

Preliminary Agenda

Parliamentary Action to Stop Climate Change

August 3-5, 2016 | Panama City, Panama



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Wednesday, August 3, 2016

19:30 Welcome / Press Conference / MoU signing with Parlatino at the Country Inn Hotel (Amador)

Thursday, August 4, 2016

08:30 Transfer to the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament Headquarters

Open meeting: Plenary room

09:00 – 09:30

Inauguration

- **Mr. Elías Castillo, MP (Panama)**, Secretary General of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament
- **Mr. Javier Ortega, MP (Panama)**, Representative of the National Assembly of Panama and Member of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas
- **Senator Marcela Guerra (Mexico)**, President of ParlAmericas

09:30 – 09:45

Special Remarks

- **Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (*video message*)

09:45 – 10:30

Keynote address

- **Hon. Ms. Mirei Endara (Panama)**, Minister of the Environment

10:30 – 10:45

Official photograph

10:45 – 11:15

Break

Closed meeting: Salón 1

11:15 – 11:30

Registration of participants in the new hall

11:30 – 13:30

Session 1. Best legislative practices: Measures for climate change mitigation and adaptation

Legislation is a critical component in creating a unified political environment to fight against climate change and reduce the pollution indexes in accordance with the international agreements ratified at COP21 in Paris and the intended nationally determined contributions. Panellists will explore the new laws that have been adopted, the challenges faced, and the role or reaction of civil

society and citizens towards this legislation.

Moderator: **Mr. Harley James Mitchell Morán**, Expert in Environmental Law

Panelists: **Ms. Mara Angélica Murillo Correa**, Regional Deputy Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Hon. Dr. Gale Rigobert (Saint Lucia), Minister of Education, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development

Mr. Juan Carlos Villalonga, MP (Argentina), Vice-president of the Commission on Natural Resources and Conservation of the Human Environment of the Chamber of Deputies

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 15:30

Session 2. Citizen participation: Joint development of strategies and educational resources on the environment

Achieving climate change mitigation and adaption is only possible if we work together. The challenges of climate change are so complex that cooperation between actors from all spheres of society is needed. Citizens are particularly indispensable in this process, as a collective change in behaviour is required. Panellists will discuss initiatives and mechanisms that have been put in place to enable citizen participation in decision-making, particularly for women and vulnerable groups who are distinctly affected by climate change.

Moderator: **Ms. Sandra Lombardo**, Programme Specialist, UN Women

Panelists: **Senator Plácida Espinoza Mamani (Bolivia)**, Chair of the Commission on Environment of the Senate

Mr. Carlos Eduardo Guevara Villabon, MP (Colombia), Member of the Sixth Commission (public services, public works, transportation) of the House of Representatives

Mr. Carlos Eloy Viteri Gualinga, MP (Ecuador), President of the Commission on Biodiversity and Natural Resources of the National Assembly

15:30 – 16:30

Round table discussions

16:30 – 17:00

Break

17:00 – 17:30

Motivational Remarks

- **Hon. Mr. Marcos Díaz (Dominican Republic)**, Deputy Minister of Sports, School and University of Dominican Republic Support for campaign against climate change

- 19:00 Transfer to dinner from the Country Inn Hotel (official event hotel)
- 19:30 Dinner offered by the National Assembly of Panama, Hon. Rubén de León Sánchez, President
(Salón Cristal - El Panamá Hotel)

Friday, August 5, 2016

- 08:30 Transfer to the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament Headquarters

Closed meeting: Salón 1

- 09:00 – 10:45 **Session 3. Innovative perspectives: Scientific actions and policy reforms to curb climate change**

Without major advances in technology and clean energy, we cannot achieve the objective of limiting global temperature increase well below 2 degrees Celsius, with efforts to limit the increase to 1.5 degrees. Scientific innovation and political reform that encourage such innovations are crucial in this process. Panelists will explore innovative initiatives in the region and the policies that made them possible.

Moderator: **Mr. Carlos Vargas Lombardo**, Engineer, Expert in Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Panelists: **Senator Arnaldo Euclides Giuzzio Benítez (Paraguay)**, Member of the Commission on Energy, Natural Resources, Population, Environment, Production and Sustainable Development of the Senate

Dr. Monica Araya, Founder and Executive Director, Nivela and Costa Rica Limpia

Mr. Amin Asadollahi, Climate Change Mitigation Lead—North America, International Institute for Sustainable Development

- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 Declaration
- 11:30 – 12:30 Reflections from participants
- 12:30 – 12:45 Evaluations
- 12:45 – 13:00 Closing
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 onwards **Diplomatic connections**

Dedicated time after the gathering aimed at encouraging diplomatic relations between parliamentarians and their embassies