



## **Parliamentarians from the Americas and the Caribbean will convene in Mexico City, Mexico to discuss food security in the hemisphere**

Mexico City (MEXICO), September 27, 2023— More than 50 parliamentarians from 18 countries of the Americas and the Caribbean will attend the 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and the 15th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality. The joint Gathering, organized by ParlAmericas and the Senate of the Republic of Mexico, will take place from September 28 to September 29 in Mexico City and will be focused on the theme “[A food secure future: Building people and planet-centred strategies.](#)”

During the Gathering, parliamentarians, along with representatives from multilateral agencies, women’s organizations, civil society organizations, and community youth leaders will discuss food security issues through a gender-inclusive and intersectional lens. Participants will explore multisectoral and innovative practices that are sustainable, inclusive and resilient, with a particular focus on the role of women’s leadership in these initiatives.

The Gathering will open with welcoming remarks from Senator **Sergio Pérez** (Mexico), Vice-President of the Senate of the Republic; Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas; and Senator **Eduardo Ramírez** (Mexico), President of the Political Coordination Board. As representatives of their networks, Senator **Verónica Noemí Camino Farjat** (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality and Senator the Honourable **Rosa Galvez** (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change, will provide additional remarks to welcome participants. The keynote address will be delivered by **Guadalupe Valdez**, FAO Special Ambassador Zero Hunger for Latin America and the Caribbean and former Member of the Chamber of Deputies (Dominican Republic).

### **Quotes**

#### **Senator Verónica Noemí Camino Farjat (Mexico), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality**

*"Addressing the food security crisis requires us to overcome the gender inequalities that are embedded in agricultural systems in our region. We are guided by the will to empower women and close gender gaps in these systems, and that is precisely why ParlAmericas and the Senate of Mexico have convened parliamentarians from the Americas and the Caribbean: to exchange strategies focused on people and the planet to build a food-secure future."*

#### **The Honourable Senator Rosa Galvez (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change**

*"It is imperative that we acknowledge the growing linkages between a changing climate and the crisis of food insecurity in our region. As parliaments, it is our responsibility to uphold legislative action that takes*

*the principles of both food sovereignty and gender equality into account, so that we can help build more climate-resilient, sustainable systems for all.”*

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