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THEMES: artificial intelligence, digital governance, legislative openness

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LOCATION: Virtual

PARTICIPANTS: More than 60 parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and representatives of international organizations and academia from 22 countries.

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

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Current Legislative Experiences in the Governance of Artificial Intelligence

The virtual meeting "Current Legislative Experiences in the Governance of Artificial Intelligence" focused on addressing the advances and key components of legislation related to artificial intelligence, considering laws and legislative proposals from the Americas and the Caribbean as well as the European Parliament. The parliamentarians convened to not only exchange their experiences on the matter, but also offer reflections related to the importance of legislating on this issue taking into account the effects of artificial intelligence on misinformation, the exacerbation of inequalities, and the violation of privacy, among other impacts to the democratic system. This activity is part of a series of dialogues being carried out by the ParlAmericas Digital Caucus.

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

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

Panellists:
- Member of the European Parliament **Brando Benifei** (Italy), Co-rapporteur of the European Parliament's Artificial Intelligence Act
- Senator **Kenneth Pugh** (Chile), Co-chair of the Digital Caucus of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- Member of Parliament **Francesco Sorbara** (Canada)

Parliamentary interventions:
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Pedro Campos** (Brazil)
- Member of the European Parliament **Ibán García del Blanco** (Spain)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **María Eugenia Hernández** (Mexico)
- Member of Congress **Karol Paredes** (Peru)
- Representative **Rodrigo Goñi** (Uruguay), Chair of the Parliament's Special Committee of the Future

Moderators:
- Honourable Representative **Catherine Juvinao** (Colombia), Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- **Natalí Casanova-Burkholder**, Project Manager for Open Parliament, ParlAmericas International Secretariat

Closing remarks:
- His Honour **Reginald Farley** (Barbados), President of the Senate and Vice-President for the Caribbean of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

KEY CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING:
- A key consideration when regulating in this area is to promote people-centered, human rights-compliant digitalization that is inclusive and fosters a reliable, safe, responsible, and sustainable use of emerging digital technologies and artificial intelligence.
- To ensure that artificial intelligence contributes positively to our societies—and the promotion of inclusion and citizen participation—legislation should include provisions that protect individuals from digital risks linked to privacy infringement and cyber-attacks, among other considerations.
- It is essential to move towards the 'zero digital divide' objective; ensure universal access to technology, digital education and inclusion; and reduce the gender gaps that exist in our society, especially in technological fields, so that artificial intelligence models do not further deepen the biases that already prevail in algorithms and generative artificial intelligence models.
- Given the global nature of the development and deployment of these technologies, harmonizing regulatory frameworks is key; thus, it is imperative that parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean participate in global discussions and build, in a coordinated manner, legislative proposals for the governance of artificial intelligence based on unique realities and needs in their countries.

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