

AGENDA

Indigenous Women's Parliamentary Leadership in the Americas: Strengthening Rights, Representation, and Collective Action

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | Ottawa, Canada

This meeting will bring together Indigenous women parliamentarians from across the hemisphere to exchange perspectives on shared priorities, strengthen collaboration, and advance Indigenous women's leadership within legislative spaces. It will provide a dedicated forum to reflect on opportunities to promote inclusive governance grounded in gender equality and respect for collective rights.

Through dialogue informed by the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#) and the [American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(2016\)](#), the meeting will contribute to fostering sustained connections among the participants, shaping a shared understanding and identifying priorities to support the continued advancement of Indigenous women's leadership in the region.

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09:30 Transfer of participants to the Parliament of Canada

10:00 - 10:45 **Land Acknowledgement Ceremony and Welcoming Remarks**

Location: Room C128, Senate of Canada, 2 Rideau Street

- Senator the Honourable Dr. **Margo Greenwood** (Canada), Counsellor of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (CPAM)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Antares Vázquez Alatorre** (Mexico), 2nd Vice-President of ParlAmericas and President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Senator **Iván Flores García** (Chile), President of ParlAmericas

10:45 - 11:00 **Official photograph**

11:00 - 12:30 **High-level dialogue: Using Regional Indigenous Networks to Advance Rights, Leadership, and Collective Action - Building and Implementing UNDRIP**

Location: Room C128, Senate of Canada, 2 Rideau Street

This dialogue will reflect on how Indigenous leadership and collaboration have shaped international frameworks such as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and how these continue to inform efforts to advance the rights of Indigenous communities. It will connect lived experience, regional processes, and the

opportunity to strengthen collective action by Indigenous women parliamentarians in the Americas.

Objectives:

- To reflect on the development of UNDRIP as a process grounded in Indigenous leadership, dialogue, and transnational collaboration.
- To explore how regional and international efforts can support parliamentary action to advance Indigenous women's rights and leadership.

Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Sônia Guajajara** (Brazil)

Panellists:

- Chief Dr. **Wilton Littlechild**, I.P.C., C.C., F.C., K.C., C.M.S., O.S.
- **Alejandra Mora Mora**, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission of Women of the Organization of American States (CIM/OAS)

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

Location: Senators Lounge, Senate of Canada

14:00 - 16:00

Dialogue Circle – Pathways to Leadership: Indigenous Women in Parliamentary Life Across the Americas

Location: Room C128, Senate of Canada, 2 Rideau Street

This dialogue circle will create a space for Indigenous women parliamentarians from across the hemisphere to share their journeys into political life and their experiences within legislative institutions. Through these exchanges, the discussion will explore how different contexts shape opportunities, challenges, and pathways to leadership in parliamentary spaces. Grounded in listening and reciprocity, the space will give participants the opportunity to share experiences, reflections, and perspectives on how parliamentary work can support the wellbeing of Indigenous peoples and communities, and advance their rights.

Objectives:

- To create a space for shared reflection and mutual listening, allowing participants to connect their parliamentary roles with the lived realities and priorities of their communities.
- To share experiences and reflections on the pathways that have enabled Indigenous women's participation and leadership in parliamentary life, identifying common challenges that can inform efforts to strengthen Indigenous women's presence and voice in legislative institutions.
- To identify opportunities for collaboration between parliaments and inter-American institutions to strengthen implementation and accountability.

Facilitator: Senator the Honourable Dr. **Margo Greenwood** (Canada), Counsellor of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (CPAM)

Commentator:

- **Laurie Buffalo Ermineskin**, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples expert

Interventions:

- Senator **Vilma Bedia** (Argentina)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Sônia Guajajara** (Brazil)
- Senator **Martha Peralta Epieyú** (Colombia)
- Member of the National Assembly **Rosa Cecilia Baltazar Yucailla** (Ecuador)
- Member of Congress **Marleni Matías Santiago** (Guatemala), Vice-President for Central America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Senator **Edith López Hernández** (Mexico)
- Member of the National Assembly **Flor Brenes Medina** (Panama)

16:00 - 17:00

Closing Session

Location: Room C128, Senate of Canada, 2 Rideau Street

- Establishment of the Caucus on the Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls
- Closing remarks



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