

## Agenda

### 19<sup>th</sup> ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly and 14<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

### ***Legislative Perspectives for Inclusive Economic Growth: Investing in the Care Economy***

November 30 - December 2, 2022

Bogota, Colombia

The care economy – which encompasses paid and unpaid care work in the public and private spheres – is one of the fastest-growing economic sectors in the world. According to the World Economic Forum, almost 40% of all projected job opportunities in emerging professions will have been created in the care sector between 2020 and 2023. Taking into account socio-economic trends such as aging or growing populations, changing family structures, women’s status in labour markets, and shortcomings in social protection policies, the International Labour Organization (ILO) states that by 2030 the number of care recipients is predicted to reach 2.3 billion. Important work is increasingly being undertaken in the parliaments across the Americas and Caribbean to recognize and measure care work and incentivize its financing. Through their legislative roles and leadership, parliamentarians can promote the economic value of the care sector.

*Times correspond to local time in Colombia (UTC – 05:00).*

#### **Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

Arrivals

#### **Wednesday, November 30, 2022**

8:00 - 8:30      Transportation of participants to the Congress of the Republic

9:00 - 10:30    **Inauguration and welcoming remarks**

Room: Luis Guillermo Vélez

- Honorable Representative **David Racero** (Colombia), President of the House of Representatives
- The Honourable **Bridgid Annisette-George** (Trinidad and Tobago), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice-President of ParlAmericas
- Honourable Representative **Jezmi Barraza** (Colombia), Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Senator **Germán Blanco** (Colombia), member of the ParlAmericas Board

- His Excellency **Gilles Bertrand**, Ambassador of the European Union to Colombia
- **Marcos Rodriguez Fazzone**, Senior Specialist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations FAO in Colombia
- **Gabriela Serrano**, Director of Programs, IRI Colombia
- Senator **Verónica Camino Farjat** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

10:30 - 11:00 Official photograph and break  
Location: Patio/Plaza Núñez

11:00 - 13:00 **Reports by parliamentary delegations**

*As parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean are advancing various actions to recognize and promote the economic value of the care sector, this session will offer parliamentary delegations an opportunity to present recent legislative practices undertaken to strengthen public policy and legislation related to the care economy.*

Moderadora: senator **Verónica Camino Farjat** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Cecilia Britto** (Argentina), Vice-President of the Mercosur Parliament
- Senator **Nora del Valle Giménez** (Argentina)
- Senator **Simona Quispe Apaza** (Bolivia)
- The Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Maite Orsini** (Chile)
- Honourable Representative **Jhoany Carlos Palacios** (Colombia)
- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Carolina Delgado** (Costa Rica), member of the ParlAmericas Board
- Member of the National Assembly **Wilma Andrade** (Ecuador), Vice-president for South America for the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- Honourable **Dessima Williams** (Grenada), President of the Senate
- Member of Congress **Silvia Ayala** (Honduras)
- Senator **Natalie Campbell-Rodrigues** (Jamaica), Vice-President for the Caribbean of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **María de Jesús Rosete Sánchez** (Mexico)
- Member of the National Assembly **Arling Alonso** (Nicaragua), member of the ParlAmericas Board
- Honourable Member of the National Assembly **Kayra Harding** (Panama), Vice-President for Central America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

- Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas
- Senator **Lisa Jawahir** (Saint Lucia)
- Member of the National Assembly **Debie Radjendrekoemar** (Suriname), 2nd Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch  
Room: Luis Carlos Galán y Salón Amarillo

14:30 - 15:30 **Reports by parliamentary delegations (continued)**

15:30 - 17:00 **Facilitated dialogue – The economic dimensions of care: Myths and realities**  
Salón: Luis Guillermo Vélez

*This session will be dedicated to addressing some of the main myths and misinformed assumptions that exist in relation to care work. Through a subject-expert facilitated dialogue, parliamentarians will discuss the potential for the care economy to be a catalyst for inclusive economic growth and improved social well-being.*

Moderator: Honourable Representative **Juan Carlos Losada** (Colombia)

- **Cecilia López** (Colombia), Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Ana Gúezmes**, Director of the Gender Affairs Division, ECLAC
- **Helen Royer**, Director of Human Development, CARICOM Secretariat

17:00 - 19:00 **Welcome reception**  
Room: Constitution

19:00 Transportation of participants to the official hotel

## **Thursday, December 1, 2022**

8:00 - 8:30 Transportation of participants to the Congress of the Republic

9:00 - 10:30 **Data: The key to legislative action that values care work**  
Room: Luis Guillermo Vélez

*Having access to high quality data on the time dedicated to care work – paid and especially unpaid – is an essential tool for highlighting the economic and social contributions of this labour and the inequalities of its distribution at the household and societal levels. Through case studies offered by representatives of national statistics offices, this session will explore how information is gathered through national census, for instance, through time-use surveying. Presenters will also highlight specific entry points for parliamentary advocacy to strengthen data collection efforts, and how time-use data can inform the development of legislative and policy initiatives that advance gender equality and poverty alleviation.*

Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Christian Tapia** (Chile)

- **Julieth Solano**, Technical Director of the Directorate of Statistical Regulation, Planning and Standardization, National Administrative Department of Statistics (Colombia)
- **Isiuwa Iyehen**, Deputy Representative, UN Women Multi Country Office – Caribbean

10:30 - 12:00 **Legislating for the care economy: Parliamentary work**

*Recognizing that care work is a cornerstone of our societies, legislating on care can involve a wide variety of topics. This session will provide parliamentarians with an opportunity to learn about and discuss some good practices that can inspire and guide their legislative work on care.*

Moderator: Senator **Saphire Longmore** (Jamaica), member of the ParlAmericas Board

- Member of Parliament **Soraya Martinez-Ferrada** (Canada)
- Honourable Representative **Jezmi Barraza** (Colombia) Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Katherine Moreira Brown** (Costa Rica)

12:00 - 13:00 **Inter-American Model Law on Care – Inter-American Commission of Women**

*The Inter-American Commission of Women will present the [Inter-American Model Law on Care](#) and its implementation guide. These tools bring together key aspects of international instruments and are based upon existing rights standards related to recognizing, redistributing, regulating, promoting, and creating new ways of addressing care work.*

- **Alejandra Mora Mora**, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM, by its Spanish initials)

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch  
Room: Constitution

14:30 - 14:45 **Special presentation**  
Room: Luis Guillermo Vélez

- **Bibiana Aído**, Representative, UN Women Colombia

14:45 - 15:45 **Presentation on Care Blocks**

- **Diana Rodríguez Franco**, Secretary for Women's Affairs, City of Bogota

15:45 - 16:30 **Special presentation: legislative experience**

- Senators **Ana María Castañeda** and **Ana Paola Agudelo** (Colombia)

16:30 - 16:45 **Food security and care**

- **Claudia Brito Bruno**, Policy Officer and Expert in Gender and Social and Institutional Systems, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ParlAmericas and the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger (FPH by its Spanish initials)

16:45 - 17:00 **Reading of the *Declaration on the Care Economy***

- The Honourable **Dessima Williams** (Grenada), President of the Senate
- Member of Congress **Silvia Ayala** (Honduras)

17:00 Transportation of participants to the official hotel

## **Friday, December 2, 2022**

8:00 - 8:30 Transportation of participants to the Congress of the Republic

9:00 - 9:30 **Keynote - Strengthening multilateralism in the Americas and the Caribbean**  
Room: Eliptico

*States today are facing a plethora of global and interdependent challenges related to inequitable economic growth, the effects of climate change, migration, and digital disinformation leading to loss of trust in institutions, among others. These challenges, and the changes inherent to the International System, require a coordinated hemispheric approach based on a renewed multilateralism that promotes regional integration with approaches that prioritize complementarity and solidarity. This session will consider opportunities to rethink and strengthen multilateralism in the Americas and the Caribbean to promote coordinated actions to solve common issues while upholding democratic principles and advancing in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.*

- **Epsy Campbell**, former Vice-President of the Republic of Costa Rica

9:30 - 11:30 **Dialogue - Parliamentary diplomacy: Making multilateralism work for the people**

*Parliamentary diplomacy facilitates cooperative dialogue around complex issues that can be difficult to address through traditional diplomatic channels, so as to build consensus, promote democratic principles, contribute to solving public policy issues as well as strengthen relations and integration. In this sense, parliamentarians play an increasingly important role in multilateral institutions where they also work to ensure the implementation of international agreements and resolutions at a national level through legislation and parliamentary oversight, and bring a broader range of political and public opinions to dialogues and negotiations on international issues. In this session, parliamentarians will reflect on the state of parliamentary diplomacy in the Inter-American System and consider strategic opportunities to strengthen this*

*engagement, including through ParlAmericas' mandate to promote parliamentary participation as an integral part of the Summits of the Americas process, adopted in the [Inter-American Plan of Action on Democratic Governance](#). This dialogue is an initial step in the development of ParlAmericas' next strategic plan.*

- Intervention by Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas, followed by a moderated dialogue with the delegation of parliamentarians.
- Moderator of the dialogue: Member of the National Assembly **Wilma Andrade** (Ecuador), Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

11:30 - 12:15 **Plenary session**

- Presentation of annual reports by the ParlAmericas parliamentary networks
  - Senator **Verónica Camino** (Mexico), President of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
  - Senator **Bertha Caraveo** (Mexico), Vice-President for North America of the Open Parliament Network
  - The Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
- Announcement of the host country for the 20th Plenary Assembly and the 15th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality, and of upcoming ParlAmericas activities
- Elections for certain positions on the ParlAmericas Board

12:15 - 12:30 **Reading of the *Declaration on Parliamentary Engagement in the Inter-American System through ParlAmericas***

- Senator **Antares Vázquez** (Mexico), member of the ParlAmericas Board

12:30 - 13:00 **Closing remarks**

- Honourable Representative **Jezmi Barraza** (Colombia), Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

Room: Constitución

14:30 Transportation of participants to the official hotel



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