

AGENDA

Migration Governance and Human Security

*Third 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 | October 16, 2025
10:30 - 12:30 (UTC – 4)

Simultaneous interpretation available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese

This session will examine the human security challenges that arise when migration occurs outside regular pathways, and the opportunities to strengthen stability by expanding safe and orderly options for mobility. Drawing on insights into emerging migration trends in the Americas and the Caribbean, the dialogue will highlight how these challenges are being addressed within the Inter-American system, and how parliaments can ensure that responses to human mobility promote social cohesion and the protection of the human rights of migrants.

This is the third 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.

A. 8:30 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 9:30 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 10:30 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 11:30 (UTC – 03:00)
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, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago	Argentina, Brazil - Brasilia, Chile - Santiago Paraguay, Suriname, Uruguay

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 **Maria Mercedes Ortiz** (Dominican Republic), Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Senate of the Dominican Republic

Updates on the X Summit of the Americas Process

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- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Ignacio Arcena** (Dominican Republic), Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic

Panel and Dialogue

Migration Trends and Human Security: Parliamentary Responses for Stability

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This panel will provide insights into emerging migration trends in the Americas and the Caribbean, highlighting patterns and drivers that shape mobility across the region. It will examine how migration occurring outside of regular channels impacts the human security of migrants and the consequences and opportunities to host communities. The discussion will consider governance strategies being implemented within the Inter-American system to address these challenges, and how parliaments can contribute to social cohesion and the protection of the human rights of migrants.

A moderated Q&A and open dialogue space will offer participants the opportunity to engage directly with experts, share their experiences and challenges to address the evolving dynamics of human mobility in a coordinated, effective, and rights-based manner.

- Moderator: Senator **Alvina Reynolds** (St Lucia), President of the Senate and Vice-President of ParlAmericas

Panellists:

- **Claudia Gonzalez Bengoa**, Chief of Section of Migration and Protection, Department of Access and Rights, Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy, Organization of American States (OAS)
- **Simone Cecchini**, Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Closing Remarks

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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- Senator **Ivan Flores Garcia** (Chile), President of ParlAmericas



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