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ParlAmericas takes part in the panel Unifying climate risk data at national level to be held during the Latin America Climate Week 2021

On 13 May, the Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George (Trinidad and Tobago), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice-President of ParlAmericas, and Member of the Legislative Assembly Paola Vega (Costa Rica), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Climate Change Network for Central America, will represent ParlAmericas in the panel **Unifying climate risk data at the national level** to be held as part of Latin America Climate Week 2021.

The event, organised by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the United Nations University and the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative, will explore the value and challenges of unifying climate risk data, the development of climate risk profiles and the experiences and lessons from Latin American and Caribbean countries and cities, among other topics related to climate risk data.

Speaking on the importance of such data in the context of small island states, the Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George (Trinidad and Tobago) noted that "as we continue to face the climate emergency, Small Island Developing States will have to continue to battle many crises simultaneously. It is therefore of critical importance that we have data to better understand the scale of risk and allows us to better prepare for future hazards and adapt to the effects of our changing climate. As legislators we can support this endeavour by encouraging the use and collection of data on disaster risk."

Meanwhile, Member of Parliament Paola Vega (Costa Rica), stated that "collecting gender-disaggregated data is a key element to ensure that legislation is not gender-neutral and, on the contrary, recognises the differential impacts that the effects of climate change have on girls and women".

The event will contribute to the catalytic role of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) and the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management (TEG-CRM) in promoting comprehensive risk management to avoid, minimise or address the residual/unavoidable impacts of climate change.

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