



## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### ***Inter-Parliamentary Gathering of the X Summit of the Americas Building a Secure and Sustainable Hemisphere with Shared Prosperity***

November 27-28, 2025  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

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*In a hemispheric context marked by converging challenges – such as a rise in organized crime, food insecurity, and tensions over sustainable access to strategic resources – parliaments play a key role in building comprehensive responses that strengthen human security, social cohesion, and democratic stability.*

*Organized by the National Congress of the Dominican Republic and ParlAmericas as part of the official process of the X Summit of the Americas, the Inter-parliamentary Gathering will be a high-level forum for political dialogue among parliamentarians of the hemisphere on the priority themes of the Summit: citizen security, food security, energy security, and water security. These deliberations will promote coordination of legislative efforts and inter-parliamentary collaboration to address the region's structural and multidimensional challenges, and will further highlight the strategic value of parliamentary diplomacy for building regional consensus.*

*The sessions of the Inter-parliamentary Gathering will be fully aligned with the priorities of the X Summit of the Americas and the commitments reflected in the Punta Cana Declaration, which will be adopted by the Heads of State and Government.*

*All times correspond to the local time in Santo Domingo:*

#### **Wednesday, November 26**

*Throughout the day*      **Arrival of parliamentary delegations**

#### **Thursday, November 27**

**08:00**      **Meet in the hotel lobby**

**08:30**      **Transportation to the meeting venue**

09:00 - 10:00 **Opening session**  
*Interventions by national authorities, representatives from the National Congress of the Dominican Republic, and ParlAmericas*

10:00 - 10:45 **Official photograph and coffee break**

10:45 - 12:00 **High-level dialogue session**  
**Human Security: A Pillar for a Secure and Sustainable Hemisphere with Shared Prosperity**

*This keynote will explore human security as a comprehensive multidimensional framework to promote sustainable development, social cohesion, and democratic governance. Grounded in a people-centred and human rights-based approach, it will provide conceptual insights to guide parliamentary dialogue on the structural security challenges facing the region.*

12:00 – 13:30 **Session I**  
**Guaranteeing the Right to Food in the Americas and the Caribbean: Parliamentary Responses to Achieve Food Security**

*Despite the hemisphere's vast agricultural potential, millions of people – especially women and rural communities – face hunger or malnutrition. Climate variability and extreme weather events, inequality, violence, economic and migratory pressures, as well as food loss and waste, threaten the right to food and undermine democratic and social stability.*

*In this context, parliaments play a key role in promoting equitable, stable, and sustainable access to food. This session will provide space to exchange experiences, highlight good practices, and discuss legislative strategies to strengthen the resilience of food systems in the region.*

*Objectives:*

- Analyze the structural drivers of food insecurity and their repercussions for democratic and social stability in the hemisphere.
- Identify relevant legal frameworks, experiences, and practices for strengthening the resilience of agrifood systems and ensuring healthy, culturally-appropriate diets.
- Explore opportunities for inter-parliamentary and regional cooperation to promote innovative policies, including biotechnology, to reduce food loss and waste and strengthen social protection against hunger and malnutrition.

13:30 - 15:00 **Lunch**

15:00 - 17:30

**Session II**  
**Citizen Security: Strengthening Legislative Action on a Hemispheric Challenge**

*Citizen insecurity is one of the hemisphere’s most pressing challenges, with profound impacts on well-being, democracy, and development. Structural inequalities, lack of opportunities — particularly for youth – and organized crime fuel environments of violence that erode trust and hinder social and economic progress.*

*This session, featuring an expert presentation and thematic working groups, will invite parliamentarians to exchange strategies for strengthening institutional responses to different dimensions of insecurity in the hemisphere.*

*Objectives:*

- Analyze the state of citizen insecurity in the hemisphere and its main structural causes.
- Explore alternative and innovative models that strengthen citizen security, prioritize prevention, and rebuild trust in institutions.
- Identify opportunities for regional cooperation to enable more effective joint responses to crime and violence.

