

DRAFT Agenda

16th Plenary Assembly of ParlAmericas

Accelerating Progress on Agenda 2030: Good Practices for Parliamentary Action

October 30th – November 1st | Asuncion, Paraguay



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Tuesday, October 29, 2019: Arrival

All day *Arrival of participants / transfer from the airport to the official hotel*

Wednesday, October 30, 2019: Arrival, Board of Directors meeting and workshop

All meeting will take place in the Archives and Library of the Congress of Paraguay, unless otherwise specified.

All day *Arrival of participants / transfer from the airport to the official hotel*

08:30 – 13:00 **49th Meeting of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas**
Closed-door meeting for Board Members of ParlAmericas

13:00 – 13:15 **Official Photograph of the Board of Directors**

12:45 Transportation of participants to the Archives and Library of the Congress of Paraguay

13:15 – 14:20 **Lunch offered by the Chamber of Senators of Paraguay**

14:20 – 18:00 **Workshop: Open data for tracking progress on the SDG indicators** (a separate agenda will be developed for this workshop)

18:00 Transportation of participants to official hotel

Dinner at leisure

Thursday, October 31, 2019: 16th Plenary Assembly

08:00 Transportation of participants to National Congress

08:30 – 09:00 **Participants registration**

- 09:00 – 09:40 **Inauguration and Opening Remarks**
Location: National Congress of Paraguay
- 09:40 – 10:00 **Keynote Address**
Location: National Congress of Paraguay
- 10:00 – 10:20 **Official photograph and break**
Location: Archives and Library of the Congress of Paraguay
- 10:20 – 11:30 **Opening Plenary Session**
Location: Archives and Library of the Congress of Paraguay
- Motion to designate the President of the Plenary Assembly
 - Motion to approve the Plenary Assembly agenda
 - Annual report to the members of ParlAmericas
 - a. Report from the ParlAmericas Board
 - b. Report from the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
 - c. Report from the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
 - d. Report from the Open Parliament Network
 - e. Report from operations and finances
 - Announcement of the election procedures
- 11:30 – 13:15 **Working session 1: Examining regional progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals from the parliamentary perspective**
Location: Archives and Library of the Congress of Paraguay

This session will present a general overview of the current state and progress in implementing the SDGs in the hemisphere four years after the adoption of Agenda 2030. The participant's discussion will revolve around the important role that parliaments play in implementing the SDGs and the opportunities to contribute to this process. Similarly, parliamentarians will be invited to explore the links between Goals 5, 13, and 16, and the rest of the SDGs, as well as the necessity for these to be addressed holistically by parliaments and other related actors

Moderators and panellists: to be confirmed

- 13:15 – 14:45 **Lunch offered by the Chamber of Senators of Paraguay**
Location: Archives and Library of the Congress of Paraguay

- 14:45 – 17:00 **Working session 2: From words to action – Case studies on how parliaments have adapted and are making progress to achieve the 2030 Agenda**
Location: Archives and Library of the Congress of Paraguay

The parliaments of the Americas and Caribbean have undertaken significant efforts to strengthen their structures, strategies and mechanisms to contribute to the effective implementation of the SDGs. This session will provide a space for parliamentary delegations to share their experiences, advancements, achievements and the obstacles they have faced in response to the demands required to significantly contribute to the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs in their respective countries, as well as internal compliance to the objectives and goals of sustainable development.

Moderators and panellists: to be confirmed

- 17:00 Transportation of participants to official hotel
- 19:00 Transportation of participants to reception
- 19:30 – 21:00 **Welcome Reception**
Location: "Casa Bicentenario del Teatro Edda de los Rios"

Friday, November 1, 2019: 16th Plenary Assembly

All meetings of the day will take place in the Archives and Library of the Congress of Paraguay, unless otherwise specified

- 08:30 Transportation of participants to the Archives and Library of the Congress of Paraguay

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Working session 3: Gender equality: an essential condition for achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals**

Parliaments have a key role in the adoption and the implementation of legislative frameworks and national strategies to promote gender equality, which is a prerequisite and an accelerator for the achievement of all SDGs. This session will assess the region's standing on SDG 5 on gender equality and women's empowerment, and its linkages to other sustainable development priorities. The panellists will share knowledge on different SDG 5 targets and highlight the data required for monitoring progress.

Moderators and panellists: to be confirmed

- 10:30 – 10:45 **Health Break**

- 10:45 – 12:15 **Working session 4: Encouraging partnerships and collaborative work for a sustainable future**

Cooperation and significant participation of diverse public actors and civil society is essential to advance the achievement of the goals and the objectives of sustainable development. This session will present strategies and best practices for promoting the work of parliaments with the Executive, civil society, private sector, academia, and traditionally marginalized groups, and leveraging the effectiveness of the actions directed towards making progress on implementing the SDGs. Furthermore, the session will explore the funding mechanisms directed towards facilitating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and how updating how taxation systems and fiscal policies can be adapted to respond to the implementation needs and to contribute to *effective development*.

Moderators and panellists: to be confirmed

12:15 – 12:30 **Evaluations**

12:30 – 13:15 **Closing Plenary Session**

- Reading of the declaration
- Announcement of the host country for the 17th Plenary Assembly
- Announcement of the next ParlAmericas meetings
- Election results
- Closing remarks

13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch offered by the Chamber of Senators of Paraguay**

Location: National Congress of Paraguay

14:30 Return to hotel and end of official program



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