



#### Agenda

# Inter-parliamentary Dialogue 6<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network **Integrity Matters: Building Stronger Democracies**

# March 15, 2022 | 10:30 (UTC-04:00)

<b>A. 08:30</b> (UTC-6:00)	<b>B. 09:30</b> (UTC-5:00)	<b>C. 10:30</b> (UTC-4:00)		<b>D. 11:30</b> (UTC-3:00)
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The inter-parliamentary session will focus on new challenges and trends in advancing public integrity, both in parliament and in the different government agencies, especially considering the management of conflicts of interest and public integrity systems and taking into account post-COVID-19 pandemic recovery processes. The session will include specialists in the field to support the development of potential courses of legislative action.

Senators, the host parliament of the gathering

A. 08:30 – 08:50
B. 09:30 – 09:50
C. 10:30 – 10:50
D. 11:30 – 11:50

- Senator Hermelinda Alvarenga de Ortega (Paraguay), Member the Special Commission of Open Parliament and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Chamber of
  - Member of the National Assembly Wilma Andrade (Ecuador), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network for South America

A. 08:50 – 09:35

B. 09:50 - 10:35

C. 10:50 - 11:35

D. 11:50 - 12:35

**Keynote Panel: New Challenges and Trends in Advancing Public Integrity** 

 Moderator: The Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George (Trinidad and Tobago), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice-President of ParlAmericas

- Mr. René Fernández Bobadilla, Minister Executive Secretary of the National Anticorruption Secretariat, Paraguay
- Mr. Julio Bacio Terracino, Head of Division, Public Sector Integrity,
   Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Mr. **Radivoje Grujic**, Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Consolidating a strategic vision of public integrity is fundamental for strengthening the rule of law and good governance. Advancing on this path requires approaching the decision-making process under the highest ethical standards and prioritizing the defense of the interests of the common good. This session will feature speakers who will address conflicts of interest and public integrity systems, highlighting the role of parliament in promoting ethical principles throughout internal decision-making processes such as within public institutions of the State, with a focus on approaches for prevention and risk management.

A. 09:35 - 09:45

Q&A

B. 10:35 – 10:45

C. 11:35 - 11:45

D. 12:35 - 12:45

A. 09:45 – 10:20

B. 10:45 - 11:20

C. 11:45 – 12:20

D. 12:45 - 13:20

**Establishing Robust Strategies for Countries with More Integrity, Working Groups** 

Establishing robust public integrity strategies as a sustainable response to counteract corruption and its effects, requires the dedicated participation and commitment of the Legislative Branch and parliamentarians. This session, with the support of subject matter experts, will offer parliamentarians the opportunity to exchange experiences and good practices regarding conflicts of interest and integrity systems, to produce recommendations that inform strategies and courses of action that strengthen the state of integrity in countries.

Working group 1: Regulating Conflict of Interests (All languages)

 Moderator: Robert Nesta Morgan (Jamaica), Member of Parliament and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister without Portfolio and with responsibility for information

- The Honourable Reginald Farley (Barbados), President of the Senate
- Member of the National Assembly Corina Cano Córdoba (Panama), Second Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network for Central America

#### Working group 2: Public Integrity Systems (Spanish only)

- Moderator: Senator Amado Florentín Cabral (Paraguay), member of the **Open Parliament Commission**
- Senator Juan Antonio Coloma (Chile)
- Member of the National Assembly Wilma Andrade (Ecuador), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network for South America

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Working group reports and specialists' recommendations

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#### Closing remarks and next steps

- Senator Javier Macaya (Chile), President of the ParlAmericas Open **Parliament Network**
- Senator Hermelinda Alvarenga de Ortega (Paraguay), Member the Special Commission of Open Parliament and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the Chamber of Senators, the host parliament of the gathering



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