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 **THEMES:** Empowerment of rural women, sustainable agriculture, food security

 **DATES:** July 19, 2022

 **LOCATION:** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

 **PARTICIPANTS:** More than 30 parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, youth leaders, and representatives of civil society and multilateral organizations

 **ORGANIZING PARTNER:** Parliamentary Front against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean



This activity is aligned with SDGs 2, 5, 8, 12 and 15.



Towards a Sustainable and Equitable Agri-Food System: The Role of Parliaments

During Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2022, a session was organized on legislative strategies to promote the empowerment and involvement of rural women in building sustainable food systems. The various leaders highlighted the role of women and youth in rural work, the obstacles they face in implementing sustainable agricultural practices, and how parliaments can ensure legislation on this theme incorporates their perspectives. Within the framework of the Climate Week, ParlAmericas also presented in the high-level panel, "Unleashing opportunities of circular economy towards 1.5 degrees temperature goal," on July 20.



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Panelists:

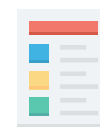
- Senator **Verónica Camino Farjat** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Soraya Suarez** (Dominican Republic), Country Coordinator of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger
- **Elsa Sánchez** (Dominican Republic), Federación de Caficultores del Sur (Federation of Coffee Growers of the Southern Region) - Articulación Nacional Campesina (National Rural Worker Articulation)
- **Sara Cognuck González** (Costa Rica), UNICEF consultant and co-founder of the Youth and Climate Change Network

Moderator:

- **Guadalupe Valdez**, FAO Special Goodwill Ambassador for Zero Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean

KEY CONSIDERATIONS OF THE PARALLEL SESSION:

- Ecological farming in rural communities can incentivize a reduced use of natural resources, increase community resilience, and produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions.
- In most cases, public policies are developed without consulting rural and Indigenous women, concentrating more on urban contexts. In this sense, there is a clear need to significantly improve their involvement. Parliaments can be key actors, by including these women in the debate and approval of laws, the review of bills, and seeking their inclusion in budgets to achieve real participation in state projects to finance the sector.
- Public agendas need to recognize the demands of rural women, guarantee their rights and contemplate inclusive approaches and strategies within the framework of programs and policies to ensure the economic, social and political empowerment of rural women.
- Promoting the political participation of rural women and youth, through the creation of leadership capacities, negotiation and consensus building, is a fundamental step in encouraging them to reach decision-making positions and ensures that rural perspectives are properly represented in parliamentary discussions.



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