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THEMES: Climate migration, disaster risk reduction, gender

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LOCATION: Virtual

PARTICIPANTS: More than 60 parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and representatives of international, civil society and women's organizations



This activity is aligned with the SDGs 1, 3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 16, and 17.



Mobilizing Parliaments to Address Climate Migration: A virtual learning lab

Within the framework of the VIII Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean, under the theme “Science and Technology for Integrated Disaster Risk Management,” ParlAmericas organized a learning lab to promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences regarding the push factors of climate migration, the strategies that parliaments can employ to mitigate climate migration, and how parliaments can support the development of relocation strategies that respond to the needs of marginalized persons including women and girls. Through the multi-stakeholder dialogue, participants benefited from legislative, gender, and science and technology perspectives on climate migration and disaster resilience-building.



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Opening remarks:

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

Moderator:

- Member of the National Assembly **Juan Diego Vásquez** (Panama)

Panellists:

- Member of the Chamber of Representatives **Julia Miranda Londoño** (Colombia)
- **Pablo Escribano**, Regional Thematic Specialist on Migration, Environment and Climate Change of the International Organization for Migration
- **Vanya David**, President of the Dominica National Council of Women

Closing remarks:

- Senator **Anthony Vieira** (Trinidad and Tobago), Vice-President for the Caribbean of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

MAIN TAKEAWAYS OF THE WORKSHOP

- Parliaments can be instrumental in recognizing that disasters caused by natural hazards as well as incremental changes in the environment are push factors for migration as exemplified through Colombia's bill to address the displacement of persons due to climatic causes.
- Parliaments can play a key role in their legislative, budgetary, and oversight role to ensure alignment with international frameworks such as the Sendai Framework and promote the necessary inter-institutional coordination to conduct vulnerability assessments.
- Parliaments can support the integration of Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems as key systems which provide guidance on how governments, communities, and individuals can act to minimize negative impacts and thus prevent natural hazards from becoming disasters.
- Parliamentarians can discuss legal reforms to strengthen social support systems that reduce occurrences of forced displacement and promote inclusive relocation strategies, in the event where displacement cannot be avoided, addressing socio-economic disparities, such as gender inequality and poverty, which are known to worsen in the face of natural hazards



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