

16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of COPA

15<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas

5<sup>th</sup> Consultation with parliamentarians of the Americas

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**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS**  
**OF THE AMERICAS**  
**MEETING OF THE STANDING THEMATIC WORKING COMMITTEES OF COPA**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 <sup>TH</sup> 2018		
All day	Arrival of the participants and installation at the hotel	
MONDAY FEBRUARY 26 <sup>TH</sup> 2018		
9:00-10:00 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>BEGINNING OF THE WORK OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS</b>  <b>Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of COPA</b>  <b>"Twenty years of the parliamentary organization, the challenges of parliamentarism and integration in the Americas"</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of the Republic of Panama, Mr. Juan Carlos Varela (to be confirmed)</li> <li>• Senator and former President of Uruguay, Mr. José Mujica (to be confirmed)</li> <li>• Legislator and President of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas, Mrs. Alicia Gutiérrez</li> <li>• Legislator and President of the Latin-American Parliament (Parlatino), Mr. Elías Castillo</li> <li>• Senator and President of the Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU), Mrs. Gabriela Cuevas Barrón (to be confirmed)</li> <li>• Legislator and President of the National Assembly of Panama, Mrs. Yanibel Ábrego</li> <li>• Legislator and President of the National Union of State Legislatures of Brazil (UNALE), Mr. Luciano Nunez</li> <li>• Senator and President of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas, Mr. Miguel Ángel Chico Herrera</li> </ul>	
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Visit of the Parlatino	
10:30 – 12:30 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION</b> </p> <p> <b>Topic 1: Pharmaceuticals</b>                      Presentation by a Legislator (to be confirmed)  <b>Topic 2: Antibiotic resistance</b>                      Presentation by an expert (to be confirmed)                 </p>	<p> <b>MEETING OF THE THREE SECRETARIATS (PRIVATE)</b> </p>

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12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH OFFERED BY COPA</b>
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND PEACE</b> <b>Topic 1: Initiatives and measures to ensure the exercise of the vote of illiterates</b> Presentation by an expert of the Center for Electoral Assistance and Promotion (to be confirmed) <b>Topic 2: Roundtable on Electoral Legislation in the Americas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation on the inclusion of minorities and women in the electoral process in Bolivia, Mrs. Romina Guadalupe Pérez Ramos, Legislator of the Plurinational Legislative Assembly of Bolivia</li><li>• Presentation on citizen participation and democracy in the Province of Mendoza (Argentina), Mrs. Laura Montero, Vice-governor of the Province of Mendoza</li><li>• Presentation on the reform of political financing in Quebec, Mrs. Diane Lamarre, Legislator of the National Assembly of Quebec and Committee Chair.</li></ul>
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS</b>
Free	<b>FREE DINER</b>

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27 <sup>th</sup> 2018	
9:00 – 12:00	<p><b>5<sup>TH</sup> CONSULTATION WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS</b></p> <p><b>Challenges and recommendations for the advancement of women's rights in the Americas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In collaboration with the Inter-American Commission of Women of the Organization of American States (OAS)</li> <li>• Presentations by experts</li> </ul>
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>FREE LUNCH</b>
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> CONSULTATION WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS (CONTINUATION)</b>
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<p><b>MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY, TRADE, LABOUR, COMPETITIVENESS AND TRADING BLOCS</b></p> <p><b>Topic 1: Internationalization of Regional Value Chains</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Mrs. Laura Montero, Vice-governor of the Province of Mendoza and President of the House of Senators of Mendoza</li> </ul>
Free	<b>FREE DINER</b>

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup> 2018

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<p><b>MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>Topic 1: Look at the multilingual reality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by Mr. Antonio García Zúñiga, National Anthropology and History Institute of Mexico</li></ul> <p><b>Topic 2: Legislative modernization plan in the context of Sustainable Development Goals 2030: Access to public information and citizen participation. Instruments for the democratization of the legislative power.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by Mrs. Laura Montero, Vice-governor of the Province of Mendoza and President of the House of Senators of Mendoza</li></ul>
11:00– 1:00 p.m.	<p><b>MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>TOPIC 1: Short-term climate pollutants: their control in the fight against climate change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by Mrs. Graciela Binimelis de Raga, Ambassador of the Coalition for Climate and Air Quality in Latin-America and the Caribbeans</li><li>• Presentation by Mrs. Marisela Ricardez García, UN-Environment</li></ul>
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>34<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF COPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b></p>
5:00 – 9:00 p.m.	<p><b>Panama Canal Tour</b></p>

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THURSDAY MARCH 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018	
9:00-12:00 a.m.	<b>15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS AND ELECTIONS</b>  <b>Topic: Women in the workplace</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by an expert (to be confirmed)</li></ul>
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<b>PLENARY SESSION OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF COPA AND ELECTIONS</b>
4:30 p.m.	<b>End of the event and return of the parliamentarians to their country</b>