Agenda

7ᵗʰ Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

The Future of Democracy in the Digital Era

Santiago, Chile

April 20, 21 and 22, 2023

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The 7ᵗʰ Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network will seek to analyze the impact of the digital transformation on democratic systems, considering not only the opportunities and challenges that have emerged in recent years due to the widespread use of the internet and ICTs, but also how initiatives for transparent and accountable digital governance can be implemented within the paradigm of open parliament.

The social impact of these transformations will also be addressed, especially in relation to the empowerment of women within the framework of an inclusive digital governance that recognizes the critical importance of their meaningful participation in the digital ecosystem as an essential condition for more robust and solid democracies.

<u>**Thursday April 20**</u>

08:00	**Transfer of participants to the National Congress of Chile**
09:00 – 09:45	**Inauguration** Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

- Senator **Juan Antonio Coloma** (Chile), President of the Senate
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Vlado Mirosevic** (Chile), President of the Chamber of Deputies and ParlAmericas Board Member
- Senator **Javier Macaya** (Chile), Second Vicepresident of ParlAmericas and President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

09:45 – 10:15	**Keynote address: The impact of the digital transformation on democratic systems** Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago **Speaker:**

- Executive Secretary of the Presidential Advisory Commission for Public Integrity and Transparency, **Valeria Lübbert** (Chile)

The digital revolution, while offering opportunities to revitalize democracy has also generated new challenges, including cybersecurity, remote work, the digital divide, disinformation, and the oligopoly of the internet and widely used digital platforms, among others. This keynote address will explore the impact of digital technologies on democratic systems and social interactions, highlighting key recommendations and considerations for parliaments in the region on how to address associated challenges and opportunities.

10:15 – 11:45   **High level panel: Towards a regionally secure, just, and inclusive digital future**
Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

Moderator: The Honourable **Jeremiah Norbert** (Saint Lucia), Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly

Panellists
- **Fernando Rojas**, Senior Assistant for Economic Affairs, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
- **Yolanda Martínez**, General Lead, Global GovStack Initiative, on behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- **María Barón**, Chair of the Board of Directors, Open Government Partnership (OGP)

This session will be dedicated to integrating a parliamentary perspective in the implementation international instruments such as the United Nations [Global Digital Compact](); the expert group on innovation and technological change and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls of the [Commission on the Status of Women](); the [Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation]() adopted at the IX Summit of the Americas and the [global call to action by the member countries of the Open Government Partnership]() have established guidelines for promoting a reliable and inclusive internet.

11:45 – 12:00   **Official photograph**

12:00 – 14:00   **Lunch**
Location: Restaurante El Cívico

14:00 – 15:40   **Session 1: "Advancing citizen participation through digital means: new opportunities and challenges for gender equality"**
Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

Moderator:
- The Honourable Senator **René Cormier** (Canada), second Viceresident of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

Presentation:
- **Gabriela Rosero Moncayo**, Head of Office Chile, UN Women

Panelists:
- **Valentina Enciso**, Advocacy Coordinator, Artemisas (Colombia)
- **Ashlee Burnett**, Founder, Feminitt (Trinidad and Tobago)
- **Josefina Correa**, Advocacy Coordinator, Ciudadanía Inteligente (Chile)

15:40 - 17:00   **Session 1 (continued): working tables with civil society organizations**
Location: Hall of Honor, Great Hall and Protocol Room of the National Congress in Santiago

Moderator:
- Member of the National Assembly **Wilma Andrade** (Ecuador), Vice-President for South America for the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

This session will provide parliamentarians with tools to integrate the gender perspective in open parliament actions linked to the pillar of citizen participation in the legislative process. Likewise, the opportunities offered by technology to contribute to inclusive citizen participation in the digital age will be addressed.

17:00   **Transfer to the hotel**

19:00   **Welcome reception**
Location: Restaurante Zaffarano - Hotel Solace

Friday April 21

08:00   **Transfer of participants to the National Congress of Chile**

09:00 – 09:15   **Presentation on legislative openness standards within committees**
Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

Speaker:
- Senator **Paulina Nuñez** (Chile), member of the Bicameral Transparency Group

09:15 – 10:45   **Session 2: Addressing online disinformation from within parliament**
Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

Moderator: **Luis Santana**, associate researcher, GobLab of the Adolfo Ibáñez University

Panelists:
- **Sara Fratti** (Guatemala), Program Coordinator for Guatemala, Avina Foundation
- **Nazima Raghubir** (Guyana), Board Member, Media Institute of the Caribbean
- **Matías Ponce** (Uruguay), Director of Communications, Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- **Kate Arthur** (Canada), Founder and CEO, Digital Moment

As a challenge for even the strongest democracies, disinformation is multifaceted, globalized, and systemic, and therefore needs to be addressed with contemporary legislative approaches and coordinated actions among states, based on multilateralism. This session will explore the various dimensions of disinformation and the role of parliament in facing the challenges arising from this phenomenon.

