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Regional seminar on climate change for parliaments of Latin America and the Caribbean

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Organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Parliament of Uruguay

The climate crisis is the greatest challenge of our time. Climate change is intensifying and it is having catastrophic impacts thus severely undermining development gains. The recent findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) show that the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, or even 2 degrees Celsius, will be unreachable unless there are immediate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions¹ and that irreversible damage from climate change is already occurring.² Increasing temperatures, more extreme weather events, sea level rise, and the loss of biodiversity are just some of the consequences of climate change that are already impacting millions of people across the globe.

Climate change poses a serious risk for Latin America and the Caribbean. While the region is extremely rich in natural resources, local ecosystems are increasingly under threat. The melting of the Andean glaciers, devastating floods and droughts, coastal erosion and the extinction of species not only affects nature, but also has devastating impacts on humans. Livelihoods, food systems, and water supplies in the region are at serious risk due to climate change. Furthermore, people across the region are confronted with the increasing threat of displacement as climate change worsens.

Parliaments have a pivotal role to play in addressing the climate crisis. The IPU and the Parliament of Uruguay are jointly organizing a regional seminar on climate change for parliaments of Latin America and the Caribbean to bring together parliamentarians for a critical inter-parliamentary dialogue to enhance climate action in the region. The seminar will provide parliaments with the opportunity to share best practices, experiences and lessons learned from their national efforts to address climate change, including through implementation of the Paris Agreement. In keeping with the [Nusa Dua Declaration](#) on mobilizing parliaments to act on climate change adopted at the 144th IPU Assembly (March 2022), this seminar also aims to promote stronger regional cooperation to encourage the development of joint parliamentary solutions to tackle the crisis.

Format and objectives of the seminar

The seminar will be held in-person, following local COVID-19 safety protocols. It will consist of both plenary discussions and presentations by regional and international experts and members of parliament. The overall aim of the seminar is to facilitate knowledge-sharing amongst parliaments in the Latin America and Caribbean region and have participants engage in critical discussions to identify the most efficient and impactful ways to enhance parliamentary action on climate change and ensure

¹ <https://www.ipcc.ch/2021/08/09/ar6-wg1-20210809-pr/>

² https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6wg2/pdf/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FinalDraft_FullReport.pdf

implementation of national and international climate agreements.

The seminar will be followed by a field visit organized by the Parliament of Uruguay, as well as a celebration of the 133rd anniversary of the IPU.

Venue and dates: Montevideo (Uruguay), 28-30 June 2022. The seminar will take place on 28 June, the field visit will take place on 29 June, and the celebration of the IPU's 133rd anniversary will take place on 30 June.

Draft agenda: The agenda will be developed jointly by the IPU and the Parliament of Uruguay.

Participation: The seminar is open to the following IPU Member Parliaments: Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

National parliaments in the region that are not currently IPU Members are also invited to attend. In addition, IPU Associate Members and Observers are welcome to participate.

Working language: Spanish and English.