underrepresented groups, supporting marginalized parliamentarians and staff, and advancing inclusive legislation.⁹⁰

Caribbean Parliamentary Workshop on Gender-Responsive Legislative Approaches

From December 4 to 6, 2024, ParlAmericas, the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago, the UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association co-organized the Caribbean parliamentary workshop [Making the Work of Parliaments Responsive to the Needs of Women and Men](#).

- ✓ The workshop centered on strengthening the capacity of parliamentarians to adopt gender-responsive approaches in their legislative work. It explored practical strategies to integrate a

⁸⁸ Aligned with commitment points 34, 3c, 3d, 3f, 10d, 12g and 24b of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁸⁹ Aligned with commitment points 10d, 12g, 12l, 19a, 24a, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Digital Transformation](#) section of the present document.

⁹⁰ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 10d and 11 of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

gender lens into oversight, legislation, and workplace practices, ensuring parliaments are more inclusive and responsive to the needs of diverse populations.⁹¹

Women's Leadership in Health In The Americas

In January 2025, the [Inter-American Task Force on Women's Leadership](#), of which ParlAmericas is a founding member, launched the publication [Women's Leadership in Health in the Americas: For Parity and Inclusive Health Governance](#).

- ✓ This report explores the key dimensions of gender gaps in the health sector in the Americas and the Caribbean, examines the challenges and opportunities for women's leadership, and proposes concrete actions to promote more inclusive and equitable health governance. It emphasizes the urgent need to tackle the invisibility of women's health issues in research, treatment, and public policies, which perpetuate inequalities and violence, impacting the full exercise of their rights.⁹²

Empowering the Voices of Caribbean Youth: The Future of Political Engagement

In January 2025, ParlAmericas participated in the virtual event [Empowering the Voices of Caribbean Youth: The Future of Political Engagement](#), hosted by the Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC).

- ✓ The meeting examined the barriers to youth engagement, particularly for young women, and showcased successful youth-led initiatives from the Caribbean region. ParlAmericas highlighted the importance of providing young people with the necessary platforms and tools to actively participate in civic and political life, recognizing their role as innovators and drivers of positive political change.⁹³

Guide to Inclusive Language with a Gender Perspective in the Chilean Parliamentary Context

In January 2025, ParlAmericas moderated a panel at the launch of the [Guide to Inclusive Language with a Gender Perspective in the Chilean Parliamentary Context](#), developed by the Chamber of Deputies of Chile in collaboration with the Universidad Católica del Norte of Chile.

- ✓ The guide aims to promote the use of inclusive language throughout the Chamber's work, offering concrete examples and practical guidelines on gender perspectives, equality, non-discrimination, and diversity. ParlAmericas supported this initiative by providing technical guidance and facilitating knowledge-sharing sessions with the parliamentary staff of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina, contributing to the guide's development.⁹⁴

⁹¹ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 10d, 12g, 26a, 26c and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁹² Aligned with commitment points 8, 9, 10d, 10e, 10g, 24b, 26b, 26c, 26d and 26e of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

⁹³ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 10d, 24a and 24b of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁹⁴ Aligned with commitment points 10d and 26a of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.



Charting the Course to More Gender-Sensitive Parliaments in 2025

In January 2025, the PNGE-Staff held a virtual meeting titled [Charting the Course to More Gender-Sensitive Parliaments in 2025](#).

- ✓ The meeting brought together parliamentary staff from across Latin America to brainstorm and strategize for the year ahead, aiming to support gender focal points in member parliaments in their annual planning and setting the stage for impactful work. Priority topics discussed included training and capacity building, creating gender-responsive and family-friendly parliamentary workplaces, and advancing legislation to achieve gender equality outcomes.⁹⁵

International Economic Forum Latin America and the Caribbean 2025

From January 29 to 30, 2025, ParlAmericas participated in the [International Economic Forum Latin America and the Caribbean 2025: How to Return to the Path of Growth?](#) organized by the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) and the Government of Panama.

- ✓ ParlAmericas participated in various dialogues within the forum to discuss the role of parliaments in the economic development of the region, highlighting contributions to sustainable growth, gender equality, and digital transformation.⁹⁶

Progress and Opportunities for Legislative Openness

In January 2025, ParlAmericas, Civic Space Foundation (Fundación Espacio Cívico), and the Foundation for the Development of Civil Liberties (Fundación para el Desarrollo de la Libertad Ciudadana) organized an event titled [Progress and Opportunities for Legislative Openness](#) in Panama City.

- ✓ The meeting examined advancements and challenges in legislative openness across Panama and the region. Discussions focused on advancing transparency, public access to information, accountability, and inclusive citizen participation, emphasizing the importance of ethical governance and collaboration to build more open and responsive legislatures.⁹⁷

⁹⁵ Aligned with commitment points 10c, 10d, 26a and 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁹⁶ Aligned with commitment points 1, 3d, 3e, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 26c, 26d of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

⁹⁷ Aligned with commitment points 12f, 12l, 19a, 19b, 24a, 24d, 24e and 26f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance.

II. ParlAmericas Contributions to the Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas

Each activity includes footnotes indicating alignment with specific commitment points of the [Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas](#).

XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

ParlAmericas' participation in the [XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), held in November 2022 under the theme *The Care Society: Horizon for a Sustainable Recovery with Gender Equality* and organized by ECLAC with the support of UN Women in Buenos Aires, Argentina, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas*.

- ✓ The conference included a Parliamentary Forum co-organized by the Argentine National Congress to advance the regional gender agenda through discussions of integrating the right to care into legislation and promoting public financing for care systems.⁹⁸

14th Gathering of the PNGE


Held from November 30 to December 1, 2022, in Bogotá, Colombia, the 14th PNGE Gathering was titled [Legislative Perspectives for Inclusive Economic Growth: Investing in the Care Economy](#), and it also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas*.

- ✓ The gathering emphasized the importance of advancing legislation that ensures robust support for caregivers and care recipients.⁹⁹
- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) committing to advancing legislative actions that improve access to care services, promote economic, educational, and labour incentives for care workers and ensure decent employment in the sector. In it, they committed to calling on governments to consider the current situation of unpaid care work in the development of the *Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas*.¹⁰⁰

⁹⁸ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a, 2b, 2c and 8b of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

⁹⁹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a, 4b, 4d and 4f of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁰⁰ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2b, 4a, 4b, 4d, 4f and 4g of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.



10th Forum of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean and 2nd Global Summit Against Hunger and Malnutrition

From June 14 to 16, 2023, ParlAmericas participated in [parliamentary forums](#) in Chile on food security, organized by FAO and the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean (PFH).

- ✓ ParlAmericas' representatives emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts to eradicate hunger and malnutrition in all its forms across the hemisphere. Their interventions also highlighted the importance of evaluating the impacts of the environmental crisis on food security and incorporating gender perspectives in legislative work to combat hunger.¹⁰¹

Lactation and Daycare Facilities in Parliaments: Good Practices in the Americas and the Caribbean

ParlAmericas' publication [Lactation and Daycare Facilities in Parliaments: Good Practices in the Americas and the Caribbean](#), released in August 2023, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas*.

- ✓ This document details policy considerations and comparative information on how parliaments are facilitating access to lactation rooms and daycare facilities for their members, employees, and visitors. It highlights the value of parliaments' leadership in adopting such policies as entry points for legislative work that recognizes, values, redistributes, regulates, and promotes care investments in society more broadly.¹⁰²

15th Gathering of the PNGE and 7th Gathering of the PNCCS

From September 28 to 29, 2023, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Senate of the Republic of Mexico, hosted the joint PNGE and PNCCS hemispheric gathering titled [A Food Secure Future: Building People- and Planet-Centred Strategies](#) in Mexico City, Mexico.