10:45 – 12:15   **Session 3: Parliamentary actions for integrated and inclusive digital governance**
Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

Moderator: Senator **Antares Vázquez** (Mexico), ParlAmericas Board Member

Panelists:
- Member of Parliament **Marc Serré** (Canada), ParlAmericas Board Member
- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Luz Mary Alpízar** (Costa Rica)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Sonia Rincón** (Mexico)
- Senator **Germán Blanco** (Colombia), ParlAmericas Board Member
- Senator **Kenneth Pugh** (Chile)

With the rise of digital democracy, it is imperative to adopt and strengthen legislative actions to ensure full and inclusive digital governance that leaves no one behind and contributes to more open and efficient States. This session will present good practices in digital governance that address issues such as education, economy, labor, human rights, connectivity, among others.

12:15 – 12:30   **Institutionalizing open parliament processes**
Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

Moderator: Alisha Todd, Director General of ParlAmericas

Panelists:
- **Raúl Guzmán** (Chile)**,** Secretary General of the Senate
- **Miguel Landeros** (Chile), Secretary General of the Chamber of Deputies

12:30 – 14:30   **Lunch**
Location: Great Hall - Chamber of Deputies of the National Congress in Santiago

14:30 - 14:45   **The constituent process in Chile and the Citizen participation**

Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

Speaker:
- **Luis Rojas** (Chile), Secretary General of Constitutional Process, Secretary of the Bicameral Group on Transparency and General Coordinator of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament.

14:45 – 15:00   **Presentation of the Legislative Transparency Index - Latin American Network of Legislative Transparency**
Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

Speaker:
- **Roger Celi,** member of the Latin American Network of Legislative Transparency and coordinator of legislative area, Citizenship and Development Foundation

15:00 – 16:30   **Session 4: Presentation on progress and commitments related to open parliament**
Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Leonardo Soto** (Chile), member of the Bicameral Group of Transparency

Panelists:
- Senator **Rubén Gutiérrez** (Bolivia)
- The Honourable Senator **René Cormier** (Canada), Second Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- Member of the Chamber of Representatives **Catherine Juvinao** (Colombia)
- Member of the National Assembly **Wilma Andrade** (Ecuador), Vice-President for South America for the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Karen Michel González** (Mexico)
- Senator **Raúl Elenes** (Mexico)
- Member of the Parliament of Mercosur, **Cecilia Britto**

Parliamentary delegations are invited to submit progress updates on open parliament, which will be included in the [ParlAmericas Open Parliament Commitment Tool](). Parliamentarians are encouraged to submit commitments within the framework of the gathering, providing this information via the following [form]().

16:30   **Transfer to the hotel**

Saturday April 22

08:30   **Transfer of participants to the National Congress of Chile**

09:30 – 09:40   **Presentation on progress and commitments related to open parliament**

            Speaker:
            ● The Honourable **Marinus Bee** (Suriname), Speaker of the National Assembly

09:40 – 11:10   **Session 5: From digital divide to digital inclusion**
            Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

            Moderator: The Honourable Senator **Joyelle Clarke** (St. Kitts and Nevis), Minister for Sustainable Development, Environment, Climate Action, Constituency Empowerment

            Panelists:
            ● **Nicole Pitter Patterson**, Co-founder, She Leads IT
            ● **Eduardo Ramírez,** Expert in Territorial Development and Investment Development and Digitization of the FAO Regional Office
            ● **Eduardo Chomali**, Principal Executive in Information and Communication Technologies at the Development Bank of Latin America

            Featuring the participation of civil society organizations, this session will be dedicated to exploring the different dimensions of digital inclusion including aspects such as internet access, digital literacy, and the empowerment of traditionally marginalized groups by using ICTs to close social gaps.

11:10 – 11:25   **Evaluations**

11:25 – 11:45   **Declaration of the 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network**
            Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

            ● Senator **Bertha Caraveo** (Mexico), First Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network
            ● The Honourable Senator **Osbert Frederick** (Antigua and Barbuda), Vice-President of the Senate

11:45 – 12:00   **Elections**
            Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

            ● President of the Open Parliament Network
            ● Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for North America
            ● Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for Central America
            ● Vice-President of the Open Parliament Network for South America

            During the gathering, parliamentary representatives will be elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network. For more information, we invite you to review our election advisory.

12:00 – 12:15 **Closing**
Location: Hall of Honor of the National Congress in Santiago

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

12:00 **Transfer to the official hotel**

13:00 **Lunch**
Location: Restaurante Zaffarano - Hotel Solace

End of official program

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