



Participation of ParlAmericas in Regional Forums on Sustainable Development

OTTAWA (CANADA), April 29, 2023 — The ParlAmericas International Secretariat, represented by Anabella Zavagno, Deputy Director General, participated in the *Sixth Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development*, held from April 25-28 in Santiago de Chile.

The event, organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), brought together representatives of the Forum's member states, the private sector and civil society, development banks, and other United Nations agencies, in the aim of providing those responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda with good practices. This knowledge exchange would allow the Forum's member countries to make recommendations to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as part of regional contributions to the global follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

On the other hand, Michelle Volpin, ParlAmericas' Project Manager for Gender Equality, participated in the workshop *Building Bridges between Escazú and Open Government*, organized by the Open Government Alliance, ECLAC and the Universidad Hemisferios (Ecuador) within the framework of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement.

The workshop, held on April 21 in Buenos Aires, brought together representatives of governments, civil society, academia, parliaments, and other stakeholders to share experiences, discuss challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the Escazú Agreement, and identify lines of action that strengthen environmental democracy and bring the environmental and open government communities closer together.

Participation in both events reflects ParlAmericas' institutional commitment to engage with initiatives in favour of sustainable development and support the implementation of the most recognized international environmental instruments.

Quote

Anabella Zavagno, Deputy Director General of ParlAmericas

"The pluralistic nature of parliament as an arena for public deliberation is key to building the social consensus necessary to make progress in achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda and to ensure its sustainability."

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