- ✓ The gathering emphasized the importance of access to adequate nutrition, along with basic health services, as fundamental to human dignity and the ability to fully participate in society.¹⁰³
- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) acknowledging the public health challenges of malnutrition in the hemisphere and highlighting the need to improve access to essential services, such as healthcare, for rural communities.¹⁰⁴

¹⁰¹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a, 2b and 2c of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹⁰² Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a, 2c, 4b and 8b of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁰³ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a, 2b and 2c of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹⁰⁴ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a, 2b, 2c and 4e of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.



Primer on Gender-Responsive Parliamentary Work on Food Security

In September 2023, ParlAmericas released a [Primer on Gender-Responsive Parliamentary Work on Food Security](#).

- ✓ The primer emphasizes the critical links between food security and health, particularly for women, who face disproportionate risks of food insecurity and malnutrition. It underscores the importance of addressing these disparities to improve health outcomes, reduce risks during pregnancy and childbirth, and foster the wellbeing of families and communities.¹⁰⁵

Parliamentary Perspectives for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean

The multi-stakeholder dialogue [Parliamentary Perspectives for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), held from October 24 to 25, 2023, in Panama City, Panama, and co-organized by ParlAmericas and the National Assembly of Panama, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas*.

- ✓ The dialogue analyzed legislative practices that guarantee social protection for migrants, including access to healthcare. It also highlighted the key role parliaments play in safeguarding the rights, safety, and well-being of migrant and refugee children and adolescents by ensuring access to health services and other essential rights, in accordance with international agreements.¹⁰⁶

7th Meeting of the ParlAmericas PNGE-Staff

The ParlAmericas virtual meeting of the PNGE-Staff, titled [Care Policies in Parliaments: Exchanging Good Practices in the Americas and the Caribbean](#), held in December 2023, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas*.

- ✓ The meeting explored strategies and facilitated the exchange of best practices for advancing care policies within parliaments. The discussion emphasized the need to progress toward a care society by promoting a model of co-responsibility, in which actors such as the State, civil society, the private sector, communities, and families actively contribute to and support care work.¹⁰⁷

¹⁰⁵ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2b and 2c of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹⁰⁶ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a and 2c of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁰⁷ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a and 2b of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.



Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS

ParlAmericas' publication [Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS](#), launched in June 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas*.

- ✓ This resource exploring various development themes in Caribbean SIDS includes a dedicated section on health. It examines gendered health challenges, including non-communicable diseases (NCDs), mental health, and gaps in sexual and reproductive health services. It highlights the impact of harmful gender norms on health disparities, the disproportionate burden on women during health crises like COVID-19, and the urgency of strengthening inclusive health policies to promote equitable access to healthcare.¹⁰⁸

Inclusive Migration Governance in the Americas and Caribbean: A Primer for Parliamentarians

The resource [Inclusive Migration Governance in the Americas and the Caribbean: A Primer for Parliamentarians](#), published by ParlAmericas and CELADE - ECLAC in September 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas*.

- ✓ This resource highlights the importance of ensuring that migrants have access to essential services like healthcare and advocates for integrating their right to health into broader parliamentary discussions. It also calls for legislative reviews to remove barriers that hinder access to basic services, irrespective of immigration status.¹⁰⁹

8th Gathering of the PNCCS and 16th Gathering of the PNGE

The hemispheric interparliamentary gathering [Migration in the Context of Socio-Environmental Challenges](#), organized by ParlAmericas in collaboration with FOPREL and the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica from October 23 to 25, 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance*.

- ✓ The gathering's program examined international frameworks and legislative interventions that promote comprehensive social protection systems to address individuals' diverse needs in the context of human mobility, including access to essential health services related to mental health, reproductive health, and care.¹¹⁰

¹⁰⁸ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2d, 2c, 3, 4c, 4f, 4h, 12e and 14 of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section, [Digital Transformation](#) section, the [Clean Energy](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹⁰⁹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a and 2c of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹¹⁰ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a, 2b, 2d, 2c, 3 and 8b of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) committing to legislative action in pursuit of assistance, healthcare, and psychological services for migrants as a measure that helps to prevent gender-based discrimination, abusive labour, and violence in all forms. It calls for healthcare planning to include mental health support and physical recovery care, addressing the serious risks migrants face during their journeys.¹¹¹

Parliaments for Food Security

In December 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the gathering [Parliaments for Food Security](#) organized by the National Congress of Honduras, FAO, and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

- ✓ ParlAmericas' participation highlighted that 22% of people in the Americas and the Caribbean lack the means to access a healthy diet, noted the value of resource allocation oversight, and advocated for adequate funding to support inclusive food security and nutrition programs.¹¹²

Women's Leadership in Health In The Americas

In January 2025, the [Inter-American Task Force on Women's Leadership](#), of which ParlAmericas is a founding member, launched the publication [Women's Leadership in Health in the Americas: For Parity and Inclusive Health Governance](#).

- ✓ This report identifies specific actions to strengthen women's leadership in the health field and ensure their participation in implementing key international commitments, with a particular focus on the *Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas*. It emphasizes the importance of women's leadership and participation in decision-making through legal frameworks to reduce vertical segregation, improve conditions in the health sector, provide education and training, and address inequities in care work. The report also highlights the need to remove access barriers to health, invest in resilient systems, recognize women's roles in emergency preparedness, addressing NCDs, and leveraging technology to improve health services.¹¹³

¹¹¹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a, 2c and 3 of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹¹² Aligned with commitment points 1, 2a, 2b and 2c of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹¹³ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2, 3, 4, 8a, 8b, 12b, 12c, 12e, 14, 16a, 16b, 16c, 16d of the Action Plan for Health and Resilience. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

III. ParlAmericas Contributions to the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation

Each activity includes footnotes indicating alignment with specific commitment points of the [Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation](#).

Inter-Parliamentary Meeting: Promoting Legislative Openness in the Region

The interparliamentary meeting [Promoting Legislative Openness in the Region](#), held within the framework of the Open Americas Regional Conference in September 2022 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ The meeting focused on strengthening transparency and access to information while recognizing legislative openness as an essential principle of good governance. Discussions emphasized the importance of broadening participatory spaces and improving virtual engagement mechanisms.

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ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament (OPN-Staff) Working Session

In September 2022, ParlAmericas, with the support of Bússola Tech and within the framework of the Legistech Forum 2022, hosted an OPN-Staff [virtual meeting](#) on digital transformation.

- ✓ The meeting explored the impacts of digital transformation and specialists' recommendations to ensure inclusive parliamentary modernization. Parliamentary staff shared insights, experiences and lessons learned in these areas.¹¹⁵

Third Caribbean Clerks Meeting

The third [Caribbean Clerks Programme](#), organized by CPA UK in collaboration with ParlAmericas and the Parliament of Barbados, and held in Bridgetown from January 26 to 27, 2023, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ The program examined the role of technology in enhancing parliamentary public engagement, alongside pandemic-driven innovations such as paperless processes, online publication of laws, and improved streaming accessibility.¹¹⁶

¹¹⁴ Aligned with commitment points 21, 22, 24, and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section.

¹¹⁵ Aligned with commitment points 17, 20, 26, and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹¹⁶ Aligned with commitment points 3, 18, 21, 26, and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document



LegisTech: The Americas - 2nd Edition

From April 13 to 14, 2023, ParlAmericas participated in [LegisTech: The Americas - 2nd Edition](#), organized by BússolaTech at the Federal Senate of Brazil in Brasília.

