BRINGING THE FUTURE TO THE PRESENT
The Democracy of the Future, Artificial Intelligence and Parliaments

Programme

25 September	Opening session: PARLIAMENTS BRING THE FUTURE TO THE PRESENT
18:30–21:00	The opening session will set the stage, highlighting the role of parliaments in shaping the future in a complex and rapidly evolving world. • **Mr. Luis Lacalle Pou**, President of the Republic of Uruguay • **Ms. Beatriz Argimón**, President of the General Assembly of Uruguay • **Mr. Sebastián Andújar**, President of the House of Representatives of Uruguay • **Mr. Duarte Pacheco**, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) In the presence of international and national authorities Inaugural reception in the «Salón de los Pasos Perdidos» of the Legislative Palace
26 September Morning	**UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT CONTEXT OF CHANGE**
08:30–09:00	**Registration**
09:00–09:15	**Overall objectives and modalities** • **Mr. Rodrigo Goñi**, President of the Futures Committee, Uruguayan Parliament • **Mr. Marc Angel**, Vice-President, European Parliament • **Mr. Kevin Casas-Zamora**, Secretary-General, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) • **Mr. Haoliang Xu,** Deputy Secretary General and Associate Administrator of the UNDP
09:15–10:00	**Plenary session**: **Embracing complexity, uncertainty, surprise and ambiguity for a better world.** The session will provide an overall view of global trends and zero in on the challenges and opportunities for embracing complexity and uncertainty. It will place emphasis on how to draw on diverse voices and collective intelligence in multiple, interconnected, highly accelerated and disruptive contexts. • **Mr. Heriberto Tapia**, Senior Researcher, Office of Human Development Reporting, UNDP • **Mr. Luis Porto**, Senior Strategy and Organizational Development Advisor, OAS • **Mr. Eduardo Chomali**, Principal Executive at Telecom & ICT**, CAF**

	• **Ms. Almudena Fernández**, UNDP, Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean • **Mr. Raúl Echeberría**, Executive Director, Latinamerican Internet Association (ALAI) Moderator: **TBD** Interventions will be followed by a Q and A with participants
10:00–10:45	**Plenary session:** Challenges in parliamentary work in an era of change The session will provide an opportunity to highlight recent trends in parliamentary work and in how parliaments are integrating the future into that work, bringing to the fore common challenges and progress made. • **Mr. Marc Angel**, Vice-President, European Parliament • **Mr. Fadli Zon,** House of Representatives of Indonesia • **Ms. Bimala Rai Paudyal,** Member of Parliament, Nepal • **Mr. Andy Williamson**, Senior Researcher, Centre for Innovation in Parliament, IPU • **Ms. Silvia Giacoppo**, President of Latin American Parliament, PARLATINO Moderators: **Ms. Kim Osborne**, Executive Secretary for Integral Development at the Organization of American States, **OAS** Interventions will be followed by a Q and A with participants
10:45–11:00	**Break**
11:00–12:30	**Plenary session: AI Challenges from a futures-oriented perspective. Reflecting on the conditions of evolution of AI from the viewpoint of major players.** The session will feature major players who are leading the development of AI and its application in various areas of society. It will provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to ask them questions and engage with them in a dedicated space. Representatives of: Microsoft, Meta, AWS, Google, IBM, Mercado Libre, Open AI, CUTI **Moderators**: **Ms. Carolina Aguerre**, Co-Director CETyS, Universidad de San Andrés and **Mr. Rodrigo Goñi,** President of the Futures Committee of Uruguay
12:45–13:00	**Group Photo**
13:00–14:30	**Lunch outside of Parliament (Club Uruguay)**
26 September Afternoon	**NAVIGATING THE TRANSITION TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)**
15:00–16:30	**Plenary session:** Challenges of AI: Reflecting on where we are today The session will focus on the challenges, need (or not) and implications of transitioning to AI, with a focus on responsible development and strategies for societal well-being. Keynote speakers: • "Anticipating a range of Artificial General Intelligence possibilities": **Mr. Jerome Glenn**, Co-Founder and CEO, Millennium Project • "Anticipatory Governance in the age of AI": **Mr. Clement Bezold**, Co-Founder and Former Chairman, Institute for Alternative Futures

