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ParlAmericas contributed legislative perspectives to the Regional Workshop on Climate Change and Building Resilience

On November 6, ParlAmericas participated in a Regional Workshop on Climate Change and Building Resilience co-organized by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Canada's Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States (OAS) with the support of the OAS Department for Sustainable Development, in Washington, D.C. The workshop considered how resilience to climate change and extreme weather events is being conceived and addressed by countries across the hemisphere, with a specific emphasis on coastal communities, and featured interventions by experts, practitioners, and decision-makers on pragmatic ways to access climate finance funds, build resilient infrastructure, and empower local communities.

The Honourable Alincia Williams-Grant, President of the Senate of Antigua and Barbuda, gave an expert presentation on the work of the ParlAmericas Climate Change Network and the role of parliamentarians as active stakeholders in resilience building and the climate change agenda. "Parliaments approve the national budget and can ensure that resource allocation and budget items reflect priorities established in international agreements [... while also] making sure that the voice and experience of citizens are being heard at the highest level." In addressing assembled delegates, the Senator added that "involving parliamentarians can be an effective way to raise ambition in the negotiating positions of our countries; to set standards high and then provide oversight [...] to ensure these standards are being met."

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