- ✓ This forum centered on legislative modernization, addressing AI, open data and accessibility, among other topics with a focus on innovation and inclusivity in parliamentary practices. ParlAmericas representatives were active participants in panels on interparliamentary collaboration, political leadership, and women’s leadership in legislative modernization.¹¹⁷

7th Gathering of the OPN

The 7th OPN Gathering [The Future of Democracy in the Digital Era](#) was held from April 20 to 22, 2023, in Santiago, Chile and also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ The gathering explored legislative strategies for digital inclusion, countering disinformation, and fostering inclusive digital governance, with a focus on digitalization’s ability to support empowerment of women and historically marginalized groups.¹¹⁸
- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) promoting people-centered digitalization, enhanced connectivity to expand internet access in rural and vulnerable communities, addressing disinformation, and monitoring and overseeing the implementation of the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.¹¹⁹

Virtual Parliamentary Exchange on AI and Digital Rights

In June 2023, ParlAmericas hosted a [virtual parliamentary exchange](#) on the key elements of AI regulatory frameworks which showcased their development in the hemisphere’s parliaments.

- ✓ The exchange covered the latest advancements in AI, focusing on critical issues such as privacy, transparency, ethics, and preventing gender bias in algorithms. It also introduced the ParlAmericas Digital Caucus, a parliamentary working group dedicated to advancing inclusive and multidimensional legislative proposals on digital governance, including AI regulation.¹²⁰

¹¹⁷ Aligned with commitment points 6, 17, 21, 22, 26, and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹¹⁸ Aligned with commitment points 3, 15, 22, and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹¹⁹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 15, 20, 27, and 35 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹²⁰ Aligned with commitment points 5, 6, 15, 17, 22, 18, 27, and 34 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.



Second World Summit of the Committees of the Future 2023

From September 25 to 27, 2023, ParlAmericas participated in the [Second World Summit of the Committees of the Future](#), held in Montevideo, Uruguay, and organized by the Parliament of Uruguay and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

- ✓ The summit explored parliamentarians' role in addressing the challenges to democracy posed by AI and other emerging technologies. ParlAmericas provided examples of the work of its Digital Caucus as platform for knowledge sharing on legislative efforts related to digital governance across the Americas and the Caribbean.¹²¹

8th OGP Global Summit

ParlAmericas' participation in the [8th OGP Global Summit](#), held in Tallinn, Estonia, from September 5 to 7, 2023, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ The summit highlighted the importance of leveraging technology in ways that bolster transparency and accountability in governance and policymaking, while safeguarding democracy in a rapidly evolving digital landscape. ParlAmericas' participation in the summit also underscored the critical role of parliamentary engagement in advancing open government initiatives.¹²²

Digital Caucus Webinar Series (#1): Regulatory Frameworks

In December 2023, ParlAmericas' Digital Caucus hosted the virtual meeting [Current Legislative Experiences in the Governance of Artificial Intelligence](#). This session marked the first in a series of dialogues among parliamentarians from the hemisphere on pressing AI-related topics.

- ✓ The meeting explored emerging trends in AI legislation, drawing on proposals from the Americas, the Caribbean, and the European Parliament. The dialogue underscored the importance of fostering inclusive and human rights-compliant digitalization while addressing privacy risks and safeguarding against cyber-attacks.¹²³

Navigating Online Information: Tips and Tricks for Parliamentary Research

ParlAmericas' [Navigating Online Information: Tips and Tricks for Parliamentary Research](#) published in March 2024, also contributes to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

¹²¹ Aligned with commitment points 6, 15, 18, and 22 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹²² Aligned with commitment points 15, 21, 22, and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document

¹²³ Aligned with commitment points 6, 9, 15, 22, and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

- ✓ This resource is designed to assist parliamentarians and parliamentary staff effectively navigate the digital information landscape. It provides practical suggestions for finding, evaluating, and utilizing online information while addressing challenges such as misinformation and disinformation.¹²⁴

Digital Caucus Webinar Series (#2): AI and Labour Rights and Markets

In March 2024, ParlAmericas' Digital Caucus hosted the virtual interparliamentary meeting [The Future of Work and Labour Rights: Challenges and Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence](#).

- ✓ The meeting explored regulatory strategies to leverage AI in the labour market. It emphasized addressing the differentiated impacts of AI and highlighted the critical role of parliaments in shaping inclusive legal frameworks and policies that uphold human rights in AI development and application.¹²⁵

Global Innovations in Democracy (GID): Parliamentary Exchange

ParlAmericas' participation in the [GID: Parliamentary Exchange](#), held in Washington, D.C., from April 15 to 17, 2024, and organized by IDEA at Ohio State University and the Center for Democracy Innovation at the National Civic League, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ ParlAmericas moderated a session that illustrated the importance of redefining how legislators connect with citizens, highlighting among other considerations the transformative role of modern technologies and new communication channels that can facilitate more meaningful connections. By exploring global examples and emerging practices, the discussion underscored the need for continued innovations to strengthen constituent engagement.¹²⁶

20th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly and 8th Gathering of the OPN

The 20th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly and the 8th Gathering of the OPN, [Building Partnerships to Strengthen Democracy and Promote Human Rights](#), held from May 8 to 10, 2024, and co-organized by ParlAmericas and the Chamber of Senators of Paraguay in Asunción, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ One of the gathering' sessions focused on the future of democracy and digital governance, highlighting the impact of new technologies on democratic systems. Discussions underscored the

¹²⁴ Aligned with commitment points 5, 6, 15, and 24 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹²⁵ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹²⁶ Aligned with commitment points 3, 21, and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

critical need for regulation and oversight to ensure a digitalization process that is human rights-centered and people-focused.¹²⁷

- ✓ As part of the gathering's Plenary Assembly session, a political [declaration](#) was adopted, emphasizing the importance of taking action against digital disinformation and promoting digital governance centered on human rights. It highlights the opportunities to advance dialogue on these themes through the platform of the ParlAmericas Digital Caucus.¹²⁸

Open Parliament Commitment Tool

The ParlAmericas web-based dashboard [Open Parliament Commitment Tool](#), relaunched in May 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ The dashboard allows users to explore, compare, and download data on the progress of parliaments in the Americas and the Caribbean in meeting their open parliament commitments. Using a traffic light system, it offers an accessible and intuitive way to visualize advancements in transparency, accountability, and citizen participation across the region.¹²⁹

Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS

ParlAmericas' parliamentary primer [Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS](#), launched in June 2024, also contributes to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ This resource includes a dedicated section on digital transformation that highlights the opportunities and challenges of advancing digital technologies in the Caribbean. It emphasizes how the digital divide deepens existing social inequalities and provides information about gendered risks such as violence in the cybersphere and biases in AI.¹³⁰

Second Edition of LegisTech

In June 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the three-day LegisTech conference, [Artificial Intelligence in Parliaments](#), organized by the Chamber of Deputies of Chile and Bússola Tech in Santiago, Chile.

¹²⁷ Aligned with commitment points 5, 6, 15, and 18 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section.

¹²⁸ Aligned with commitment points 15, 22 and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section.

¹²⁹ Aligned with commitment points 7, 21, and 22 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section.

¹³⁰ Aligned with commitment points 2, 6, 9, 13 and 31 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section, the [Health and Resilience](#) section, the [Clean Energy](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

- ✓ The conference explored the use of AI in parliamentary services, legislative drafting, records management, and administrative tasks, with a focus on ethics, privacy risks, and preventing biases, particularly those related to gender.¹³¹

Beyond Borders: Regional Security Strategies

The interparliamentary meeting [Beyond Borders: Regional Security Strategies](#), co-organized by ParlAmericas and the Congress of Peru from July 10 to 11, 2024, in Lima, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ The meeting provided a space to examine the complex security situation in the region, with two sessions dedicated to digital transformation. Parliamentarians exchanged insights on the state of cybersecurity in the hemisphere, discussed strategies and best practices to address emerging digital threats to national security, and analyzed cyberviolence along with key legislative approaches for its prevention, classification, and sanctioning.¹³²

Meeting of the OPN-Staff

In August 2024, ParlAmericas hosted a virtual meeting of the OPN-Staff, titled [Artificial Intelligence in Parliamentary Work](#).

