

General Agenda

6th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network: Integrity Matters: Building Stronger Democracies

 **Series of virtual sessions held in March, 2022:**

<i>Parliamentary Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives</i>	March 9
<i>Inter-parliamentary session</i>	March 15
<i>Plenary session</i>	March 22

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Introduction

Building on high-level dialogues and exchanges, as well as parliamentary experiences, reflections, and actions discussed and adopted at previous annual gatherings of the [ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network \(OPN\)](#), this sixth edition will focus on addressing key considerations for a robust public integrity strategy, recognizing its importance not only in the fight against corruption, but as one of the essential pillars on which political, economic, and social systems are built. The high-level discussions will also examine the promotion of a culture of integrity within society in efforts to foster good governance and better democracies.

The gathering will be held through three virtual sessions: a dialogue session between the parliaments and representatives of youth and civil society organizations, who will address how to promote and continue strengthening a culture of integrity in society; an inter-parliamentary session where conflicts of interest and integrity systems will be discussed in depth; and a plenary session that will include high-level dialogues and the presentation of experiences and advances in public integrity. Parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from the Americas and the Caribbean, as well as representatives of youth and civil society organizations from the region, are invited to participate.

During the gathering, the Network will also present the new version of the Road Map towards Legislative Openness, approved in 2016 at the first gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network, which was hosted by Paraguay.

Series of virtual sessions of the gathering

The dates and times of the sessions are as follows:

Parliamentary Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives



Wednesday, March 9, 17:30 (UCT-4)

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This dialogue session between legislators and representatives of youth and civil society will address how to promote a culture of integrity in society, the experiences gained to advance this topic, and the identification of actions and opportunities for collaboration between parliaments and citizens, taking into consideration relevant challenges. The dialogues and contributions received will be presented at the inter-parliamentary session of the gathering to guide discussions during that meeting.

Inter-parliamentary session



Tuesday, March 15, 10:30 (UCT-4)

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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 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 guide the development of potential courses of legislative action.

Plenary session



Tuesday, March 22, 10:30 (UCT-4)

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During the plenary session of the gathering, a high-level space will be provided to discuss good legislative practices and recommendations for implementing policies and mechanisms to advance public integrity. To further efforts in favour of legislative openness the new version of the Road Map towards Legislative Openness will be presented and parliamentary delegations will be invited to report on the progress achieved in the implementation of commitments made at the previous gathering of the Open Parliament Network and in the legislative openness action plans included in the [ParlAmericas Open Parliament Commitment Tool](#), as well as present new commitments planned for this year. Finally, a declaration will be adopted and [elections for the Executive Committee of the OPN](#) will be held for the following vacant positions: Vice-President for the Caribbean and host parliament of the next gathering.



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