

Preliminary agenda

7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

The Future of Democracy in the Digital Era

Santiago, Chile

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The 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network will seek to analyze the impact of the digital transformation on democratic systems, considering not only the opportunities and challenges that have emerged in recent years due to the widespread use of the internet and ICTs, but also how initiatives for transparent and accountable digital governance can be implemented within the paradigm of open parliament.

The social impact of these transformations will also be addressed, especially in relation to the empowerment of women within the framework of an inclusive digital governance that recognizes the critical importance of their meaningful participation in the digital ecosystem as an essential condition for more robust and solid democracies.

Thursday April 20

08:00 **Transfer of participants to the National Congress of Chile**

09:00 – 09:45 **Inauguration**

- Senator **Juan Antonio Coloma** (Chile), President of the Senate
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Vlado Mirosevic** (Chile), President of the Chamber of Deputies and ParlAmericas Board Member
- Honourable **Bridgid Annisette-George** (Trinidad and Tobago), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice-President of ParlAmericas
- Senator **Javier Macaya** (Chile), President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network and Host of the Gathering

09:45 – 10:30 **Keynote address: The impact of the digital transformation on democratic systems**

The digital revolution, while offering opportunities to revitalize democracy has also generated new challenges, including cybersecurity, remote work, the digital divide, disinformation, and the oligopoly of the internet and widely used digital platforms, among others. This keynote address will explore the impact of digital technologies on democratic systems and social interactions, highlighting key recommendations and considerations for parliaments in the region on how to address associated challenges and opportunities.

10:30 – 11:45 High level panel: Towards a regionally secure, just, and inclusive digital future

This session will be dedicated to integrating a parliamentary perspective in the implementation international instruments such as the United Nations [Global Digital Compact](#); the expert group on innovation and technological change and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls of the [Commission on the Status of Women](#); the [Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation](#) adopted at the IX Summit of the Americas and the [global call to action by the member countries of the Open Government Partnership](#) have established guidelines for promoting a reliable and inclusive internet.

11:45 – 12:00 Official photograph

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Session 1: Open parliament with a gender-lens

This session will provide parliamentarians with tools to integrate the gender perspective in open parliament actions linked to the pillar of citizen participation in the legislative process. Likewise, the opportunities offered by technology to contribute to inclusive citizen participation in the digital age will be addressed.

17:00 Transfer to the hotel

19:00 Welcome reception

Friday April 21

08:00 Transfer of participants to the National Congress of Chile

09:00 – 10:45 Session 2: Addressing online disinformation from within parliament

As a challenge for even the strongest democracies, disinformation is multifaceted, globalized, and systemic, and therefore needs to be addressed with contemporary legislative approaches

and coordinated actions among states, based on multilateralism. This session will explore the various dimensions of disinformation and the role of parliament in facing the challenges arising from this phenomenon.

10:45 – 12:15 Session 3: Parliamentary actions for integrated and inclusive digital governance

With the rise of digital democracy, it is imperative to adopt and strengthen legislative actions to ensure an integrated and inclusive digital governance that leaves no one behind and contributes to more open and efficient governments. This session will be carried out through parliamentary delegation presentations and roundtable discussions on various issues related to digital governance, such as cybersecurity and digital identity, social media violence, interoperability, and science in parliament, among others.

12:15 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 - 14:30 Citizen participation in the constituent process in Chile: lessons and experiences

14:30 – 16:30 Session 4: Presentation on progress and commitments related to open parliament

Parliamentary delegations are invited to submit progress updates on open parliament, which will be included in the [ParlAmericas Open Parliament Commitment Tool](#). Parliamentarians are encouraged to submit commitments within the framework of the gathering, providing this information via the following [form](#).

16:30 Transfer to the hotel

Saturday April 22

08:00 Transfer of participants to the National Congress of Chile

09:00 – 11:00 Session 5: From digital divide to digital inclusion

Featuring the participation of civil society organizations, this session will be dedicated to exploring the different dimensions of digital inclusion including aspects such as internet access, digital literacy, and the empowerment of traditionally marginalized groups by using ICTs to close social gaps.

11:00 – 11:30 Presentation on legislative openness standards within committees

- Member of the Bicameral Group on Transparency - National Congress of Chile

11:30 – 11:45 Elections

- President of the Open Parliament Network
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for North America
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for Central America
- Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for South America

During the gathering, parliamentary representatives will be elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network. For more information, we invite you to review our [election advisory](#).

11:45 – 12:00 **Declaration of the 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network**

- ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

12:00 – 12:15 **Evaluations**

12:15 – 12:30 **Announcement of upcoming ParlAmericas activities**

- ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

12:45 – 13:00 **Closing**

13:00 **Lunch**

End of official program

15:00 **Meeting of the Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network (closed meeting)**



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