

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

The Evolving Landscape of Transnational Organized Crime

First session in a series for parliamentarians in the lead up to the X Summit of the Americas

"Building a Secure and Sustainable Hemisphere with Shared Prosperity"

Virtual | June 20, 2025

10:30 - 12:30 (UTC – 4)

Simultaneous interpretation available in English and Spanish, and Portuguese upon request

This meeting will provide a comprehensive overview of the shifting dynamics of transnational organized crime in the Americas and the Caribbean. As the first in the series, the discussion will highlight historical trends, emerging threats, the impact of technological innovation, and the growing interconnectedness among criminal networks. The session will address the disproportionate impact of organized crime on vulnerable populations, who often face heightened exposure to violence, displacement, and economic insecurity.

This is the first session in a virtual series which forms part of ParlAmericas' broader Summit programming which is being undertaken in accordance with [ParlAmericas' commitment](#)¹ to strengthen parliamentary engagement in the Summits of the Americas process.

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Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico - Mexico City, Nicaragua	Colombia, Ecuador, Jamaica, Panama, Peru	Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Canada - Ottawa, Chile - Santiago, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago	Argentina, Brasil - Brasília, Uruguay, Paraguay, Suriname

¹ Adopted by the ParlAmericas governance body in response to the re-affirmed mandate to promote parliamentary engagement as an integral part of the Summits process through ParlAmericas, enshrined in the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance adopted by the Heads of State and Government on June 9, 2022 in the IX Summit of the Americas.

Opening Remarks

A. 8:30 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 9:30 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 10:30 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 11:30 (UTC – 03:00)
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- Senator **Germán Blanco** (Colombia), Second Vice-President of ParlAmericas and President of the Open Parliament Network

Inter-American System Priorities in Response to Transnational Organized Crime in the Americas and the Caribbean

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This panel discussion will explore Transnational Organized Crime in the Americas and the Caribbean by offering a multidimensional analysis of its drivers, regional manifestations and policy implications. Drawing from institutional and research perspectives, the discussion will consider government challenges, rights-based approaches, gender disparities and the policy-making of shaping effective responses through international cooperation. The discussion will offer recommendations both for parliamentarians interested in legislating in this space and parliamentary staff advising on security and transnational organized crime matters.

Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Nelsa Shoraya Suárez** (Dominican Republic), Vice-President for the Caribbean for the PNCCS

- **Christopher Hernandez-Roy**, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Americas Program, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
- **Tonni Brodber**, Head of Secretariat, Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)
- **Lea Giménez**, Advisor to the Executive President of the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF)

A moderated open dialogue between parliamentarians and subject experts will provide a space for participants to discuss actions and parliamentary strategies to mitigate the impact of transnational organized crime and address social considerations of the issue that affect the population and institutions of their countries.

Updates on the X Summit of the Americas Process

A. 10:00 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 11:00 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 12:00 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 13:00 (UTC – 03:00)
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- **Maria Celina Conte**, Director, Summits of the Americas Secretariat, Organization of American States (OAS)

Closing Reflections

A. 10:15 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 11:15 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 12:15 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 13:15 (UTC – 03:00)
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- Her Excellency Ambassador **Mayerlyn Cordero Díaz**, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the OAS



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