- ✓ The session provided a platform for parliamentary staff from across the hemisphere to share good practices and experiences in using AI tools to enhance transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and ethics. It emphasized how these technologies can contribute to more open and inclusive parliaments while advancing digital transformation.¹³³

Digital Caucus Webinar Series (#3): Legislative Strategies to Strengthen Digital Identity Governance

In March 2024, ParlAmericas' Digital Caucus hosted the virtual interparliamentary meeting [Legislative Strategies to Strengthen Digital Identity Governance](#).

- ✓ The meeting explored legislative strategies to protect digital identities in an evolving landscape, emphasizing the need to harmonize regulatory frameworks, improve interoperability, and ensure digital identities are accessible, affordable, and user-friendly. Discussions also covered critical questions of fraud and misuse prevention.¹³⁴

¹³¹ Aligned with commitment points 3, 6, 15, and 22 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹³² Aligned with commitment points 22, 29, 30, and 31 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹³³ Aligned with commitment points 5, 17, 20, and 26 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹³⁴ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2, 3, 17, 18, 20 and 25 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.



Artificial Intelligence: Technological Challenges to Development

From August 13 to 14, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the international summit [Artificial Intelligence: Technological Challenges to Development](#), organized by the University of San Martín de Porres, the Embassy of the United States in Peru, and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC) and held in Lima, Peru.

- ✓ The summit explored various dimensions of AI and its intersection with democracy, economic development, and health. ParlAmericas provided insights on AI regulation in the panel “Generative AI & Democracy.”¹³⁵

The Role of Parliaments in Transforming Digital Economies in the Caribbean

From September 7 to 8, 2024, ParlAmericas and HDP hosted the parliamentary exchange [The Role of Parliaments in Transforming Digital Economies in the Caribbean](#) in Miami, United States. The event was organized with support from the National Democratic Institute (NDI), International Republican Institute (IRI), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and Florida International University (FIU).

- ✓ The meeting focused on sharing global best practices to advance the Caribbean’s digital economy. Discussions centered on digital infrastructure, e-governance, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity, with an emphasis on inclusion, public-private partnerships, and the development of robust legislative frameworks.¹³⁶

Gathering Held on AI in Parliamentary Work

In September 2024, ParlAmericas, the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina, and NDI organized the [Gathering on AI, Parliamentary Agenda, and Transparency](#), in Buenos Aires Argentina.

- ✓ The gathering brought together Argentine parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and civil society representatives to explore the role of AI in the legislative sphere and exchange international best practices. ParlAmericas highlighted the importance of ensuring that AI tools implemented in parliament address gender biases to prevent the perpetuation of historical inequalities and discrimination, which could distort legislative decision-making. The discussions also highlighted AI's role in enhancing citizen participation and fostering inclusive, representative public dialogue.¹³⁷

¹³⁵ Aligned with commitment points 5, 6, 15 and 22 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹³⁶ Aligned with commitment points 9, 17, 22 and 35 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹³⁷ Aligned with commitment points 2, 6, 9, 15, 22 and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.



Parliamentary Practices for Gender Equality Dashboard

ParlAmericas' new web-based dashboard covering [Institutional Progress on Gender Equality in the Parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean](#) launched in September 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ This dashboard enables users to explore and compare the progress of national parliaments across the Americas and the Caribbean in adopting internal practices that enhance their gender-responsiveness as institutions.¹³⁸

Inclusive Citizen Participation: Exploring Opportunities in Digital Transformation

The session [Inclusive Citizen Participation: Exploring Opportunities in Digital Transformation](#), held in October 2024 in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and co-organized by ParlAmericas and the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ This session provided a space for Guatemalan parliamentary staff to analyze how citizen participation strengthens parliamentary work, with a focus on the opportunities offered by emerging digital technologies.¹³⁹

Virtual workshop: AI Tools for Parliaments

In November 2024, ParlAmericas, HDP, and the POPVOX Foundation organized a virtual workshop titled [AI Tools for Parliaments](#).

- ✓ The workshop offered parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from the Caribbean a platform to explore practical applications of AI in parliamentary work, focusing on research, public policy analysis, and enhancing citizen participation in legislative processes.¹⁴⁰

Peace and Security in the Age of Artificial Intelligence


In November 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the international legislative forum [Peace and Security in the Age of Artificial Intelligence](#), organized by the Congress of the Republic of Colombia in Bogotá.

- ✓ ParlAmericas contributed to the session “Regional Regulatory Frameworks to Promote the Use of AI in Security in Andean Countries,” highlighting the importance of ethical and inclusive regulatory frameworks for AI, the critical role of parliamentary diplomacy in addressing shared challenges,

¹³⁸ Aligned with commitment points 7, 21 and 22 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹³⁹ Aligned with commitment points 3, 15, 20, 21 and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁴⁰ Aligned with commitment points 5 and 6 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.



the need for oversight to ensure the responsible implementation of AI technologies, and the integration of human rights and gender-sensitive approaches in AI governance.¹⁴¹

Building Safe, Inclusive, and Violence-Free Digital Spaces

The meeting [Building Safe, Inclusive, and Violence-Free Digital Spaces](#), held in November 2024 in Panama City and co-organized by ParlAmericas, the National Assembly of Panama, and the Ministry of Women of Panama, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ The meeting situated technology's dual role as a catalyst for women's political participation and as a medium that can facilitate gender-based digital violence. It also focused on developing strategies to promote a safe, inclusive, and discrimination-free digital environment within political parties.¹⁴²

Exchange of Experience: Women Legislators Working on Defence, Security and Peace

ParlAmerica' participation in the [Exchange of Experience: Women Legislators Working on Defence, Security, and Peace – Canada, Latin America, and Ukraine](#), held from November 25 to 27, 2024, in Ottawa, Canada, and organized by the Parliamentary Centre as part of the WLID initiative, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ The program convened women legislators to explore strategies focused on gender inclusivity, among other topics, with an emphasis on developing e-democracy tools and enhancing citizen engagement in parliamentary processes through digital means.¹⁴³

Open Parliament and Innovations for the Future

The session [Open Parliament and Innovations for the Future](#), co-organized by ParlAmericas, the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil, and OPeN in December 2024 in Brasília, Brazil, within the framework of the Open Americas Regional Conference, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in the *Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation*.

- ✓ The session explored innovative approaches to legislative transparency, artificial intelligence, and public integrity in legislatures, emphasizing technology's role in enhancing interactions between parliaments and citizens.¹⁴⁴

¹⁴¹ Aligned with commitment points 2, 5, 6, 15, 22 and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹⁴² Aligned with commitment points 2, 3 and 6 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁴³ Aligned with commitment points 3, 5, 9, 13, 17, 18, 20, 22, 27 and 36 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁴⁴ Aligned with commitment points 5, 6, 9, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.



VII Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology

From December 12 to 13, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [VII Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology](#), organized by the OAS through the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) in Washington, D.C., United States.

