



#ParlAmericasOPN #DigitalCaucus

THEMES: Artificial intelligence, digital rights, legislative openness

DATE: June 15, 2023

LOCATION: Virtual

PARTICIPANTS: More than 90 parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and representatives of international organizations and academia from 19 countries in the hemisphere attended the event.



This activity is aligned with SDGs 5, 10, 16 and 17.



Virtual Parliamentary Exchange on Artificial Intelligence and Digital Rights

The rapid development of artificial intelligence has made it evident that its impacts must be analyzed and addressed from a multi-pronged legislative approach that prioritizes the rights of users and consumers and considers key issues such as privacy, data protection, transparency, gender mainstreaming in relation to algorithmic responsibility, intellectual property rights, and ethics.

Through the parliamentary exchange, participants addressed the most important elements to be considered within regulatory frameworks related to artificial intelligence and offered experiences on the work undertaken by parliaments of the hemisphere in this regard.

The Digital Caucus was presented as a new parliamentary working group committed to developing legislative proposals on digital governance, including AI regulation, using inclusive, multidimensional approaches.



Agenda Highlights

Welcoming remarks:

- The Honourable **Bridgid Annisette-George** (Trinidad and Tobago), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice-President of ParlAmericas

Panellists:

- **Cecilia Danesi**, researcher at the Institute for European Studies and Human Rights (UPSA), lecturer and director of postgraduate courses at several universities around the world
- Senator **Kenneth Pugh** (Chile), Chair of the Senate Committees for Ethics and Transparency and National Defense Ambassador **Washington Abdala** (Uruguay), Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and Chair of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States

Moderators:

- Honourable Representative **Catherine Juvinao** (Colombia), Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Margarita Stolbizer** (Argentina)

Closing remarks:

- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Luz Mary Alpízar** (Costa Rica), Vice-President for Central America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

KEY CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING:

- It is essential that parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean, particularly those from the Global South, meaningfully participate in discussions on the implications of artificial intelligence and digital rights to ensure that artificial intelligence governance models reflect shared principles of democracy and the rule of law, peace, human rights, poverty eradication, justice, transparency, and equality.
- The Digital Caucus will aim to be a forum that brings together parliamentarians and various relevant actors in the hemisphere, including technology companies, specialists, universities, and civil society organizations to jointly develop artificial intelligence governance proposals that recognize our diversity, contexts, and needs.
- Regulation of artificial intelligence does not seek to stifle innovation or to impose barriers on progress, but to ensure that the development and deployment of these technologies aligns with shared democratic values and serves the common good.
- It is crucial to establish the most well-suited mechanisms to guarantee that the coming technological revolution protects human rights and democracy, incorporates a gender equity perspective, fosters sustainable development, and promotes inclusion and social cohesion.



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