

## ParlAmericas participated in parliamentary forums in Chile on food security organized by the FAO and the Parliamentary Front against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean

VALPARAISO (CHILE), June 19, 2023 - Senator Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas, and President of the Chamber of Deputies Vlado Mirosevic (Chile), ParlAmericas Board Member, participated in the X Forum of the Parliamentary Front against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean (PFH) and the II Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition, held in Chile on June 14 and 15, and 16, respectively.

In his opening remarks at both events, President Mirosevic highlighted the role of inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation in advancing shared goals for ending hunger. During her interventions as a panellist on strengthening parliamentary work on food and nutrition security issues with a gender perspective, Senator Ovelar highlighted the critical role of women in building sustainable agrifood systems.

Senator Ovelar also had the opportunity to announce the development of a guide in collaboration with the PFH that will provide parliamentarians with tools to help mainstream gender approaches in their legislative work to eliminate hunger, thus contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 5.

In December 2022, ParlAmericas and the PFH signed a <u>Memorandum of Understanding</u> which underscores the parties' common objective as well as the essential role of parliaments in promoting informed debates on food security, recognizing the connections among food security, climate change, and gender inequality agendas on this matter.

## Quote

## Senator Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas

"Women play a critical role in achieving food and nutrition security. They are producers of food, stewards of natural resources, income generators, and those responsible for food and nutritional security in their households and communities."

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