- ✓ The meeting convened leading authorities and experts in science and technology from across the hemisphere. ParlAmericas contributed parliamentary perspectives, emphasizing the importance of involving legislatures in dialogues on artificial intelligence. The discussions underscored the need for legislation that establishes clear limits and scope for this powerful tool while fostering innovation.¹⁴⁵

Third World Summit of the Committees of the Future

From January 13 to 14, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [Third World Summit of the Committees of the Future](#), organized by the IPU and the Senate of Chile in Santiago.

- ✓ ParlAmericas contributed to key sessions on digital hyperconnectivity, AI ethics, and legislative foresight, highlighting the importance of strategic planning, interparliamentary cooperation, and parliamentary committees of the future. The Summit concluded with the adoption of an outcome document, which calls for expanded debate and greater dialogue and cooperation to advance anticipatory governance.¹⁴⁶

IV. ParlAmericas Contributions to Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition

Each activity includes footnotes indicating alignment with specific commitment points of [Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition](#).

6th Gathering of the PNCCS

From June 23 to July 5, 2022, ParlAmericas held the 6th Gathering of the PNCCS, [Realizing Our Green Future: The Road to Low Emissions](#), a two-part virtual meeting organized with the support of the House of Assembly of Dominica and the Congress of Guatemala.

- ✓ The gathering focused on questions related to advancing the region's transition to renewable energies, closing gaps in access to affordable electricity, and supporting the economic

¹⁴⁵ Aligned with commitment points 1, 5, 6, 9, and 27 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

¹⁴⁶ Aligned with commitment points 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 30 of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation.

empowerment of women and marginalized communities. Participants emphasized the need for policies aligned with the Glasgow Climate Pact to ensure a just transition.¹⁴⁷

- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a political [declaration](#) with commitments that promote a just transition to low-emission energy systems in the region, reduce barriers to women’s ability to access quality jobs in the renewable energy sector, and incentivize investments in sustainable public transit and active modes of transport, among other actions.¹⁴⁸

IPU Regional Seminar on Climate Change

In June 2022, ParlAmericas participated in the [Regional Seminar on Climate Change for the Parliaments of Latin America and the Caribbean](#), organized by IPU and the Parliament of Uruguay, in Montevideo.

- ✓ ParlAmericas contributed to the panel session “Accelerating a Clean Energy Transition and Enhancing Climate Finance to Implement the Paris Agreement.” This dialogue highlighted legislative strategies to decarbonize the energy and transportation sectors through gender-responsive and socially inclusive methods. It further emphasized the importance of fostering women’s participation in the green economy and advancing the development and dissemination of green technologies in alignment with the Glasgow Climate Pact.¹⁴⁹

27th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 27)

In November 2022, ParlAmericas contributed to the [IPU COP27 Parliamentary Meeting](#), held on the occasion of COP 27 in Egypt.

- ✓ The meeting assembled parliamentarians to share national experiences and plans to accelerate the transition towards clean energy and green economies. Discussions focused on the fact that parliamentary action can catalyze green energy transitions, particularly through legislative and oversight tools. It also highlighted the benefits of scaling up and better coordinating global parliamentary efforts in this area.¹⁵⁰

Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week (LACCW) 2023

In October 2023, during [LACCW 2023](#) in Panama, ParlAmericas, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and the Global Renewables Congress co-hosted the official side event [Upscaling Renewable Energy Deployment for the Good of All: The Role of Legislators](#).

¹⁴⁷ Aligned with commitment points 4, 5, 7, and 15 of Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹⁴⁸ Aligned with commitment points 6, 7, 14, and 15 of Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹⁴⁹ Aligned with commitment points 2, 4, and 15 of Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition.

¹⁵⁰ Aligned with commitment points 7 and 8 of Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition.

- ✓ The discussions at this side event examined the role of renewable energy within the Global Stocktake, considering diverse national contexts and effective policy design. Participants emphasized the intersectional impacts and socio-economic benefits of accelerating renewable energy adoption. The event also explored strategies for decision-makers to enhance engagement with civil society, ensuring an inclusive energy transition that aligns with principles of energy justice and fosters pathways to empowerment.¹⁵¹

28th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP28)

ParlAmericas' participation in [COP28](#), held from November 30 to December 12, 2023, in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition*.

- ✓ A central focus of COP 28 was on the importance of encouraging public participation in extractive sectors and the role of environmental governance in ensuring a just and inclusive energy transition. The conference also concluded with the adoption of the political outcome of the first Global Stocktake (GST), the Paris Agreement's mechanism for evaluating progress and raising climate ambition. The GST includes a call for countries to take actions for globally tripling the renewable energy capacity and doubling energy efficiency improvements by 2030.¹⁵²

#FoodFirst Ibero-American Political-Academic Dialogue

From April 24 to 26, 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the [#FoodFirst Ibero-American Political-Academic Dialogue](#), organized by PFH and FAO, in Antigua, Guatemala.

- ✓ One of the sessions of this dialogue covered the implementation of the Parliamentary Pact Against Hunger and Malnutrition, emphasizing the connection between food waste, food insecurity, and methane emissions as contributors to climate change.¹⁵³

Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS

ParlAmericas' parliamentary primer [Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS](#), launched in June 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition*.

- ✓ This resource explores various development themes in Caribbean SIDS, with a dedicated section on sustainable energy use and consumption. It provides parliamentarians with clear evidence

¹⁵¹ Aligned with commitment points 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and 15 of *Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition*.

¹⁵² Aligned with commitment points 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8 of *Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition*. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section and the [Green Future](#) of the present document.

¹⁵³ Aligned with commitment point 3 of *Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition*. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

linking clean energy to gender equality and emphasizes the importance of creating just and inclusive energy transition strategies that reflect the unique geographic realities of SIDS.¹⁵⁴

29th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 29)

In November 2024, ParlAmericas participated in the session “[Tripling Renewable Power by 2030: Accelerating RE Investment](#)”, hosted by IRENA at its pavilion during COP 29, held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

- ✓ The session brought together parliamentarians from around the world to discuss, collaborate, and strategize on ensuring that renewable energy plays a central role in mitigating climate change, promoting energy sustainability, and fostering economic growth globally to help avert climate disasters.¹⁵⁵

Reducing Methane Emissions: A Legislative Agenda

In January 2025, ParlAmericas and the Governance Institute of the Andean Parliament organized a virtual event titled [Reducing Methane Emissions: A Legislative Agenda](#).

- ✓ The meeting examined the role of parliamentarians in mitigating climate change by advancing the Global Methane Pledge, recognizing methane’s significant heat-trapping capacity and contribution to global warming. It also reviewed the benefits of collaborative approaches to methane reduction policies and initiatives in key sectors such as energy.¹⁵⁶

V. ParlAmericas Contributions to *Our Sustainable Green Future*

Each activity includes footnotes indicating alignment with specific commitment points of [Our Sustainable Green Future](#).

6th Gathering of the PNCCS

The 6th Gathering of the PNCCS, [Realizing Our Green Future: The Road to Low Emissions](#), held virtually from June 23 to July 5, 2022 and co-organized by ParlAmericas, the House of Assembly of Dominica and the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ The gathering focused on parliamentary strategies for promoting sustainable agriculture, reducing emissions, and combating deforestation and desertification. It emphasized integrating equity and sustainability into policies, attracting climate investments, ensuring inclusive

¹⁵⁴ Aligned with commitment points 2 and 15 of Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section, [Health and Resilience](#) section, the [Digital Transformation](#) section and the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

¹⁵⁵ Aligned with commitment points 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, and 15 of Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition.

