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 **THEMES:** Legislative openness, transparency, accountability, citizen participation, ethics and probity, committee work

 **DATE:** November 22, 2022

 **LOCATION:** Virtual

 **PARTICIPANTS:** More than 30 parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, and civil society representatives from 12 Latin American countries



*This activity is aligned with SDGs 5 and 16.*



## Working Meeting among Parliamentary Committees on Transparency, Anti-Corruption, and Ethics in Latin America

This meeting among parliamentary committees working on transparency, anti-corruption, and ethics in Latin America aimed to explore committee standards that should be implemented in order to continue promoting and advancing efforts and initiatives in favour of legislative openness in the region. This meeting is part of an ongoing process to develop a tool that will guide parliamentary committees on legislative openness standards, while ensuring that other relevant actors, such as civil society and parliamentary staff, can also contribute to the tool.



## AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

### Opening remarks:

- Senator **Javier Macaya** (Chile), President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

### Panellists:

- **Luis Rojas** (Chile), Deputy Secretary of the Chamber of Deputies and General Coordinator of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament
- **Roger Celi**, Representative of the coordination of the Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency (Red Latinoamericana por la Transparencia Legislativa, RLTL)
- **María Barón**, Global Executive Director, Directorio Legislativo, a member organization of the RLTL

### Reports from parliamentary committees on transparency, anti-corruption, and ethics:

- Senator **Felix Ajpi Ajpi** (Bolivia), Committee on Plural Economy, Production, Industry, and Industrialization
- Senator **Kenneth Pugh** (Chile), Chair of the Committee on Ethics and Transparency
- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Luz Mary Alpízar Loaiza** (Costa Rica), Representative of the Legislative Board of Directors to the Committee on Open Parliament
- Member of the National Assembly **Wilma Andrade** (Ecuador), President of the Parliamentary Group on Open Parliament and Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- Member of Congress **Fátima Mena** (Honduras), Chair of the Committee on Anti-Corruption
- Member of Congress **Carlos Umaña** (Honduras), Chair of the Committee on Ethics and Transparency
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Juan Carlos Romero Hicks** (Mexico), Chair of the Ordinary Committee on Transparency and Anti-Corruption
- Member of Congress **Karol Ivett Paredes Fonseca** (Peru), Chair of the Committee on Parliamentary Ethics
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Yuderka Yvelisse De la Rosa Guerrero** (Dominican Republic), Chair of the Permanent Committee on Ethics
- Representative **Bettiana Díaz** (Uruguay), Chair of the Special Committee with Legislative Purposes on Transparency, Anti-Money Laundering, and Organized Crime

### Moderators:

- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Shoraya Suárez** (Dominican Republic), Secretary of the Permanent Committee on Internal Administration and of the Board of Directors
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Dolores Martínez** (Argentina)

### Closing remarks:

- Member of the National Assembly **Corina Cano** (Panama), Vice-President for Central America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

### KEY CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING:

- Strengthening public integrity should be a cross-cutting objective of parliamentary activities, including within committees. This ensures that adopted laws and policies can be effectively implemented and that parliaments can, in turn, lead by example.
- Establishing sustained and broad citizen participation in committee debates and analyses helps to ensure that approved bills are effectively aligned with the needs and demands of the public.
- It is insufficient to only expand citizen participation and approve measures to promote integrity; it is essential that the processes and outcomes of adopted laws are also evaluated to ensure that they correspond with inclusion principles in order to create stronger and more representative democracies.



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