

Regional seminar on climate change for 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

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 27 June 2022

Arrival of delegates

Tuesday, 28 June 2022

Seminar meeting

08:00–08:45

Registration

08:45–09:40

Official opening

Moderator: Ms. Virginia Fros, Member of the House of Representatives and Member of the Special Committee on Environment of the House of Representatives, Uruguay

Welcoming remarks:

- Ms. Beatriz Argimón, President of the General Assembly and Senate and Vice-President of Uruguay
- Mr. Duarte Pacheco, IPU President
- Mr. Gerardo Amarilla, Vice-Minister of Environment of Uruguay

Group photo

09:40–11:00

Session I: Understanding the climate change and environmental context in Latin America and the Caribbean

This session will provide an overview of the state of climate change and the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean. It will highlight persistent challenges, key impacts and emerging climate and environment issues in the region. The session will also describe how countries in the region are responding to these challenges and introduce opportunities for strengthening climate action at both the national and regional level.

- Mr. Luis Daniel Llambí, Adaptation at Altitude Programme Coordinator, CONDESAN (virtual)
- Mr. Alberto Pacheco Capella, Head, UNEP Sub-Regional Office for the Southern Cone of Latin America
- Ms. Sofía Carvajal, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Mexico, and Second Vice-President of GRULAC
- Mr. Víctor Suárez, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Dominican Republic

The presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates.

11:00–11:15

Coffee break

11:15–12:40

Session II: Accelerating a clean energy transition and enhancing climate finance to implement the Paris Agreement

Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and they represent the efforts of each country to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Inadequate climate finance and continued use of fossil fuels are seen as major barriers to climate action. This session will explore national and regional actions being taken to develop more ambitious NDCs and implement the Paris Agreement, including by strengthening government oversight, in support of both climate change mitigation and adaptation. The session will highlight obstacles and barriers that hinder the implementation of the Paris Agreement and other international agreements on climate change. The session will also explore actions parliamentarians can take to support a clean and just energy transition, create green jobs and strengthen climate finance, including through their legislative and budgetary functions.

- Mr. Manzoor Nadir, Speaker of the National Assembly, Guyana
- Ms. Natalie Pareja, Climate Change Director, Ministry of Environment and Green Climate Fund National Designated Authority, Uruguay
- Mr. Blas Llano, Member of the Senate, Paraguay and President of GRULAC
- Ms. Silvia Sapag, Member of the Senate, Argentina
- Ms. Rosa Galvez, President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Senator, Canada (video)

The presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates.

12:40–13:00

Regional launch of Global Parliamentary Report

- Ms. Daniela Gilardoni, Directorio Legislativo

13:00–15:00

Lunch offered by the Parliament of Uruguay for the regional seminar participants at the Hyatt Centric Hotel

15:00–16:15

Session III: Prioritizing equitable climate action: Promoting public participation and social inclusion

Climate change worsens existing inequalities and increases the vulnerability of underrepresented and marginalized groups, including women, youth, indigenous groups and minorities, many of whom have already been made more vulnerable by COVID-19. There is an increasing risk of forced migration and displacement in the region as climate change intensifies. A gender-responsive and socially-inclusive approach to climate action is essential to leave no one behind in the climate crisis. This session will explore parliaments' efforts to integrate social and gender concerns in their climate work, including by supporting an inclusive climate legislative framework, and by using their representation functions to ensure the needs of the most at-risk constituents are met. The session will also explore parliamentary actions to support the implementation of key regional agreements on public participation and environmental justice, namely the Escazú Agreement.

Moderator: Ms. Sandra Lazo, Senator and Member of the Committee on Environment of the Senate, Uruguay

- Mr. David Barrio Lamarche, Environmental Affairs Officer of the Policies for Sustainable Development Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (virtual)
- Mr. Maximiliano Costa, Executive Director, AMBÁ
- Member of Parliament, Ecuador (TBC)

The presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates.

