

AGENDA

Security in the Age of Emerging Technologies

*Second 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 | August 22, 2025

10:30 - 12:30 (UTC – 4)

Simultaneous interpretation available in English and Spanish

This session will explore how emerging technologies and digital systems intersect with critical infrastructure and energy security. It will examine the role of parliaments in shaping anticipatory and inclusive regulatory frameworks that safeguard infrastructure, govern strategic resources such as data and energy sources, and strengthen regional resilience in the face of evolving security and development challenges.

This is the second 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

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- Senator **Iván Flores** (Chile), President of ParlAmericas

Updates on the X Summit of the Americas Process

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- **Rubén Arturo Silié Valdez**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Dominican Republic
- **María Celina Conte**, Director of the Summits of the Americas Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS)

Panel and Dialogue: Securing Strategic Infrastructure, Water and Energy Systems through Inclusive Technological Governance

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This panel will highlight how parliaments and multilateral organisations can respond to the growing challenges of safeguarding strategic sectors, such as energy grids, water and digital infrastructure, amid rapid technological change. The discussion will present regional initiatives focused on water management, energy cooperation and digital governance, showcase gender-responsive infrastructure solutions, and offer policy insights to guide inclusive and forward-looking legislative action.

Moderator: Member of the Legislative Assembly **Carolina Delgado Ramírez** (Costa Rica), ParlAmericas Board Member

- Member of Parliament **Claude Guay** (Canada), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
- **Monica Sanders**, Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University and founder of The Undivide Project
- **Mark Lambrides**, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development of the OAS

Commentator: The Hon. Member of Parliament **Leo Cato** (Grenada), Speaker of the House of Representatives of Grenada and Vice-President for the Caribbean of ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

A moderated open dialogue between parliamentarians and subject experts will provide a space for participants to discuss actions and parliamentary strategies to strengthen the security and resilience of critical infrastructure and energy systems. The discussion will consider technological, environmental, and social dimensions of the issue, with a focus on inclusive approaches that address the needs of diverse populations and support sustainable development across the region.

Evaluation and Closing

A. 10:25 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 11:25 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 12:25 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 13:25 (UTC – 03:00)
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