



Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition (OPCC)

Side Event of the OPCC

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Main information

Title	Anticipating the Future: How Can Legislators Act to Seize the Opportunities of Emerging Trends in Green and Inclusive Productive Development?
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About the OPCC

The Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition (OPCC) brings together parliamentary leaders from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to promote interparliamentary cooperation to strengthen climate change legislation and just transition efforts in the region. Through the exchange of experiences and information sharing, the OPCC seeks to enhance climate ambition and ensure that its participants—currently, over 20 parliamentarians representing 13 countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curaçao, Guatemala, British Virgin Islands, Mexico, Montserrat, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay)—unite in pursuit of effective actions.

The initiative emerged from recognizing the need to strengthen cooperation between parliamentarians and provide access to information on the status of environmental legislation and proposed bills under consideration in LAC parliaments, as well as to promote the exchange of best practices among legislators committed to these issues. Aligned with the goals of the Escazú Agreement, which guarantees the right to environmental information, the Observatory promotes transparency and accessibility to legislative data, which is essential to encourage public participation.

The OPCC values the diversity of its participants and fosters a collaborative environment where common foundations are built to advance climate ambition and just transition efforts in LAC. Through OPCC Joint Statements at key international forums, LAC legislators have expressed their collective voice, defended their positions, and made commitments on the most urgent climate change issues, and the challenges and opportunities related to the transition to low-carbon economies. In doing so, the OPCC promotes dialogue between parliamentarians and the global community to discuss the legislative mandates' contribution to sustainable and inclusive development in LAC.

In sum, the OPCC can be presented as:

1. **A parliamentary knowledge-sharing network:** The OPCC facilitates technical meetings, workshops, webinars, and other activities, including a permanent digital communication channel among regional parliamentarians. These efforts provide an interactive space for participants to share their expertise and discuss effective

legislative practices.

2. **A dynamic digital repository of environmental and climate change legislative data:** The OPCC provides a free online data platform featuring indicators, interactive charts, action panels, and comparisons. To date, the OPCC offers access to over 2,000 environmental laws, bills, proposals, and climate change framework laws from 28 countries in the region. The OPCC also collaborates to produce studies, technical legislative analyses, and dissemination tools available online.
3. **A forum for high-level coordination and dialogue between legislators and the international community:** The OPCC promotes spaces for technical and high-level dialogues to shape and advance regional and international climate agendas. This includes strategic participation in international forums such as the Conferences of the Parties (COPs).

More information about the OPCC and the Legislative Data Tracker can be accessed at opcc.cepal.org (available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese).

Description of the event

Green and inclusive productive development is central to building a new development model. Developing productive capacities in decarbonizing, clean, efficient, and sustainable technologies and practices allows for a more balanced relationship with the environment and drives a more productive, inclusive, and sustainable future. Preparing for this future is essential, as it enables the adoption of a structured approach to address the upcoming challenges and opportunities, particularly concerning the climate emergency and the pressing need to build a new development model.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) of the United Nations proposes a Big Push for Sustainability to promote structural transformations leading to a more productive, inclusive, and sustainable future. This strategy aims to mobilize and coordinate transformative investments for a new development style, with the fundamental element



being that countries expand their green and inclusive productive development policies.

In this context, it becomes important to use tools to formulate strategies that anticipate and manage future risks and opportunities, particularly useful in complex and dynamic scenarios, such as those posed by the climate emergency. The development of technical, operational, policy, and foresight capacities (TOPP) is vital to equipping state institutions with the competencies needed to manage structural and disruptive transformations, such as the transition to a more productive, inclusive, and sustainable development model, with green and inclusive productive development at its core.

The role of the Legislative Branches is crucial for countries to manage future transformations better. Legislators can play a key role by creating legislation that addresses plausible future trends and challenges, increasing institutional capacity to manage these transformations. For this, legislators must be equipped to identify and address new trends, understanding both opportunities and risks in the current and future-transforming contexts. Moreover, in the context of the challenges posed by climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), applying a **forward-looking approach** allows for creating and evaluating regional cooperation scenarios, promoting more resilient and integrated value chains. To achieve effective results with this approach, the knowledge and engagement of civil society organizations are crucial. Through this, parliaments in LAC can develop harmonized legislation that addresses common challenges and opportunities, such as the development of sustainable value chains.

The OPCC's side event at the GLOBE Legislators' Pavilion, co-organized by GLOBE, will address how legislators can integrate a forward-looking approach into their mandates and tackle issues related to green and inclusive productive development from the perspective of LAC countries. Parliamentarians and experts from civil society will share their experiences in a comprehensive discussion on the opportunities and challenges associated with new trends in green and inclusive productive development. This debate will cover critical elements, including the prevailing socioeconomic inequality in the region and how a just transition can effectively contribute to poverty reduction and promote social inclusion.

On this occasion, the OPCC Joint Statement to COP29, calling for inclusive green productive development, will also be presented and open for supporters to sign throughout the Conference. The event will also be an opportunity to showcase the new data from the OPCC Legislative Monitor



and explain how this resource can be instrumental in assessing strategies to advance climate ambition in LAC.

Objective

The event has two purposes: (i) to highlight and discuss the legislative pathways and proposals for inclusive and equitable green productive development, as referenced in the OPCC's Joint Statement to COP 29; (ii) to promote an ample and inclusive dialogue on the anticipatory and forward-looking legislative capacities in different LAC countries to seize the opportunities brought by green productive development, ensuring a just transition.

Target Audience

The target audience for the event includes:

- Parliamentarians from Latin America, the Caribbean (LAC) and beyond;
- Authorities and stakeholders from LAC and the international community;
- Civil society organizations, researchers, the productive sector, and the general public.

Program

Session	Description
Moderation	<i>Gabriela Oliveira, OPCC Programme Assistant (ECLAC)</i>
12:00 - 12:10 (10 minutes)	Welcome remarks & OPCC Presentation <i>Camila Gramkow, Director a.i., ECLAC's office in Brazil</i>
12:10 - 12:50 (40 minutes)	Panel 1: Legislators: What Are Green and Inclusive Productive Development Opportunities and Challenges for a Future Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean? <i>Congressman Nilto Tatto, Member of the Environment Commission of the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil and co-chair of the OPCC (tbc)</i> <i>Congressman Amom Mandel, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chamber of Deputies of Brazil (tbc)</i>
12:50 - 13:30 (40 minutes)	Panel 2: Civil society: How Can the Legislative Branch Prepare to Manage Major Future Transformations, Such as Green and Inclusive Productive Development? <i>Beatriz Pagy, Executive Director of Election Climate (TBC)</i> <i>Bruno Sirote, Jóvenes Por el Clima (TBC)</i> <i>Alejandro Aleman, Climate Change Officer at the Humboldt Center of Nicaragua and Coordinator of the Climate Action Network in Latin America (CANLA) (TBC)</i> <i>Stela Herschmann, Climate policy specialist at Climate Observatory (TBC)</i>