16:15–16:30

Coffee break

16:30–17:40

Session IV: Supporting climate-resilient agriculture and livelihoods: Ensuring food security and human and environmental health

The climate crisis is already undermining food production and having serious impacts on food security and human health. The agriculture and fisheries sectors also provide livelihoods to millions of people across the region, including many smallholder farmers and fishers in rural areas. The climate crisis is not only driving food insecurity but can also be a major driver of poverty which can lead to other health risks and hinder the achievement of sustainable development outcomes. This session will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss options for stronger parliamentary action to promote climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture, including by promoting policies and laws that recognize the interlinkages between climate, food security and health. The session will also showcase how parliaments in the region can support farmers and other workers in the agriculture and fisheries sectors and minimize the social and economic threats they are facing due to climate change, including by investing more resources in social protection.

- Ms. Kyung-nan Park, Deputy Regional Director of Latin America and the Caribbean, World Food Programme (virtual)
- Ms. Silvia Giacoppo, President of PARLATINO and Member of the Senate, Argentina
- Mr. Asiskumar Gajadien, Member of the National Assembly, Suriname and President of the IPU Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights
- Mr. Faustino Ollisco, Member of Chamber of Deputies, Bolivia

The presentations will be followed by a debate with delegates.

17:40–18:00

Closing plenary: From Nusa Dua to Montevideo – The way forward

- Rapporteur to present summary of report – Mr. Raúl Lozano, Senator and Member of the Committee on Environment, Uruguay; Member of the Bureau of the IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development
- Closing remarks by Mr. Ope Pasquet, President of the House of Representatives, Uruguay

Cultural programme

18:30

Departure from Hyatt Centric Hotel to SODRE Theatre

19:00–20:00

Cocktail reception

20:00–21:30

Ballet performance

21:45

Departure from SODRE Theatre to return to Hyatt Centric Hotel

Wednesday, 29 June 2022

Field visit in Maldonado Department – *Participants are advised to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.*

08:00

Pick-up of delegates at Hyatt Centric Hotel
(Participants should be in the lobby of the Hyatt Hotel 10-15 minutes before departure time)

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| 09:30 | Meeting in Punta Ballena with tour guide from the Municipality of Maldonado plus photo stop at Punta Ballena |
| 10:00 | Presentation of environmental projects by the Municipality of Maldonado and the Ministry of Environment of Uruguay at the Enjoy Punta del Este Hotel |
| 12:00 | Transfer to lunch location |
| 12:15 | Lunch in the port area |
| 14:00 | Transfer to Parque el Placer |
| 14:10 | Field tour at Parque el Placer |
| 14:45 | Departure for Aborgama |
| 15:15 | Field tour of Aborgama |
| 16:00 | Departure for Arboretum Lussich (http://www.arboretumlussich.uy) |
| 16:30 | Arrival at Arboretum Lussich together with the Members of the IPU Executive Committee: Meeting with the Mayor of Maldonado Mr. Enrique Antía |
| 17:00 | Departure for Montevideo |
| 19:00 | Estimated arrival at Hyatt Centric Hotel |
| | Free evening |

Thursday, 30 June 2022

Celebration of the International Day of Parliamentarism and 133rd IPU anniversary

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| 09:30 | Pick-up of delegates at Hyatt Centric Hotel (<i>Participants should be in the lobby of the Hyatt Hotel <u>10-15 minutes</u> before departure time</i>) |
| 10:00–12:00 | Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President of the IPU • Mr. Ope Pasquet, President of the House of Representatives • Ms. Beatriz Argimón, President of the General Assembly and Senate and Vice-President of Uruguay <p>Issue of a stamp commemorating the International Day of Parliamentarism and 133rd IPU anniversary</p> <p>Speech by the President of the Uruguayan Post Office</p> <p>Cultural performance</p> |
| 12:30 | Return of the delegates to the Hyatt Centric Hotel |
| | Free afternoon/Departure of delegates in the afternoon/evening |

Friday, 1 July 2022

Departure of delegates (continued)