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### **Parliamentarians meet in Suriname to dialogue on effective measures to advance hemispheric climate action**

Parliamentarians from 16 countries in the Americas and the Caribbean will convene in Paramaribo, Suriname, for the 4<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change. Parliamentarians will exchange good practices and discuss effective legislative solutions to meet the urgency of climate change and contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement in line with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

With a common goal of raising climate ambition in the hemisphere and advancing climate action through legislation and parliamentary oversight, parliamentarians, expert practitioners and civil society representatives, will engage in a series of working sessions from August 8 to 9 exploring integral and innovative solutions that respond to the vary needs of our societies.

“We are committed to fostering inclusive decision-making processes where women, youth, indigenous peoples and traditionally marginalised groups will have their voices heard” stated the Honourable Bob Nault, Member of Parliament (Canada) and President of ParlAmericas. “This Gathering in a unique opportunity for parliamentarians to have an open and frank discussion in order to learn about effective climate governance structures that can be implemented in our respective countries.”

“As representatives of our communities, we have the responsibility to take action and play a key role in the upcoming renewal of our countries Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), contributing to set up ambitious targets to reduce carbon emission and prevent further environmental degradation,” explained the host of the Gathering, the Honourable Jennifer Simons, Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname and Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change.

Parliamentarians are expected to adopt an official declaration, calling for governments, fellow parliamentarians, multilateral institutions, private sector, academia and civil society stakeholders to join forces to surpass the current Nationally Determined Contributions and meet the goals agreed to in the Paris Agreement. This declaration will be shared at the next COP25 and the upcoming UN Climate Summit.

For further information and updates on this meeting, visit [www.parlAmericas.org](http://www.parlAmericas.org) and follow @ParlAmericas on social media with the hashtags #ParlAmericasCC

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