¹⁵⁶ Aligned with commitment points 3, 5, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Accelerating the Clean, Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition. This activity is also referenced in the [Green Future](#) section of the present document.

economies and integrating women, youth, and diverse stakeholders in climate action and decision-making.¹⁵⁷

- ✓ The [political declaration](#) adopted by parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean commits to advancing the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use. It emphasizes promoting its implementation across the region. The declaration highlights creating spaces for youth, especially young women and girls, in decision-making. These efforts focus on addressing climate change and environmental protection.¹⁵⁸

LACCW 2022

- ✓ In July 2022, ParlAmericas participated in [LACCW 2022](#) held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, organized by the UNFCCC and the Government of the Dominican Republic.
- ✓ ParlAmericas co-organized and participated in [two side events](#) on building sustainable food systems and promoting a circular economy with a cross-disciplinary approach towards climate action, particularly from Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).¹⁵⁹

Midterm Review of the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

In October, 2022, ParlAmericas participated virtually in a [roundtable discussion](#) held as part of the Midterm Review of the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

- ✓ The discussion explored the parliamentary contributions needed to support the priorities of the Sendai Framework, as well as the need to incorporate climate risks in development planning to reduce vulnerability and encourage climate resilience across States.¹⁶⁰

GLOBE COP 27 Legislators Summit

In November 2022, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with GLOBE Legislators, Clima de Eleição, and POLEA, co-organized an [in-person meeting](#) for Latin American parliamentarians as part of the GLOBE COP 27 Legislators Summit in Egypt.


- ✓ The meeting provided a platform for parliamentarians to exchange experiences and strategies to advance the implementation of commitments from COP 27 and earlier conferences. Discussions

¹⁵⁷ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 1c, 2a, 2b, 4a, and 4f of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Clean Energy](#) section of the present document.

¹⁵⁸ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 1c, 2a, 2b, 4a, and 4f of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Clean Energy](#) section of the present document.

¹⁵⁹ Aligned with commitment points 1c, 2a, 2c and 3b of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁶⁰ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 4c and 4d of Our Sustainable Green Future.



focused on aligning efforts across the Rio Conventions and promoting gender-inclusive solutions.¹⁶¹

Launch of the Parliamentary Staff Network on Climate Change and Sustainability (PNCCS-Staff)

In December, 2022, ParlAmericas officially launched the PNCCS-Staff and held its first [virtual meeting](#).

- ✓ The PNCCS-Staff facilitates exchanges between parliamentary staff and experts to promote good practices across legislatures, understand the technical requirements for their implementation, and address the interconnections between gender, climate change, and equitable environmental action.¹⁶²

Regional Launch of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) "Early Warnings for All" Initiative

In February 2023, during the launch of the [Early Warnings for All](#) initiative in Barbados, ParlAmericas engaged with senior UNDRR representatives.

- ✓ The discussions highlighted the UNDRR Executive Action Plan 2023-2027, Barbados' disaster risk reduction efforts, collaborative approaches to policymaking on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, and progress on the Making Cities Resilient initiative and the Multi-Hazard Early Warning System.¹⁶³

Mobilizing Parliaments to Address Climate Migration: A Virtual Learning Lab

In March 2023, ParlAmericas facilitated a [virtual learning lab](#) to mobilize parliaments to address climate migration, held within the VIII Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean (RP23).

- ✓ The session examined how both disasters and incremental changes in the environment are push factors for migration, underscoring the need to promote equal opportunity for populations affected by climate change.¹⁶⁴

Building Bridges between Escazú and Open Government

ParlAmericas' participation in the workshop [Building Bridges between Escazú and Open Government](#), held in Buenos Aires in April 2023 and organized by the Open Government Alliance, ECLAC, and Universidad Hemisferios (Ecuador), also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

¹⁶¹ Aligned with commitment points 4b, 4c, and 5b of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁶² Aligned with commitment points 2e, 4b, 4c, and 4f of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁶³ Aligned with commitment points 4b, 4f, 5a, and 5c of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁶⁴ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 2e, 2g, 4b, and 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future.

- ✓ The workshop addressed challenges and opportunities in implementing the Escazú Agreement, identified actionable steps to strengthen environmental democracy, and encouraged closer collaboration between the environmental and open government communities.¹⁶⁵

6th Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

From April 25 to 28, 2023, ParlAmericas participated in the [6th Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development](#), organized by ECLAC in Santiago, Chile.

- The participation contributed parliamentary insights on the region's follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It was also an opportunity to present parliamentary recommendations to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and to support the implementation of key internationally recognized environmental instruments.¹⁶⁶

Meeting of the PNCCS-Staff

In May 2023, ParlAmericas co-organized the PNCCS-Staff virtual meeting, [Historic Opportunity: The Role of Parliaments in Ending Plastic Pollution](#), in partnership with the Latin America and the Caribbean Circular Economy Coalition, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP), the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

- ✓ The meeting explored how the global plastic treaty can help parliaments in creating legislation and how to render such work gender-responsive in order to support the undertaking of collaborative, inclusive, and complementary actions to reduce plastic production and foster a circular plastics economy.¹⁶⁷

10th Forum of the Parliamentary Front against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean and 2nd Global Summit Against Hunger and Malnutrition

ParlAmericas' participation in [parliamentary forums](#) on food security in Chile, held from June 14 to 16, 2023, and organized by FAO and PFH, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ The participation focused on fostering inter-parliamentary dialogue to advance legislative efforts to eliminate hunger, with an emphasis on the interconnected challenges of food security, climate change, and gender inequality. Discussions highlighted the critical role of women in building sustainable agrifood systems and the importance of integrating a gender perspective into parliamentary work on food and nutrition security.¹⁶⁸

¹⁶⁵ Aligned with commitment points 1f and 4e of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁶⁶ Aligned with commitment points 1a of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁶⁷ Aligned with commitment points 3a, 3b, 4b, and 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁶⁸ Aligned with commitment points 2a and 2c of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.



Environment and Sustainability: Mapping Strategies and Plans of the Americas the Caribbean

In July 2023, ParlAmericas launched the web-based dashboard, titled [Mapping Environmental Strategies and Sustainability Initiatives](#).

- ✓ This resource maps climate action plans and parliamentary initiatives across the hemisphere, including the gender dimensions of these commitments. It supports parliamentarians in monitoring progress and contributes to building transparent and comparable systems for evaluating climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts.¹⁶⁹

Towards Effective Environmental Governance: Access to Information, Participation, and Justice

The virtual multi-stakeholder dialogue [Towards Effective Environmental Governance: Access to Information, Participation, and Justice](#), co-organized by ParlAmericas and PGA in July 2023, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ The dialogue centered on the implementation of the regional Escazú Agreement and focused on the role of parliaments in creating conditions that encourage public participation in environmental decision-making and protect environmental human rights defenders, with particular emphasis on women, youth, and marginalized communities.¹⁷⁰

2nd Meeting of the PNCCS-Staff

In August 2023, ParlAmericas hosted a [virtual meeting](#) of the PNCCS-Staff on national and international climate commitments.

- ✓ The meeting explored the roles of parliamentary staff in supporting gender-responsive parliamentary work that aligns with national and international climate commitments – including strengthening access to information on the gender differentiated impacts of climate change, and promoting inclusive citizen participation initiatives to ensure diverse voices are able to contribute to related decision making.¹⁷¹

15th Gathering of the PNGE and 7th Gathering of the PNCCS

The joint PNGE and PNCCS hemispheric gathering, [A Food Secure Future: Building People- and Planet-Centred Strategies](#), organized by ParlAmericas in collaboration with the Senate of the Republic of Mexico from September 28 to 29, 2023, in Mexico City, Mexico, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

¹⁶⁹ Aligned with commitment points 2g, 4b, 4c, and 4e of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁷⁰ Aligned with commitment points 1f, 2a, 2e, and 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁷¹ Aligned with commitment points 4b, 4c, 4e of Our Sustainable Green Future.

