


Effective Engagement in Parliamentary Processes

A series of virtual workshops for women's organisations in the Caribbean

Workshop 1: Parliamentary Advocacy

Organized by ParlAmericas in partnership with UN Women Multi-Country Office - Caribbean and Equality Fund

 Friday, September 9, 2022 | 9:30 am - 11:30 am AST (UTC – 04:00)

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A. 07:30 (UTC – 06:00)	B. 08:30 (UTC – 05:00)	C. 09:30 (UTC – 04:00)	D. 10:30 (UTC – 03:00)
Belize	Jamaica	Antigua and Barbuda The Bahamas Barbados Dominica Grenada Guyana	Haiti Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago Suriname

What you'll learn in this session:

- ✓ Overview of the legislative process and value/importance of engaging with parliament
- ✓ What issues/types of 'asks' can be brought to parliament/parliamentarians
- ✓ Formal mechanisms for public participation in parliaments
- ✓ Strategic moments for advocacy in the legislative process
- ✓ Partisanship and changes in government
- ✓ Effective engagement with individual parliamentarians

A. 07:30 – 07:50	B. 08:30 – 08:50	C. 09:30 – 09:50	D. 10:30 – 10:50
<p>Opening of workshop series by organizing partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonni Ann Brodber, Representative, UN Women Multi-Country Office - Caribbean • Tamara Huggins, Director - Women's Voice and Leadership - Caribbean, Equality Fund <p>Presentation of <i>What We Heard</i>, report on the results of survey of Caribbean women's organisations on their engagement with parliaments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisane Thirsk, Deputy Director - Gender Equality & Communications, ParlAmericas International Secretariat 			
A. 07:50 – 08:25	B. 08:50 – 09:25	C. 09:50 – 10:25	D. 10:50 – 11:25
<p>Opening of the training session</p>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction and community agreements by the session facilitator ● Brief introductions by all participants 			
A. 08:25 – 08:35	B. 09:25 – 09:35	C. 10:25 – 10:35	D. 11:25 – 11:35
<p>Why engage with parliaments?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lisane Thirsk, Deputy Director - Gender Equality & Communications, ParlAmericas International Secretariat <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Value of public participation for democratic institutions ● Parliaments as representative bodies, and your right to be heard ● Success stories 			
A. 08:35 – 08:55	B. 09:35 – 09:55	C. 10:35 – 10:55	D. 11:35 – 11:55
<p>Overview of the legislative process and formal opportunities for participation</p> <p>Presentation and questions and answers with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Chantal La Roche, Senior Legal Officer, Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of the function of parliament and the legislative cycle ● What issues/types of ‘asks’ can be brought to parliament/parliamentarians ● Strategic moments for advocacy in the legislative process ● Formal mechanisms for public participation in parliaments 			
A. 08:55 – 09:25	B. 09:55 – 10:25	C. 10:55 – 11:25	D. 11:55 – 12:25
<p>Feature speaker: Making a strong case to parliamentarians</p> <p>Presentation and questions and answers with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Member of Parliament Marsha K. Caddle, Barbados <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communications techniques - how to be heard by decision makers and frame issues strategically ● Capitalising on opportunities presented by the parliament ● Making a difference within politicized or partisan spaces 			
A. 09:25 – 09:30	B. 10:25 - 10:30	C. 11:25 – 11:30	D. 12:25 – 12:30
<p>Closing and evaluation of the session</p>			

Stay tuned for the dates of the next workshops in this series on advocacy strategies, and partnership and coalition-building!

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