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ParlAmericas participated in the [XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), organized by ECLAC with the support of UN Women on November 7-11, 2022 in Buenos Aires, whose central theme was "The Care Society: horizon for a sustainable recovery with gender equality". For the first time, the Conference included a **Parliamentary Forum**, co-organized by the Congress of the Argentine Nation, which was attended by two members of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors: Senator **María Eugenia Catalfamo** (Argentina), President of the Senate's Women Caucus Committee and Member of the Legislative Assembly **Carolina Delgado** (Costa Rica), regional representative for Central America of the Board of Directors. The objective of the Parliamentary Forum was to share experiences and advance the regional gender agenda in the legislative sphere, through the development of regulatory frameworks that integrate the right to care, the promotion of public financing, comprehensive care policies and systems, as well as maternity, paternity and parental leave and measures towards social and gender co-responsibility and the recognition of unpaid care work. Within the framework of the Parliamentary Forum, the [document](#) "Advances in care regulations in Latin America and the Caribbean: towards a care society with gender equality" was presented.

In addition, within the framework of this XV Regional Conference, a **Feminist Forum** was held, where more than one thousand participants -feminist organizations, civil society entities working for gender equality, representatives of the LGTBIQ2 collective, academic experts, opinion leaders, among others- convened by the topic of discussion and presented a political declaration prior to the Conference.

The XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean culminated with the reading of the [Buenos Aires Commitment](#), which recognizes "care as a right to provide and receive care and to exercise self-care based on the principles of equality, universality and social and gender co-responsibility and, therefore, as a responsibility that must be shared by people of all sectors of society, families, communities, business and the State."

The care agenda is a topic that will also be addressed at the [14th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality](#) (PNGE), entitled "Legislative Perspectives for Inclusive Economic Growth: Investing in the Care Economy," to be held from November 30 to December 1 in Bogota, Colombia. Ana Güzemes, Director of ECLAC's Gender Division, will participate in this meeting as an expert panelist.

For the latest updates from the PNGE Gathering, follow @ParlAmericas on social media using the hashtag #ParlAmericasGEN. To learn more about ParlAmericas work visit www.parlamericas.org and follow @ParlAmericas on social media.

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