

PGA's National Group in the Legislative Assembly, The Office of the Attorney General for the Defense of Human Rights of the Republic of El Salvador and Parliamentarians for Global Action

Invite to a

Seminar on Equality and Non-Discrimination for Latin American Parliamentarians

**Crowne Plaza Hotel San Salvador, Conference Room *Centroamérica*
San Salvador, El Salvador
November 3rd, 2014**

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Agenda

8:00 – 8:15 a.m. *Registration of participants*

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. **OPENING CEREMONY**

Co-Chairing:

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary General, Parliamentarians for Global Action

Mr. David Ernesto Morales, *Ombudsman*, Office of the Attorney General for the Defense of Human Rights in El Salvador

Dip. Sigfrido Reyes, President of the Legislative Assembly & Chair of PGA's National Group, El Salvador

Mrs. Montserrat Solano Carboni, *Ombudsman*, Defensoría de los Habitantes de Costa Rica

Dip. Minou Tavárez Mirabal, Chamber of Deputies of Dominican Republic & President and Chair of PGA's International Council

09:00 – 9:15 a.m. *Official Photograph*

9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ENSURING EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS

- Legislative prerogatives: lawmaking, budget oversight and leadership
- National coordination with relevant Ministries and Human Rights Institutions

Panel: **Dip. Minou Tavárez Mirabal**, Chamber of Deputies of Dominican Republic & President and Chair of PGA's International Council

Dip. Rasel Antonio Tome Flores, National Congress of Honduras

Dip. Marvin Atencio Delgado, Human Rights Committee, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Moderator: **Dip. Mario Alberto Tenorio**, President, Legislative and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Legislative Assembly of El Salvador

Plenary Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 1:00 p.m.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER EXPRESSION AND GENDER IDENTITY IN INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

- Demystifying sexual orientation and gender identity (cultural beliefs and religious precepts)
- Principles of equality and non-discrimination in international human rights law
- Inter-American Convention against Discrimination and Intolerance and other regional jurisprudence

Panel: **Mrs. Montserrat Solano Carboni**, *Ombudsman*, Defensoría de los Habitantes de Costa Rica

Mr. David Ernesto Morales, *Ombudsman*, Office of the Attorney General for the Defense of Human Rights in El Salvador

Dip. Ronny Monge Salas, Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

Prof. Allison Davenport, International Human Rights Law Clinic, Berkeley Law, University of California, Berkeley

Moderator: **Dip. Emma Julia Fabián Hernández**, Secretary, Women and Gender Equality Committee, Legislative Assembly of El Salvador

Plenary Discussion

1:00–2:00 p.m. *Lunch at Jade Terrace*

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR LEGISLATIVE REFORM

- Model legislation on non-discrimination in Central and Latin America
- Identifying national priorities to draft and amend laws that prosecute and punish hate crimes and address discrimination in labor, education, and others, as well as change in gender in official documentation and an Identity Law; etc.
- Using regional mechanisms to incorporate this topic in legislative agendas (i.e. FOPREL, PARLACEN and Central American Integration System - SICA)

Panel: **Kerlin Belloso**, Fundación de Estudios para la Aplicación de Derechos (FESPAD), El Salvador

Dip. Gloria María Anaya, Comisión de la Mujer, Niñez y Juventud, Central American Parliament (PARLACEN)

Dip. Delia Emilda Back Alvarado de Monte, President, Specific Committee on National Security Affairs, Committee on Women, Congress of Guatemala

Moderator: **Dip. Karina Ivette Sosa**, President, Foreign Affairs, Central American Integration and Salvadorans Abroad Committee, Legislative Assembly of El Salvador

Plenary Discussion

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

- Sharing information, testimonies and data
- Reporting violations and ensuring justice for victims

Panel: **Ms. Sandra Rivera**, Attorney General of Civil and Individual Rights of the Office of the Attorney General for the Defense of Human Rights in El Salvador

Karla Avelar, Director of COMCAVIS Trans & Representative of the Permanent Discussion Table on LGBTI of the Office of the Attorney General for the Defense of Human Rights in El Salvador

Mr. Roberto Valent, Coordinator of the United Nations System and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), El Salvador

Dip. Gilda Silvestrucci, National Congress of Honduras

Moderator: **Dip. Damián Alegría**, Foreign Affairs and Finance Committees, Legislative Assembly, El Salvador

Plenary Discussion

5:00–5:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

5:15-6:00 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADOPTION OF SAN SALVADOR STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

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