



ParlAmericas and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding

Santiago (Chile), November 9, 2023 — ParlAmericas and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen their collaboration on sustainable development.

The meeting was held to institutionalize the historic relationship between both organizations and was attended by the signatories, Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Vlado Mirosevic** (Chile), Member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors, and **José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs**, Executive Secretary of ECLAC.

During the discussion, the signatories reaffirmed their commitment to establishing a general framework for inter-institutional collaboration on issues related to the management, promotion, and dissemination of actions to support policies for sustainable development, promoting a transformative and inclusive socioeconomic recovery, fostering actions aimed at climate change adaptation and mitigation, and promoting policies to increase gender equality.

Activities rooted in this collaboration include, among others, convening experts for regional parliamentary meetings, organizing technical seminars and/or workshops with a regional perspective, and including the participation of parliamentarians in conferences and forums organized/co-organized by ECLAC. The aim of parliamentary participation is to incorporate legislative perspectives in different public policy discussions, such as the Forums of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and Regional Follow-ups of the 2030 Agenda, Regional Conferences on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and Meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement, among others.

The meeting concluded by highlighting the potential for collaboration with the newly established ParlAmericas caucuses —created with the approval of parliamentarians from the hemisphere that sit on the ParlAmericas Board of Directors— on urgent issues like digital transformation and the green economy, to continue promoting regional dialogue and cooperation to address common challenges. The framework provided by these parliamentary groups also creates an opportunity to work with ECLAC to perform diagnoses and promote legislative solutions.

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