	Moderator: **Ms. Lydia Garrido Luzardo**, UNESCO Chair in Anticipation and Resilience and Node of the Millennium Project in Uruguay, South American Institute for Resilience and Sustainability Studies (SARAS Institute); Advisor, Committee of the Future of the Parliament of Uruguay Interventions will be followed by a Q and A with participants
16:30–16:45	**Break**
16:45–18:30	**Workshop 1:** Anticipating possible impacts of the evolution of AI, in particular on democracy. Rethinking the present Participants working in small groups will discuss the potential transition from narrow AI to Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) and its implications for society and democracy. They will weigh both the opportunities and risks associated with AGI. Strategies will be proposed to manage this transition in a manner that upholds and reinforces democratic values while minimizing threats to society and humanity.
18:30–19:00	**Plenary session** to share outputs from the workshops
19:30–22:00	**Reception Edificio Mercosur**
27 September Morning	**ANTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE**
09:00–10:30	**Plenary session: The role of anticipatory governance in strengthening democracy in the evolving context of AI. Transforming the present.** The session will focus on the role of anticipatory governance in enhancing democracy, fostering informed decision-making, and promoting transparent and accountable policies with focus on the context of AI. Keynote: • "The democracy of the future": **Mr. Daniel Innerarity,** Professor of Political and Social Philosophy, University of the Basque Country and Ikerbasque Foundation for Science; Director, Institute for Democratic Governance; Chair in Artificial Intelligence and Democracy, School of Transnational Governance European University Institute in Florence Roundtable**:** • **Mr. Shermon Cruz**, Chair, Association of Professional Futurists (APF); Chair, Millennium Project Philippines Node • **Ms. Hélène Landemore**, Professor of political science, Yale University • **Mr. Daniel Zovatto**, Regional Director for LAC International IDEA • Two MPs (TBD) Moderator: **Mr. Ted Fuller**, UNESCO Chair on Responsible Foresight for Sustainable Development, University of Lincoln Interventions will be followed by a Q and A with participants
10:30–11:00	**Break**
11:00–12:30	**Workshop 2: Designing anticipatory governance in parliaments: Building in-house capacities and competencies** Participants will be invited to collaborate in small groups to identify capacities and competencies needed for anticipatory governance in parliaments and develop recommendations for strengthening future-oriented capabilities, taking into account the context of AI.

12:30–13:00	**Plenary session** to share outputs from workshops
13:15–14:30	**Lunch**
27 September Afternoon	**THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN THE DEMOCRACY OF THE FUTURE**

14:30–16:00	**Round Table:** Parliaments of the future: Active and transformative role in the present. Experiences and Insights for regulation. AI in parliaments.
	
	The session will focus on the active role of parliaments in shaping the future of democracy, focusing on regulatory frameworks, collaboration and global cooperation in the context of AI. The panel will propose a shared agenda that may be continued as a global network of parliamentary committees of the future.
	
	Presentation: "The use of AI in the parliamentary functions
	    • **Mr. José L. Martí,** Associate Professor of Legal Philosophy, Department of Law, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona
	
	Roundtable:
	    • **Ms. Freya Windle Wehrle**, Directorate for Innovation and Central Services, Attached to the Secretary-General, European Parliament
	    • **Mr. Dragoş Tudorache**, Member of the European Parliament
	    • **Ms. Virginia Dignum**, Professor in responsible artificial intelligence, Umeå University, Sweden
	    • **Mr. Rodrigo Durán**, Outreach Director, National Center for Artificial Intelligence (CENIA), Chile
	    • **Mr. Vlado Mirosevic,** Representative from the Parliament of Chile, and Member of the Permanent Council of ParlAmericas
	
	Moderator: **Mr. Alfonso Fernández de Castro**, Resident Representative, UNDP
	
	Interventions will be followed by a Q and A with participants

16:00–16:15	**Break**
16:15–17:45	**Workshop 3:** Contributions to a global anticipatory governance ecosystem: Final declaration and recommendations Participants will be invited to collaborate in small groups to identify recommendations for strengthening global anticipatory governance in the following areas: a) a paradigm shift: from reaction to anticipation; b) efforts for a transition from zero-sum geopolitics to synergy among nations and parliaments; c) a Global Network of Parliamentary Futures Committees; and d) recommendations for the 2024 UN Summit of the Future and the Future Pact for a global anticipatory governance, in particular for AGI.
17:45-18:15	**Recap from all the groups for the Final Outcome**
18:15–19:30	**Report back and overall conclusion**
19:30–21:00	**Closing Reception- Salón de Los Pasos Perdidos – Palacio Legislativo**