



AGENDA

COP28

The Escazú Agreement and ACE: Strengthening environmental democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean

Monday, December 4, 2023 | 14:00-15:30 (Dubai, UAE)

Location: Parliamentary Pavillion (blue zone), Expo City Dubai

This event will be delivered in English

This event, taking place in the framework of COP28, will examine the importance and the manner in which parliaments can support the implementation of both the Escazú Agreement and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) to strengthen gender-transformative environmental democracy and ultimately meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

ACE, the term adopted to refer to Article 6 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, calls for the empowerment of all members of society in understanding and engaging in inclusive climate action through education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation on these issues. Similarly, the Escazú Agreement, the regional agreement for Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizes, protects, and promotes the rights of access to information, participation, and justice for all human rights defenders in environmental matters. Both mechanisms acknowledge the critical role of non-governmental actors, including women and girls, Indigenous groups, and traditionally marginalized communities in enabling effective and inclusive climate action and related decision making, in which parliaments are instrumental allies.

14:00 – 14:05

Opening remarks

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

14:05 – 15:05

Legislative roles in supporting environmental democracy through the Escazú Agreement

Moderator: **Alisha Todd**, Director General of ParlAmericas

- The Honourable **Carolyn Trench-Sandiford** (Belize), President of the Senate and ParlAmericas Board Member
- The Honourable **Dessima Williams** (Grenada), President of the Senate and ParlAmericas Board Member

- Honourable Representative **Juan Carlos Losada** (Colombia)
- **Carlos de Miguel**, Head of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC

15:05 – 15:25

Question and answer period

15:25 – 15:30

Closing remarks

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



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