

AGENDA

Reducing Methane Emissions: A Legislative Agenda

Organized by the ParlAmericas Green Economy Caucus

Virtual | January 31, 2025

9:30-11:30 (UTC – 5)

Simultaneous Interpretation available in English and Spanish

This meeting will examine parliamentarians' role in mitigating climate change by advancing the Global Methane Pledge, recognizing methane's significant heat-trapping capacity and its contribution to global warming. The meeting will showcase the potential of collaborative approaches to implement methane reduction policies and initiatives in key sectors such as waste, energy, and agriculture. It will also cover legislative strategies for holistic solutions that promote inclusion, economic growth, social welfare, and gender equality.

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Opening Remarks

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- Honourable Representative **Juan Carlos Losada** (Colombia), Co-Chair of the ParlAmericas Green Economy Caucus

Presentation: From the Global Methane Pledge to parliamentary action at the national level

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This presentation will highlight why methane is an important greenhouse gas to target within parliamentary climate action and the vital role of parliamentarians in promoting and providing oversight over the implementation of effective methane reduction policies. The Global Methane Pledge and the progress achieved thus far in the region will also be presented, as well as highlights from COP29 on the topic and important considerations for COP30 in Brazil happening at the end of 2025.

Moderator: Senator **Anthony Vieira** (Trinidad and Tobago), Vice-President for the Caribbean for the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability (PNCCS)

- **Juan Pablo Letelier**, Director of the Governance Institute of the Andean Parliament and former Senator of the Republic of Chile
- **Carolina Urmeneta**, Program Director - Waste and Circular Economy, Global Methane Hub

Panel: Reducing methane emissions: Promoting economic growth and sustainable development

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This panel discussion will examine how parliaments can actively support and advance initiatives to reduce methane emissions in key sectors in the region while also facilitating job creation and innovation. The session will highlight existing initiatives of impact in the region and explore how women and girls are helping drive these solutions.

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- *Circular bioeconomy in the agricultural sector:*
 - Dr. **Walter Oyhantcabal**, IICA consultant on Climate Action and Agricultural Sustainability
- *Women as changemakers in the waste management sector: increasing the resilience of the local economy:*
 - **Federico Parra**, Social and Solidarity Economy Specialist, WIEGO
 - **Soledad Mella**, Leader of the National Association of Waste Pickers of Chile and Member of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Waste Pickers and the International Alliance of Waste Pickers

- *Regulatory frameworks to promote the use of methane in a circular economy for electricity generation:*
 - Dr. **Silvia Saravia Matus**, Economic Affairs Officer, Water and Energy Unit of the Natural Resources Division of ECLAC

Dialogue: Sharing experiences, recommendations and solutions to strengthen parliament's role in reducing methane emissions

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This dialogue session will provide a space for participants to ask questions to the experts, share their experiences on reducing methane emissions and discuss actions and legislative strategies to advance this agenda in their countries.

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Closing remarks

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- The Honourable Senator **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability



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