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THEMES: Technology and innovation, inclusion, frontline communities, finance

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LOCATION: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

HOST: The Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)



This activity aligned with SDGs 5, 7, 10, 13, 16, and 17.



Parliamentary Delegation to COP28

ParlAmericas participated in the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and hosted a side event in the first ever parliamentary pavilion, which served as the central hub for the global parliamentary constituency. The ParlAmericas delegation of Senator the Honourable Rosa Galvez (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability; the Honourable Dessima Williams (Grenada), President of the Senate and ParlAmericas Board Member; and the Honourable Carolyn Trench-Sandiford (Belize), President of the Senate and ParlAmericas Board Member, presented on panels in which they discussed the role of women parliamentarians in advancing climate action, working among political parties to address the climate challenge, and mobilizing climate finance. The delegation also engaged with fellow parliamentarians from across the hemisphere and with representatives from international organizations, academia, and youth organizations.



KEY PARLAMERICAS PARTICIPATION

The Escazú Agreement and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE): Strengthening Environmental Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean ([Agenda](#))

This official side event hosted by ParlAmericas examined how parliamentary efforts toward the implementation of the Escazú Agreement and ACE can strengthen gender-transformative environmental democracy, increase citizen participation, protect human rights, and ultimately meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Latin American Legislative Perspectives for Effective and Inclusive Climate Action ([Agenda](#))

The inter-parliamentary dialogue among Latin American parliamentarians hosted by ParlAmericas and GLOBE Legislators was centred on the discussion of strategies and ongoing efforts to promote equality and inclusion in climate commitments and oversee the alignment of budgets and legislation with the goals of the Paris Agreement and the outcomes of COP28.

Parliamentary Meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Federal National Council of UAE

The ParlAmericas delegation participated in a day of parliamentary meetings hosted by IPU and the Federal Council of UAE to facilitate knowledge sharing around various topics, including but not limited to: insights into the current science, progress on commitments with a focus on the Global Stocktake, and the urgency of operationalizing the Loss and Damage Mechanism.

Discussion with YOUNGO

The ParlAmericas delegation met with leaders of YOUNGO, the official youth constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to discuss advancing youth perspectives and opportunities in decision-making spaces. Consult the [YOUNGO report](#) for further information on these mechanisms.



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Senator the Honourable **Rosa Galvez** (Canada),
President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary
Network on Climate Change and Sustainability

"We as parliamentarians can be key actors in steering the region toward comprehensive and transformative environmental governance that ensures all members of our society are not only aware of their rights but are also empowered to exercise them."



Senator the Honourable **Carolyn Trench-Sandiford** (Belize),
President of the Senate and ParlAmericas Board Member

"Parliament, in addition to its oversight and scrutiny functions, can also champion the diverse multilateral agreements, including the Paris Agreement. For example we signed the Declaration of Intent with the UN country office in Belize to have the parliament partner on building awareness and knowledge of all the agreements that Belize has signed. Parliaments have a unique ability to contribute to the development and implementation of the country's national climate commitments through our diverse functions."



KEY OUTCOMES & PARLIAMENTARY ACTION POINTS POST COP28

OUTCOMES:

- COP28 concluded with the adoption of the political outcome of the first [Global Stocktake \(GST\)](#), the Paris Agreement's mechanism for evaluating progress and raising climate ambition. The GST includes a call for countries to take actions for globally tripling the renewable energy capacity and doubling energy efficiency improvements by 2030.
- Among the [initiatives](#) and [decisions](#) taken were the adoption of the framework for the [Global Goal on Adaptation](#); progress on the [operationalization of the loss and damage fund](#) through a historic agreement; and the launch of the [Gender-Responsive Just Transition and Climate Action Partnership](#), among others. Commitments were also announced and can be viewed on the [Global Climate Action Portal](#).



ACTION POINTS:

To support the translation of COP28 climate commitments into action, parliamentarians have a **pivotal role in holding the executive branch accountable** through their oversight and other legislative responsibilities.

- Request that your country's government officials, national negotiation team, and/or parliamentary delegation to COP28 present the national commitments made at COP28 within the parliament's plenary and inquire if the country is on track to meet its own national climate and environmental objectives.
 - COP30 is the deadline for countries to present updated and more ambitious [Nationally Determined Contributions](#) (NDCs). The window of opportunity to raise climate ambition is rapidly narrowing as existing commitments fall short of the Paris Agreement goal to limit global warming to 1.5°C.
 - To view your country's current NDC, consult our [interactive tool](#).
- Examine the [Outcome of the Global Stocktake](#), identify how the parliament can support these commitments, and ensure the alignment of legislation and budgetary allocations with these goals.
- Request an evaluation of current climate related legislation and policies to ensure they are compatible with the country's NDC, the 2030 Agenda, and other relevant multilateral agreements.
- Assess if climate legislation and policies are gender sensitive, and whether there are initiatives in place to improve the availability of sex disaggregated data.

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