

AGENDA

Migration in the Context of Socio-Environmental Challenges

Hemispheric interparliamentary meeting on the occasion of the:

8th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability

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16th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

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IX Meeting of the Interparliamentary Commission on Women's Rights and Gender Equity of the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America and the Caribbean (FOPREL)

October 23-25, 2024

San José, Costa Rica

Times shown correspond to the local time in San José.

Tuesday, October 22

Arrival of parliamentary delegations

Wednesday, October 23

8:15 Transfer of participants from the official hotel to the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

9:00 - 9:30 **Inauguration and welcoming remarks**
Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

- **Rodrigo Arias** (Costa Rica), President of the Legislative Assembly and President *pro tempore* of FOPREL
- Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas
- **Ariel J. Alvarado Urbina**, Executive Secretary of FOPREL
- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Carolina Delgado** (Costa Rica), Chair of the FOPREL Interparliamentary Commission on Women's Rights and Gender Equity, Member of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas, and Host of the Gathering

9:30 – 10:15 **Spotlight Session - Responsible Migration Governance in a World of Environmental and Social Uncertainty**

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Moderator: Member of the Legislative Assembly **Óscar Izquierdo Sandí** (Costa Rica), Vice-President for Central America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability (PNCCS)

Panellists:

- **Ana Durán**, Deputy Regional Director for the Americas, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- **Dr. Natasha Kay Mortley**, Strategic Advisor to the Commission on Migration and Gender, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

10:15 - 10:45 **Official Photograph and Coffee Break**

10:45 - 12:30 **Parliamentary Panel - Legislative Experiences and Best Practices in Addressing Human Mobility**

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Moderator: Member of the Legislative Assembly **Carolina Delgado** (Costa Rica), Chair of the FOPREL Interparliamentary Commission on Women's Rights and Gender Equity, Member of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas, and Host of the Gathering

Panellists:

- Senator **Iván Flores** (Chile)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Fuensanta Guadalupe Guerrero** (Mexico)
- Senator **Isabel Bennett-Moody** (Belize)

As socio-environmental challenges alter migratory patterns in the Americas and the Caribbean it is important that regulatory frameworks respond effectively to these new trends. During this panel, parliamentary delegations will share legislative initiatives and good practices on this theme.

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

Location: Castillo Azul, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

14:00 - 14:30 **Presentation of Tools for Legislative Work**

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

- Inclusive Migration Governance in the Americas and Caribbean: A Primer for Parliamentarians by ParlAmericas/CELADE
 - **Simone Cecchini**, Chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) - Population Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Regional Framework Law on the Management of Migration for Climate and Environmental Reasons with a Human Rights Approach by FOPREL/IOM
 - **Pablo Escribano**, Regional Thematic Specialist on Migration, Environment and Climate Change, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Regional Framework Law on Migration with a Human Rights Approach by FOPREL/IOM
 - **Paola Zepeda**, Regional Project Coordinator, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

14:30 - 16:30

Presentation and Thematic Tables - International instruments on migration

Location: Committee Rooms IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX, 4th floor

Moderator: **Juan Carlos Chavarría**, Director of the Citizen Participation Department of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica and Regional Coordinator for Central America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Staff Network on Open Parliament

Presenters:

- **Lindsay Jenkins**, Senior Advisor for Migration, U.S. Department of State
- **Erica Guevara Reyes**, National Project Officer, Western Hemisphere Program (WHP), International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Presentation of conclusions of the thematic roundtables

17:00 - 19:00

Welcome reception

Location: Castillo Azul, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

19:00

Transportation of participants to the official hotel

Thursday, October 24

8:15

Transportation of participants from the official hotel to the Legislative Assembly

9:00 - 9:30

Interview - The Migrant Perspective

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Moderator: Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas

Panellists:

- **Vlada Krasova Torres Colomer**, activist
- **María Faría**, Director, Talento Importado

9:30 - 11:00

Panel - The Economic Dimensions of Migration: Opportunities for Growth

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Moderator: Member of the Legislative Assembly **Montserrat Ruiz Guevara** (Costa Rica)

Panellists:

- Senator **Osbert Frederick** (Antigua and Barbuda), Vice-President of the Senate
- **Simone Cecchini**, Chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) - Population Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- **Juan Ignacio Castillo**, Project Coordinator, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- **Floralma López Atz**, social and environmental activist

Migration is a catalyst for economic growth through its contributions to economic diversification, the expansion of labour markets and growth in investment. This panel will examine the economic dimensions of human mobility and highlight good practices to realize its benefits as a driver of sustainable development and wellbeing. It will also address the importance of creating the conditions necessary for people to have productive and dignified lives in their countries of origin so that migration can be a voluntary and informed choice rather than a pressing need.

