

## ParlAmericas Digital Caucus held its third cycle of inter-parliamentary dialogues

August 30, 2024 - The Digital Caucus of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network convened parliamentarians, parliamentary staff and specialists from the Americas and the Caribbean for a meeting entitled "Legislative Strategies to Strengthen Digital Identity Governance," which was the third session in a series of dialogues.

The virtual meeting included the panel "Key approaches to safeguarding digital identity" in which Professor Gustavo Giorgetti from the University of San Andres in Argentina; and Michele Marius, director of ICT Pulse, participated as experts. The session was moderated by Senator Kenneth Pugh (Chile), co-chair of the ParlAmericas Digital Caucus, and included comments from Cecilia Danesi, researcher at the Institute of European Studies and Human Rights and special advisor to the ParlAmericas Digital Caucus.

In addition, parliamentarians from the region shared good legislative practices and regulatory progress in digital identity governance that promotes trustworthy digital identity systems and creates secure, transparent and inclusive digital spaces. This exchange concluded with a contribution from Member of the Chamber of Representatives Rodrigo Goñi (Uruguay), who highlighted some of the opportunities and challenges of the digital world, as well as the importance of involving parliaments and generating consensus around the protection of human rights in the digital sphere. Closing remarks were given by the Honourable Leo Cato (Grenada), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice President for the Caribbean of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network.

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