



ParlAmericas participated in the meeting of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Community of Practice on Voluntary National Reviews

Ottawa (Canada), December 11, 2023 — ParlAmericas participated in the meeting of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Community of Practice on Voluntary National Reviews to address the role of parliaments in the implementation, review, and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, inaugurated the meeting, which brought together the ECLAC Community of Practice on Voluntary National Reviews—a forum for exchanging good practices and lessons learned with regard to the general implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as the specific reporting process—comprised of government officials, professionals, representatives of academia, and specialists, as well as representatives of the United Nations system, youth, civil society, the private sector, and other stakeholders.

The meeting included a panel entitled “Setting the Stage: The Role of Parliamentarians in the Implementation, Review, and Monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” in which **Anabella Zavagno**, Deputy Director General of ParlAmericas, presented on parliamentary work related to the eradication of poverty and progress towards sustainable development.

During the discussion, Ms. Zavagno addressed the strategic role of national parliaments in ensuring that governments effectively implement the SDGs, emphasizing the work of ParlAmericas in convening parliamentarians from across the hemisphere to discuss issues that are intrinsically linked to poverty, such as food security and migration.

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