

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

28-30 June 2022, Montevideo (Uruguay)

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE AND DATE

The seminar will be held in Montevideo (Uruguay) at the Hyatt Centric Montevideo Hotel on 28-30 June 2022.

Agenda outline

Monday, 27 June	Arrival of delegates
Tuesday, 28 June	Seminar meeting
Wednesday, 29 June	Field visit
Thursday, 30 June	Celebration of the International Day of Parliamentarism and of the 133 rd IPU Anniversary (in the morning) Departure of delegates in the late afternoon/evening
Friday, 1 July	Departure of delegates (continued)

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).

Parliaments may send delegations of up to three members (four members for bicameral parliaments) including parliamentarians and parliamentary staff who work directly on climate change-related topics. Parliaments are encouraged to send gender-balanced delegations and include parliamentarians who represent different political affiliations.

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.

ORGANIZATION OF PROCEEDINGS

In keeping with standard IPU practice, all participants will have equal speaking rights. To ensure that the discussions are as vibrant and dynamic as possible, the following rules will apply:

- There will be no list of speakers on any agenda item.
- Participants are asked not to read out prepared statements, but rather to engage in lively discussions. Subject to alternative arrangements that chairpersons of sessions may make to suit the circumstances, oral contributions may not exceed three minutes. Participants may speak several times on each item, particularly to respond to other statements.
- The sessions will include presentations by experts and resource persons, debates and interactive discussion panels in moderated plenary sittings.

DOCUMENTS

Presentations on the topics discussed at the seminar will, wherever possible, be posted by the IPU Secretariat on the IPU's website.

Participants wishing to distribute relevant documentation to their colleagues will be required to provide the material in sufficient quantities and to place it on a designated table.

LANGUAGE

The working languages will be Spanish and English.

REGISTRATION

Participants should complete the enclosed registration form as soon as possible, and **no later than 14 June 2022**. Please note that a separate registration form is required for each participant.

Please send the form **by e-mail to the GRULAC Secretariat and the IPU at:**

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(GRUCLAC) Secretariat**
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VISAS

Entry visas are required except for citizens of countries that have visa exemption agreements with Uruguay. This information can be found at the following link:

https://migracion.minterior.gub.uy/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1280

Delegates participating in the seminar are kindly requested to contact the diplomatic mission of Uruguay in their country to obtain a visa if necessary.

VACCINATIONS

A negative COVID-19 test is not required for the entry into Uruguay for people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or people who can provide proof of recovery from COVID-19 within the previous 10-90 days prior to entering the country. To access complete information on the health requirements for entering Uruguay, please visit the following link: <https://www.gub.uy/ingresa-uruguay-dur-emergencia-sanitaria>

SWORN DECLARATION FORM TO ENTER THE COUNTRY

All people who want to enter Uruguay must complete a sworn health statement with the same travel document with which they are going to enter Uruguay. The sworn statement can be completed online using the following link: <https://declaracionjurada.ingresoauruguay.gub.uy/ING>.

Once it is completed, a link to download it is generated and sent to the contact email entered. You must bring the Declaration and all related documents when you enter Uruguay. You must present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or recovery.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Delegates will bear the costs of their air transport, accommodation and subsistence. The cost of accommodation is the responsibility of the delegate and is payable directly to the hotel.

Suggested hotel that participants may wish to book which will be the venue of the event:

Hyatt Centric Montevideo
Rambla República del Perú 1479
Montevideo, Uruguay, 11300
https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/uruguay/hyatt-centric-montevideo/mvdhy?src=corp_lclb_gmb_seo_mvdhy

The hosts have negotiated a special group rate for the event so participants are invited to make their reservations at Hyatt Centric Montevideo hotel. Please mention the **code REUNIÓN UIP** to benefit from the special rate of USD 129 Single room/ USD 139 Double Standard per night, breakfast included. The reservation should be made only through reservations.mvd@hyatt.com.

NATIONAL TRANSPORT

All participants are kindly requested to send their hotel and travel details to the IPU Secretariat and the host Parliament Secretariat using the registration form mentioned above.

In order to ensure an efficient reception service, all participants are requested to provide full arrival and departure information on the registration form, including date, flight number and time of arrival and departure.

Upon arrival and departure at the Carrasco International Airport in Montevideo, the host Parliament will provide transportation between the airport and the Hyatt Centric Montevideo Hotel from Monday, June 27 to Friday, July 1 inclusive. The official VIP Room at the airport will not be used. Uruguay's security regulations do not authorize personnel from outside the airport to enter the Arrivals and Departures areas. At the Arrivals exit of the airport, participants should approach staff who will be holding an IPU poster, who can be found immediately after passing the last security control.

The host Parliament will also organize transfers for the participants between the Hyatt Centric Montevideo Hotel and all other official events related to the event.

SECURITY

The national authorities will take all necessary security measures. Participants are required to wear their identity badges at all times when they are at the meeting venue and at all other official functions during the seminar.

FIRST-AID SERVICE

During the seminar, first-aid facilities will be provided at the venue. All other medical care will be at the participants' own expense. Delegates are advised to take out comprehensive **medical insurance policies** to cover medical emergencies, including the cost of evacuation to other countries in the region.

INSURANCE

To enter Uruguay, health insurance or travel insurance that covers the participants during the length of their stay in the country is required. It is recommended that participants take out their own insurance policies that cover all risks.

CLIMATE

In June the average maximum temperature in Montevideo is 15 degrees Celsius and the minimum is 10 degrees Celsius. The climate is cool and humid during the winter. Therefore, participants are advised to bring warm clothing and rain gear.

DRESS

Business dress or national dress is appropriate for meetings and evening events. Participants are also advised to bring comfortable clothing and shoes for the field visit.

ON-SITE SERVICES

The following services will be available on the premises of the main venue:

- lunch
- coffee breaks

CURRENCY REGULATIONS

There are no restrictions on the exchange of foreign currency and no tax is charged on the transaction. Currency exchange bureaus sell most major currencies, and it is possible to exchange money at the airport, most hotels and banks. The currency in Uruguay is the Uruguayan peso (UYU). Visa and MasterCard credit cards are widely accepted.

The exchange rate as of April 2022 is \$42 (forty-two Uruguayan pesos) per USD 1 (US dollar).

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- Time zone: Uruguay Standard Time is one hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST) and three hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
- Electricity: Power plugs and sockets are of type C, F, I and L. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.
- Telephone: The international dialling code from Uruguay to any destination is 00, followed by the country code, the area code and the number. The country code for dialling Uruguay is +598.