11:00 - 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45

Panel - Migration Patterns and Climate Change

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Moderator: Member of the National Assembly **Walkiria Chandler D'Orcy** (Panama)

Panellists:

- **Ignacio Odriozola**, Specialist to the Rapporteur on Human Mobility, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
- **Kezia Luke**, Climate and gender equality advocate
- **Sofia Arce**, Data and Analysis Officer, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Climate change is already affecting regional migration patterns and causing millions of people, particularly those in conditions of vulnerability, to move in search of safety and stability. This panel will present key legislative considerations for responding to the complex intersection of climate change and migration through the analysis of

current and future trends related to internal and external climate-induced migration, including urban-rural movement and climate change and disaster-related displacement.

12:45 - 14:00

Lunch

Location: Castillo Azul, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

14:00 - 15:00

Presentations - Data and Information on Migration: Tools and Challenges

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Moderator: Member of the Legislative Assembly **Luz Mary Alpízar** (Costa Rica), First Vice-President for Central America of the ParIAmericas Open Parliament Network (OPN)

Panellists:

- **María Jesús Mora**, Associate Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute
- **Raúl Andrés Soto Peralta**, Regional Migration Data Coordinator, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

The availability of up-to-date, accurate and disaggregated data is crucial for developing effective and evidence-based migratory governance frameworks. This session will examine the role of data in strengthening legislative initiatives on migration themes and present good practices for improving access to and the use of inclusive and disaggregated migration data that aligns with the highest international standards.

15:00 - 16:30

Conversation Panel - Gender (In)Equality and Migration: Examining Differential Impacts

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Moderator: Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Sergio Capozzi** (Argentina)

Panellists:

- Senator the Honourable **Lisa Jawahir** (Saint Lucia), Vice-President for the Caribbean of the ParIAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality (PNGE)
- **Alejandra Mora Mora**, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)
- **Alexandra Maldonado**, Founder and President of Las Reinas Pepiadas

Individuals experience and make decisions about migration differently as a result of their gender and other characteristics. This conversation-style panel will share good practices for responding to diverse needs in migration contexts and offer recommendations for developing normative frameworks that mainstream gender

equality, consider various forms of violence and discrimination, and promote the empowerment, protection and inclusion of migrants in all their diversity.

16:30 Transportation of participants to the official hotel

Friday, October 25

8:15 Transportation of participants from the official hotel to the Legislative Assembly

9:00 - 9:30 Reflections from ParlAmericas' Parliamentary Networks

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

- Senator **Carmen Gloria Aravena** (Chile), Vice-President for South America of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Member of the National Assembly **Radjendrekoeemar Debie** (Suriname), Vice-President for South America of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability

9:30 - 9:45 Presentation - Policy Brief for Legislating on Sexual Violence with a Consent-Based Approach

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

- **M.Sc. Ana Elena Obando**, Legal Advisor, Latin America and the Caribbean, Equality Now

9:45 - 11:15 Panel - Good Practices in Social Protection and Integration of Immigrants

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Moderator: Member of the National Assembly **Iona Edwards** (Suriname)

Panelists:

- The Honourable Senator **Dr. Sharon Burey** (Canada)
- Senator **Germán Blanco**, ParlAmericas Board Member
- **Melissa Pocasangre**, Regional Coordinator of the MIRPS Fund, Department of Social Inclusion, Organization of American States (OAS)
- **Juan Manuel Baldares**, Programme Manager, UNICEF Costa Rica

Social protection policies and integration programs support immigrants' capacities to thrive and contribute positively to receiving countries and communities, enabling their regularization and access to essential services and information. This panel will present legislative initiatives and good practices that have helped to foster the inclusion, integration and empowerment of migrants in their new communities.

11:15 - 12:30

Closing

Room: Salón de Jefes de Estado, Presidentes y Presidentas de la República, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Reading of the Declaration of the Hemispheric interparliamentary meeting Migration in the Context of Socio-Environmental Challenges

Elections for the Executive Committees of the ParlAmericas PNCCS and PNGE

During the meeting, representatives for certain positions on the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability (PNCCS) and the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality (PNGE) will be elected. For more information, we invite you to review our election advisories:

- [Executive Committee of the PNCCS](#)
- [Executive Committee of the PNGE](#)

Closing remarks

- H.E. **Ioanna Sahas Martin**, Ambassador of Canada to Costa Rica
- Mr. **Charles Schmit**, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in Costa Rica
- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Carolina Delgado** (Costa Rica), Chair of the FOPREL Interparliamentary Commission on Women's Rights and Gender Equity, Member of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas, and Host of the Gathering

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

Location: Castillo Azul, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica



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