



#ParlAmericasGEN #CSW66

THEMES: Citizenship participation, youth empowerment and advocacy, gender equality, climate action

DATES: March 22, 2022

LOCATION: Virtual

PARTICIPANTS: More than 60 civil society and youth representatives, parliamentary staff, and parliamentarians from 15 countries

HOST: NGO CSW66 Forum



This activity aligned with SDGs 4, 5, 10, 13, and 17.



Youth Advocacy in Parliaments for Climate Action with a Gender Perspective

This interactive session was held as part of the NGO CSW66 Forum, and it had the objective of exploring the strategies and methods that can be used by young activists to promote feminist climate action in legislative decision-making spaces. It brought together stakeholders from across the Latin American region who are working towards common advocacy goals from within and outside of the parliamentary precinct.



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Opening remarks and introduction by:

- Senator **Verónica Camino Farjat** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

Roundtable "Perspectives, Experiences, and Recommendations for Promoting Feminist and Ambitious Climate Agendas"

Moderator:

- Ms. **Andrea Chacón** (Costa Rica), advisor to Member of the Legislative Assembly Paola Vega

Panellists:

- Senator **Verónica Camino Farjat** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Ms. **Martina Gómez** (Argentina), Youth for the Climate
- Ms. **Marinés Tapiero**, activist and "Youth Legislative Impact" program participant (Panama)

Closing remarks by:

- Ms. **Michelle Volpin**, International Secretariat of ParlAmericas

Among the references and materials exchanged were:

- [CSW66 Global Youth Recommendations: Youth, Gender, and Climate](#)
- [Motion to declare a climate emergency](#) (Argentina)
- [Citizen bill on inclusive and sustainable ecotourism](#) (Panama)



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The session opened with introductory remarks that recalled the functions of the legislative branch of government and different parliamentary mechanisms that can facilitate the active participation of youth and other civil society voices in its processes. Such mechanisms may be related to the development of bills or reforms, the oversight of government spending, or the fulfillment of international obligations under conventions such as CEDAW and the Paris Agreement, among other relevant frameworks.

The session then turned to a roundtable conversation that explored in greater depth various techniques and opportunities for youth activists to use political spaces to call for meaningful, gender-responsive climate action in their countries. The panellists shared their learnings as well as reflections on the importance of collaboration between parliamentary actors and local communities. In particular, the speakers highlighted suggestions for relaying key messages to decision-makers and communicating in ways that are attuned to necessary considerations in the local political environment.

Draft Agreed Conclusions of CSW66

At the time of this event, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women had released the [Zero Draft](#) of the conclusions for CSW66. These emphasized the role of parliamentarians in the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, and in the implementation of effective environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes (Point 7).

“The Commission recognizes the need to take an all-of-government approach, based on the coordination and capacity-building of parliamentarians, national gender equality mechanisms, mayors and municipalities and the institutions responsible for climate change, environment and disaster risk reduction and their financing, to enable gender responsive climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.”

KEY SUGGESTIONS SHARED IN THE ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE

- Ensure clarity in your vision and in your communications with political decision-makers on your ‘asks’; support these with firsthand knowledge and research.
- When distributing individual responsibilities in a group, carefully assign roles that take advantage of everyone's unique talents and educational / professional backgrounds in order to optimize impact.
- Utilize a variety of public spaces to share your messages, data, and viewpoints: from social media, to the streets, to the halls of parliament.
- When building support for your cause among critical stakeholders, ensure that the full scope of likely benefits of a given solution are as clearly articulated as the problem -- for instance, the tangible development outcomes that will result from increasing women's agency or environmental protections.



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