*Thematic working groups:*

- Organized crime and regional cooperation against transnational threats
- Gender-based violence and security for women and girls
- Strengthening the social fabric, opportunities for youth, and violence prevention
- Digital transformation and technologies for citizen security
- Alternative and innovative models for rethinking citizen security

18:00 **Welcome reception offered by the Congress of the Dominican Republic**

**Friday, November 28**

08:00 **Meet in the hotel lobby**

08:30 **Transportation to the meeting venue**

09:00 - 10:00 **High-level dialogue with Albert Ramdin, Secretary General of the Organization of American States**

*This high-level dialogue with OAS Secretary General Albert Ramdin will address the political challenges facing the hemisphere and the role of parliaments in revitalizing multilateralism, defending democracy, and strengthening the Summits of the Americas process.*

10:00 - 11:15

### **Session III**

#### **Human Mobility: A Path to Prosperity**

*This session will explore human mobility as a structural phenomenon linked to inequality, insecurity, and climate change, but also as a driver of development and prosperity when managed in a safe and orderly way. From a rights-based and shared prosperity perspective, it will explore strategies to tackle its root causes and promote policies that guarantee safe, orderly, and regular mobility.*

*This discussion will highlight parliaments' role in advancing legal frameworks that recognize migrants' contributions to sustainable development and strengthen regional cooperation.*

#### **Objectives:**

- Consider human mobility through a human security lens, recognizing its structural causes and the need for comprehensive responses that strengthen social cohesion.
- Exchange reflections on the potential of regular migration as a driver of development and shared prosperity.
- Identify mechanisms to promote inter-parliamentary collaboration in building stronger regional cooperation on human mobility.

11:15 - 11:30

### **Coffee break**

11:30 - 13:00

### **Session IV**

#### **Sustainable Energy and Water Management: Keys to Human Security and Shared Prosperity**

*This session will examine regional challenges around energy and water – resources essential for well-being, sustainability, and stability. From a human security perspective, it will explore strategies to ensure equitable access, diversify sources, strengthen climate resilience, and improve governance of these resources.*

*With expert contributions, the discussion will assess the role of parliaments in advancing legal frameworks that support a just energy transition and integrated water management, grounded in regional cooperation and intergenerational justice.*

#### **Objectives:**

- Analyze the region's main challenges regarding energy and water security, including access gaps, ecosystem pressures, and climate impacts.
- Exchange experiences on legal frameworks and public policies that promote a just energy transition and sustainable, integrated water management.

- Explore opportunities to strengthen regional cooperation and parliaments' role in building more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable energy and water systems.

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 - 16:00 **Session V**

**Human Security in the Americas and the Caribbean: Strategic Contributions from Parliamentary Diplomacy**

*This dialogue will bring together representatives of the region's main inter-parliamentary forums to reflect on the strategic role parliamentary diplomacy can play in promoting human security in the hemisphere.*

*The discussion will highlight the value of inter-parliamentary work in strengthening political dialogue, preventing conflict, fostering integration, protecting rights, and upholding democratic governance. It will also identify opportunities for engagement among regional parliamentary bodies, in line with the Summits of the Americas process and the commitments to be reflected in the Punta Cana Declaration.*

**Objectives:**

- Exchange perspectives on the role of parliamentary forums and parliamentary diplomacy in addressing key human security challenges in the hemisphere.
- Analyze how inter-parliamentary forums can foster political trust, facilitate regional consensus-building, and reinforce the hemispheric institutional architecture.
- Identify opportunities for inter-parliamentary coordination and institutional synergies to strengthen multilateralism within the inter-American system.

16:00 - 17:00 **Closing session**

- Reading of the official declaration of the Inter-parliamentary Gathering of the X Summit of the Americas
- Elections to the Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Hemispheric Security
- Closing remarks

17:00 **End of the official program**



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