- ✓ The gathering provided an opportunity for parliamentary exchange on inclusive and innovative good practices to uphold the right to food while promoting sustainability and resilience through multisectoral cooperation.¹⁷²
- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) committing to addressing food insecurity through legislative actions that advance food sovereignty, gender equality, and the inclusion of marginalized groups in decision-making.¹⁷³

Primer on Gender-Responsive Parliamentary Work on Food Security

ParlAmericas' publication [Primer on Gender-Responsive Parliamentary Work on Food Security](#) also contributes to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ The primer explores the critical intersections of gender equality and food security, detailing the role of parliaments in addressing systemic barriers that disproportionately affect women and marginalized groups. It provides actionable insights and strategies for legislators to promote inclusive policies and governance frameworks that ensure equitable access to resources, participation, and decision-making within food systems.¹⁷⁴

VAIVÉN 2023: Circular Economy Festival in Latin America

From October 9 to October 11, 2023, ParlAmericas participated in the [VAIVÉN 2023: Circular Economy Festival in Latin America](#) held in San José, Costa Rica.

- ✓ ParlAmericas presented the importance of parliaments as key allies in the transition to a circular economy, highlighting how their legislative, oversight, and budgetary roles support this shift. ParlAmericas representatives also stressed the need to integrate gender and intersectionality into circular economy policies and advocated for inclusive representation in decision-making processes.¹⁷⁵

LACCW 2023


ParlAmericas' participation in [LACCW 2023](#), held in Panama City, Panama from October 23 to 27, 2023, and organized by the UNFCCC and the Government of Panama, also contributed to the commitments of *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

¹⁷² Aligned with commitment points 2a, 2c, 2d, and 4b of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

¹⁷³ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 1f, 2a, 2d, 2e, 2g, 4b, 4c, 4e, and 4f of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

¹⁷⁴ Aligned with commitment points 2a, 2c, 2e, 2h, and 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

¹⁷⁵ Aligned with commitment points 3a, 3b, 4b, 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future.

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- ✓ ParlAmericas took part in the panel “[Building Resilience Through a Network Lens: An Intersectional Perspective](#),” organized by UNDRR. The panel underscored the critical importance of adopting an intersectional approach to disaster risk reduction, ensuring that policies address the unique needs of women, youth, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, and other traditionally marginalized groups.¹⁷⁶

Climate Crisis Forum for Parliamentarians

In November 2023, ParlAmericas supported the organization of the [Climate Crisis Forum for Parliamentarians](#), an event held in Belmopan and led by the National Assembly of Belize and the Ministry of Climate Change, Sustainable Development, and Disaster Risk Management, in collaboration with the UN Country Office.

- ✓ The forum, held as a follow-up to LACCW 2023 and a prelude to COP28, highlighted the unique role of legislators as a bridge between the people and State institutions. It emphasized their responsibility to advance people-centered policies and legislation that ensure no one is left behind in the response to the climate crisis.¹⁷⁷

28th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 28)

ParlAmericas’ participation in [COP 28](#), held from November 30 to December 12, 2023, in the United Arab Emirates, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ ParlAmericas representatives spoke on panels where they discussed the role of parliamentarians in advancing climate action, fostering cross-party collaboration, and mobilizing climate finance. ParlAmericas also hosted two side events focused on promoting equality and inclusion in climate commitments, aligning budgets and legislation with the Paris Agreement and COP28 outcomes, and advancing parliamentary efforts to implement the Escazú Agreement and ACE.¹⁷⁸

Meeting of the PNCCS-Staff

In March 2024, ParlAmericas hosted a virtual meeting of the PNCCS-Staff titled [Tips and Tools for Research to Inform Evidence-Based Climate Action](#).

- ✓ The meeting focused on strategies to effectively use complex environmental data in supporting evidence-based legislative initiatives. It offered practical guidance for parliamentary staff to examine laws and policies from other countries addressing diverse environmental challenges,

¹⁷⁶ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 4c, and 4d of *Our Sustainable Green Future*. This activity is also referenced in the [Clean Energy](#) section of the present document.

¹⁷⁷ Aligned with commitment points 4b and 4c of *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

¹⁷⁸ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 1f, 2e, 4c of *Our Sustainable Green Future*. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section and the [Clean Energy](#) section of the present document.

translate scientific data into accessible formats, and incorporate a gender perspective into political analysis and project design.¹⁷⁹

#FoodFirst Ibero-American Political-Academic Dialogue

ParlAmericas' participation in the [#FoodFirst Ibero-American Political-Academic Dialogue](#), held from April 24 to 26, 2024, and organized by PFH in collaboration with FAO in Antigua, Guatemala, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ ParlAmericas presented the [Primer on Gender-Responsive Parliamentary Work on Food Security](#) and contributed to a panel discussion on parliamentary alliances and strategic partnerships, sharing efforts to advance the right to food while promoting sustainability and resilience through multisectoral cooperation.¹⁸⁰

Children's Books on Environmental Stewardship and Youth Leadership

The series of [children's books](#) and accompanying learning guides launched by ParlAmericas between September 2023 and May 2024, in collaboration with member parliaments and civil society partners, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ These resources, [Izzy and her Friends](#); [Rocío and the Belled Forest](#); and [Yerutí y los Superhéroes del Planeta](#), incorporate principles of teamwork, respect, equality, responsibility, and care for the environment to encourage inclusive and collaborative leadership models.¹⁸¹

Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS

ParlAmericas' publication [Making the Case: Key Gender Considerations for Addressing Development Challenges in Caribbean SIDS](#), launched in June 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ This resource offers parliamentarians an overview of key environmental challenges faced by Caribbean SIDS, such as high exposure to hazards, biodiversity loss, and reliance on coastal and marine resources. It underscores the critical importance of integrating the specific vulnerabilities of these small island states into climate change adaptation strategies.¹⁸²

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¹⁷⁹ Aligned with commitment points 1g, 4c, and 4f of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁸⁰ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 1d, and 2c of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁸¹ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 2a, 2e, and 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁸² Aligned with commitment points 1a, 2h, 4b of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section, the [Health and Resilience](#) section, the [Digital Transformation](#) section and the [Clean Energy](#) of the present document.



SIDS Gender Equality Forum and 4th International Conference on SIDS

The [ParlAmericas delegation](#) of Caribbean parliamentarians in the SIDS Gender Equality Forum and the 4th International Conference on SIDS, held in Antigua and Barbuda from May 25 to 30, 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ This participation provided a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogues on the unique challenges hindering gender equality and women’s empowerment in SIDS. Additionally, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with PGA, hosted an official side event, [Empowering Action on the Escazú Agreement: A Parliamentarians and Civil Society Dialogue](#).¹⁸³

Young Women In Leadership – Grenada (YWiL Grenada)

The [YWiL Grenada](#) program, co-organized by ParlAmericas and CIWiL in partnership with the CIWiL Grenada National Chapter and the Houses of Parliament of Grenada, from May to July 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ Workshops integrated environmental themes throughout, including a session where young leaders crafted gender-responsive disaster management recommendations for marginalized communities. Participants concluded with a debate on a fictional parliamentary motion to develop a national action plan on gender equality and women’s economic empowerment, addressing cross-cutting issues such as infrastructure, climate resilience, and disaster risk management in light of Hurricane Beryl's recent impacts.¹⁸⁴

Tying the Threads Together: Parliamentary Actions to Advance International Agreements on the SIDS and Gender Equality

The virtual meeting [Tying the Threads Together: Parliamentary Actions to Advance International Agreements on the SIDS and Gender Equality](#), co-organized by ParlAmericas, the UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, and CIWiL in August 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ Caribbean parliamentarians and stakeholders convened to explore how parliaments can advance the SIDS agenda, gender equality, and sustainable development. The discussion emphasized leveraging frameworks like the Bridgetown Initiative 3.0 and the Beijing Declaration, while highlighting the importance of assessing gendered impacts and contributions to climate resilience to inform equitable decision-making.¹⁸⁵

¹⁸³ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 1f, 4b, and 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) of the present document.

