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The National Assembly of Panama and Smartly Social Entrepreneurship in SDGs organized a meeting, in collaboration with ParlAmericas, to present a support tool for tracking SDGs in legislative committees

On Tuesday, April 20, the International Relations Unit of the National Assembly of Panama and Smartly Social Entrepreneurship in SDGs organized a meeting, in collaboration with ParlAmericas, to introduce a new tool developed to track the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in legislative committees. This initiative is tailored towards the parliamentarians and parliamentary staff and is carried out as part of the efforts initiated by the National Assembly of Panama to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in their legislative activities.

On this occasion, Álvaro Terán, Parliamentary Relations Coordinator at ParlAmericas moderated the panel, which consisted of Evangelina Colli, Director of Localizing the SDGs and Coordinator of the Local Parliament Network on the SDGs, and Analía Pastran, Executive Director of Smartly Social Enterprise on the SDGs. They provided a detailed presentation on the importance of using this technical tool for identifying and implementing the SDGs in the work carried out by legislative committees. In their presentation, they also highlighted the significant role played by the parliamentary staff of legislative committees and the importance of strengthening their capacity to effectively implement and monitor the SDGs in committee activities.

This activity is part of a broader program carried out by the Parliamentary Office for the Monitoring and Implementation of the SDGs of the National Assembly of Panama to support the exchange of knowledge and the development of new tools to promote parliamentary activities that advance the 2030 Agenda. The National Assembly of Panama held an earlier <u>parliamentary meeting</u> on January 19, 2021, in collaboration with ParlAmericas, during which Members of the National Assembly discussed and shared their knowledge about mechanisms to better integrate parliamentary activities with the goals of the 2030 Agenda. Afterwards, ParlAmericas organized a <u>technical meeting</u> for the parliamentary staff of the National Assembly of Panama, which was held on February 24 and sought to explore a series of good practices that are being implemented by parliaments across the region. This event encouraged parliamentary staff to share lessons learned and ideas which would lay the foundation for advancing the SDGs in their parliaments.

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