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Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador Karina Arteaga is organizing the event “The impact of COVID-19 on the roles of a woman leader” to commemorate International Women’s Day

On March 8, Karina Arteaga, Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador and South American Vice-president of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality, will be organizing with the collaboration of ParlAmericas the event: **“The impact of COVID-19 on the roles of a woman leader.”** The event will address topics such as the impacts of COVID-19 on women specifically, the increase of domestic violence while social isolating, the threats for women’s economic autonomy in times of crisis, and the challenges female political leaders face during the pandemic.

The event will feature opening remarks by Ms. Arteaga and interventions by Member of Congress Arlette Contreras (Peru) and the Honorable Alternate Member of the National Assembly Ana Irene Delgado (Panama). The panel will be moderated by Ms. Nadia Ramos, Executive Director of the *Centro de Liderazgo e Innovación para Mujeres de las Américas* (Centre for Leadership and Innovation for Women in the Americas).

This event will take place within the International Women’s Day framework, to create a space for discussion and to encourage reflections about topics that are critical for all of society, while also integrating gender issues into public policies responding to the pandemic crisis.

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