¹⁸⁴ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 2h, 3d, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4f, 5a, and 5c of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁸⁵ Aligned with commitment points 1a and 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.



Meeting of the PNCCS-Staff

In August 2024, ParlAmericas hosted a virtual meeting of the PNCCS-Staff titled, [Promoting Sustainable Practices within Parliaments](#).

- ✓ The meeting explored good practices for parliamentary staff to advance environmental sustainability in parliaments. Discussions addressed reviewing procurement policies, obtaining third-party sustainability certifications, and implementing measures to minimize the environmental footprint of parliamentary operations.¹⁸⁶

Parliamentary Action for Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness in the Caribbean

In September 2024, ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the UNDRR Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean, UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, and the World Food Programme (WFP) Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, organized a virtual technical meeting called [Parliamentary Action for Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness in the Caribbean](#).

- ✓ The meeting provided parliamentarians with a platform to engage with and receive targeted guidance from experts in key areas, including multi-hazard early warning systems, gender-responsive disaster risk reduction, shock-responsive social protection, disaster risk financing, and resilient infrastructure. These discussions directly addressed the Caribbean’s growing emphasis on disaster risk reduction and preparedness, priorities driven by the rising intensity and frequency of natural hazards exacerbated by climate change.¹⁸⁷

Inclusive Migration Governance in the Americas and Caribbean: A Primer for Parliamentarians

The resource [Inclusive Migration Governance in the Americas and the Caribbean: A Primer for Parliamentarians](#), published by ParlAmericas and ECLAC in September 2024, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ This resource examines the environmental drivers of migration, emphasizing the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation as key factors influencing human mobility in the Americas and the Caribbean. It highlights the growing need to support those displaced by environmental crises through inclusive and rights-based policies, addressing gaps in legal protections.¹⁸⁸

¹⁸⁶ Aligned with commitment points 3b and 6 of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁸⁷ Aligned with commitment points 3 and 5 of Our Sustainable Green Future.

¹⁸⁸ Aligned with commitment points 4a, 4c, 4d and 5 of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section and the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.



Migration in the Context of Socio-Environmental Challenges

The hemispheric interparliamentary gathering [Migration in the Context of Socio-Environmental Challenges](#), organized by ParlAmericas in collaboration with FOPREL and the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica from October 23 to 25, 2024 in San José, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ The gathering, throughout its sessions, explored the intersection of climate change and migration, focusing on legislative considerations to address this complex dynamic. Discussions examined current and future trends in climate-induced migration, both internal and external, while highlighting the legal protections needed for climate migrants and the gaps that remain.¹⁸⁹
- ✓ Parliamentarians adopted a [political declaration](#) recognizing the impact of climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters in driving migration, particularly in Small Island Developing States. The declaration emphasizes the urgent need to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to promote the legal recognition of climate migrants as rights holders.¹⁹⁰

16th Conference of the Parties to the to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16)

ParlAmericas' participation in [COP 16](#), held from October 21 to November 2, 2024, in Cali, Colombia, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ ParlAmericas contributed to the parliamentary declaration debated and adopted during the Parliamentary Forum, a key component of the official agenda that emphasized the critical role of parliamentarians in biodiversity governance. Additionally, members of ParlAmericas Networks and Caucuses took part in events focused on protecting environmental defenders, leveraging technology for biodiversity conservation, and emphasizing the essential role of women in conservation.¹⁹¹

10th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20)

ParlAmericas' participation in the [10th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit \(P20\)](#), held in Brasília, Brazil, and organized by the Chamber of Deputies and the Federal Senate of Brazil in collaboration with IPU, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

¹⁸⁹ Aligned with -points 4c, 4d, 4e and 5 of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section and the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

¹⁹⁰ Aligned with points 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, and 5 of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section and the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

¹⁹¹ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 1b, 1f, 1g, 2g, and 4b of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

- ✓ ParlAmericas participated in discussions on key global issues, including hunger, gender inequalities affecting food access and nutritional security, and the vital role of parliaments in promoting sustainable development.¹⁹²

Parliaments for Food Security

ParlAmericas' participation in the gathering [Parliaments for Food Security](#), held in December 2024 and organized by the National Congress of Honduras, FAO, and AECID in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ The gathering brought together legislators from ECLAC member countries, reaffirming their commitment to addressing hunger and malnutrition. Delegates presented recommendations to advance the Food Security, Nutrition, and Hunger Eradication Plan 2024-2030. ParlAmericas contributed by sharing PNCCS initiatives, highlighting inclusive, sustainable solutions and the importance of gender-responsive approaches to strengthen food security frameworks.¹⁹³

Reducing Methane Emissions: A Legislative Agenda

The virtual meeting [Reducing Methane Emissions: A Legislative Agenda](#), organized by ParlAmericas and the Governance Institute of the Andean Parliament also contributed to advancing the commitments outlined in *Our Sustainable Green Future*.

- ✓ The meeting examined legislative approaches to reducing methane emissions, including circular bioeconomy practices in agriculture, women's leadership in waste management, and regulatory frameworks for methane-based electricity generation. It also highlighted the potential benefits of methane reduction, such as fostering innovation, optimizing costs, and supporting sustainable job creation.¹⁹⁴

¹⁹² Aligned with commitment points 1a, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2e and 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Democratic Governance](#) section of the present document.

¹⁹³ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 2a, 2c, 2e, 2h and 4c of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Health and Resilience](#) section of the present document.

¹⁹⁴ Aligned with commitment points 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2, 3b and 6 of Our Sustainable Green Future. This activity is also referenced in the [Clean Energy](#) section of the present document.



List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACE	Action for Climate Empowerment
AECID	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation
AGYLE	UNFCCC Academy for Global Youth Leadership Empowerment
AI	Artificial Intelligence
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CIDI	Inter-American Council for Integral Development
CIM	Inter-American Commission of Women
CIWiL	Caribbean Women in Leadership
COP 16	16th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
COP 27	27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
COP 28	28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
COP 29	29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
CPA	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
CPA UK	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK Branch
CYC	Commonwealth Youth Council
ECLAC	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FIU	Florida International University
FONAMUPP	National Forum of Women in Political Parties
FOPREL	Forum of Presidents of Legislative Bodies of Central America and the Caribbean
HDP	United States Congress Special Commission: House Democracy Partnership
IACHR	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
IDEA	Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IRENA	International Renewable Energy Agency
IRI	International Republican Institute
JSWG	Joint Summit Working Group
LACCW	Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week
NCDs	Non-Communicable Diseases
NDCs	Nationally Determined Contributions
NDI	National Democratic Institute



OAS	Organization of American States
OGP	Open Government Partnership
OPeN	Open Parliament Global Network
OPN	ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
OPN-Staff	ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament
P20	G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit
PFH	Parliamentary Front against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean
PGA	Parliamentarians for Global Action
PNCCS	ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability
PNCCS-Staff	ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Climate Change and Sustainability
PNGE	ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
PNGE-Staff	ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality
REDLAD	Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy
RP23	VIII Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SIRG	Summit Implementation Review Group
UNDRR	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
UNEP	United Nation Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WFP	World Food Programme
WLID	Global Network of Women Legislators in Defence, Security, and Peace Portfolios
WRAP	Waste and Resources Action Programme
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
YWIL	Young Women in Leadership



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