

AGENDA

7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
15th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

A food secure future: Building people and planet-centred strategies

Senate of the Republic of Mexico
September 28-29, 2023

Phenomena such as climate change, accelerated population growth and urbanization, disruptions to supply chains caused by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the worsening socio-economic situation threatens to reverse significant progress in the fight against hunger and poverty in the Americas and the Caribbean.

The joint Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality and the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change will facilitate a space for parliamentarians to examine legislative actions they can undertake to ensure the right to food through the promotion of multisectoral and innovative practices that foster sustainability, inclusiveness, and resiliency. Sessions will also focus on exploring women's leadership in initiatives that promote food security in the hemisphere.

The Gathering will bring together parliamentary delegations, specialists, representatives of multilateral agencies, women's organizations, civil society organizations and youth working on these topics to discuss the state of food security in the hemisphere and its relationship with climate change, using a gender and intersectional perspective.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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| During the day | Arrival of participants in Mexico City, Mexico |
| 14:15 | Transfer to the Senate of Mexico |
| 14:30 - 15:45 | Meeting of the ParlAmericas Board (<i>closed meeting</i>)
Location: Meeting halls 3 and 4 |
| 15:45 - 16:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16:00 - 17:30 | Meeting of the ParlAmericas Board (<i>closed meeting</i>) - (<i>continued</i>)
Location: Meeting halls 3 and 4 |

Thursday, September 28, 2023

- 8:00 - 8:30 Registration
Location: official hotel lobby
- 8:30 Transfer of participants from the official hotel to the Senate of Mexico
- 9:00 - 10:00 **Inauguration**
Location: Sessions Hall
- Opening remarks*
- Senator **Checo Pérez** (Mexico), Vice-President of the Senate of the Republic
 - Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas
 - Senator **Eduardo Ramírez** (Mexico), President of the Political Coordination Board of the Senate
- Remarks from the Networks*
- Senator **Verónica Noemí Camino Farjat** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality and Host of the Gathering
 - Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Keynote address: Women's leadership and the current state of food security and sovereignty in the Americas and the Caribbean**
Location: Sessions Hall
- **Guadalupe Valdez**, FAO Special Ambassador Zero Hunger for Latin America and the Caribbean
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Official photograph and coffee break**
Location: Steps of the Senate building
- 10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 - 13:00 **Parliamentary exchange on sustainable and gender-sensitive national efforts to end food insecurity and poverty**
Location: Meeting halls 2, 5 and 6
- Moderator:** Member of the National Assembly **Kayra Harding Bart** (Panama), Vice-President for Central America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Panellists:**
- Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Óscar Izquierdo Sandí** (Costa Rica), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
- Representative **Juan Federico Ruiz** (Uruguay)
- Senator the Honourable **Lisa Jawahir** (Saint Lucia)

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch**
5th floor, Committees Tower

14:30 - 16:00 **Panel: Inclusive and innovative approaches to addressing hunger**
Location: Meeting halls 2, 5 and 6

Moderator: Senator **Lilia Margarita Valdez** (Mexico), Representative of the Mexico Chapter of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger

Panellists:

- **Eduardo Benítez**, Assistant Representative for Programs, FAO Office in Mexico
- **Chenille Humes**, Agricultural Youth Ambassador for Jamaica
- **Benjamín López Velásquez**, Flor de Tierra Guatemala Co-Founder and Representative of the Network of Rural Youth of Guatemala

16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:00 **Working session on inclusive and innovative approaches to addressing hunger**
Location: Meeting halls 2, 5 and 6

- Launch of publication on gender equality and food security
 - Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas and General Coordinator of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger of Paraguay
- Working tables on food security
 - **Moderator: Sulma Campos Mata**, Head of the Technical Unit for Gender Equality of the Senate of Mexico and General Coordinator of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network for Gender Equality

17:00 Transfer of participants to the official hotel

Friday, September 29, 2023

8:00 - 8:30 Transfer of participants from the official hotel to the Senate of Mexico

9:00 - 11:00 **Panel: The impacts of climate change on food security in the hemisphere**
Location: Meeting halls 2, 5 and 6

Moderator: Senator **Raúl Bolaños Cacho-Cué** (Mexico), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

Panellists:

- Senator the Honourable **Isabel Bennett-Moody** (Belize)
- **Diego Montenegro Ernst**, Representative of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in Mexico
- **Matteo Perrone**, World Food Programme Country Director in Ecuador

11:00 - 11:15 **Technical considerations on climate change and food security work in Mexico**

Location: Meeting halls 2, 5 and 6

- **Jatziri Pando Medina**, Technical Secretary, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Committee of the Senate of Mexico and Regional Coordinator for North America of the Parliamentary Staff Network on Climate Change

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 **Conversation panel: Gender equality, women's leadership, and food security**

Location: Meeting halls 2, 5 and 6

Moderator: Member of Parliament **Tamika Davis** (Jamaica)

Panellists:

- **Nadia Manning-Thomas**, Planning and Coordination Specialist, UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean
- **Medalith Rivera Maquera**, Union of Indigenous Aymara Youth of Peru "Wayna Wila Ujia" and member of the Children and Youth Commission of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA)
- Member of Congress **Isis Cuéllar** (Honduras), Vice-President of the National Congress

13:00 - 14:15 **Closing**

Location: Sessions Hall

Reading of the joint Declaration of the 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and the 15th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

- *Closing remarks*
 - **Joel Hernández**, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico
 - Senator **Verónica Noemí Camino Farjat** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality and Host of the Gathering
- PNCC Executive Committee Elections

- PNGE Executive Committee Elections

14:15 - 15:30

Lunch

5th floor, Committees Tower

Closing of the official program



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