



Parliamentarians for Global Action
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ABOUT PGA

2023



**Lawmakers.
Policy-makers.
Defenders of democracy.**

About Parliamentarians for Global Action



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**PGA'S VISION IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF
A RULES-BASED INTERNATIONAL ORDER FOR A MORE
EQUITABLE, SAFE, SUSTAINABLE, AND DEMOCRATIC WORLD.**

Empowering and Mobilizing Legislators as Champions for Human Rights, Democracy and a Sustainable World

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) is the largest non-governmental, multi-party international network of legislators acting in their individual capacity for a rules-based international order in which the force of the law shall replace the law of force. PGA is a sustainable and independent parliamentary network with an over 40-year track record of results. PGA members – who created the organization and exercise decision-making authority to select its goals and priorities – are the most active change-makers in their parliaments, protecting democratic values, international justice, human rights, and peace.

PGA is the only parliamentary organization in *general consultative status* with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the only parliamentary network with headquarters in New York. PGA's office in The Hague, The Netherlands, fosters cooperation with The Hague-based international organizations, including the International Criminal Court (ICC).

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Our Theory of Change



Members of Parliament (MPs), in their capacity as **lawmakers**, in their **government-oversight** functions, and as democratically elected **representatives of the people**, have a crucial role to play in national and global efforts to promote and protect human rights, democracy, and peace.

Using a **peer-to-peer methodology** and **country-specific strategies**, the PGA Secretariat and leading members work together to educate, sensitize, build the technical capacity and strengthen the political will of parliamentarians to take ownership, concrete initiatives, and legislative actions to achieve results on PGA's campaign objectives.

PGA directly contributes to creating **political will** among MPs to take concrete action. PGA undertakes activities, such as convening national and regional parliamentary workshops and providing follow-up technical assistance, to increase the capacity, knowledge, and awareness of targeted MPs on a Campaign issue.

In turn, this leads to parliamentarians having the political will to take concrete and actionable steps at their national Parliaments. These actions may include posing a question to the Executive, introducing a bill, meeting and partnering with local civil society, calling for a public policy or practice reform, etc.

PGA also creates an enabling environment for positive changes, primarily through activities that facilitate **connections between civil society and parliamentarians and build bridges** between domestic and international policymakers and stakeholders. The goal of PGA's actions is to contribute to parliament **passing new/amended legislation** (or repealing discriminatory or unjust laws), the Government adopting new or modified **policies and practices**, and states **ratifying and implementing international treaties** and/or aligning to other **international standards**.

The **impact** of PGA's work relies on the commitment of parliamentarians to advocate for the prevention of, and accountability for, human rights violations and other breaches of the law, in turn contributing to the reinforcement of the **Rule of Law** at both the international level and within national systems.

Parliamentarians engaged by PGA are empowered to perform their constitutional prerogatives better as lawmakers, policymakers, and **defenders of democratic institutions**.

Our Members

PGA is supported by a structure of cross-party national groups in parliaments around the world, which creates sustainability and ownership of issues at the national level. PGA currently has national groups in the following parliaments:

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, European Parliament, The Gambia, Honduras, India, Italy, Kenya, Malaysia, Mozambique, Namibia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, São Tomé and Príncipe, Suriname, Sweden, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe.



1,192
Active Members



145
Countries

Working Languages:



English

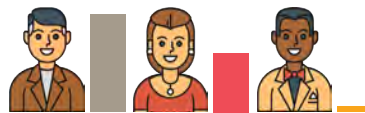


Español



Français

GENDER



MALE – 760
FEMALE – 431
NON-BINARY – 1

PARLIAMENTS



TOTAL – 145
NATIONAL – 133
REGIONAL – 33
OBSERVER – 19

AFRICA



498
members

AMERICAS



250
members

ASIA



141
members

EUROPE



166
members

**MIDDLE EAST &
NORTH AFRICA**



47
members

PACIFIC



42
members



“I am a better parliamentarian thanks to PGA.”

HON. VALERIE WOODS
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (BELIZE)



“Joining PGA brings you to new horizons.”

MS. PETRA BAYR
MP (AUSTRIA), PGA TREASURER

PGA members see the PGA Secretariat as a natural extension of their own parliamentary teams, relying on the Secretariat for advice and technical assistance.



“Parliamentarians join PGA to make a difference.”

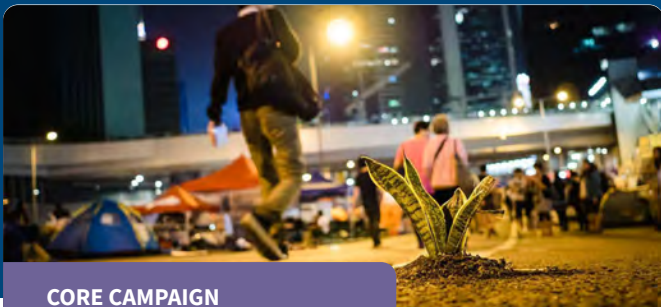
MS. MARGARETA CEDERFELT
MP (SWEDEN)



“PGA works on causes that require global participation.”

HON. SYED NAVEED QAMAR
MP (PAKISTAN), PGA PRESIDENT

PGA's Programmes and Campaigns



CORE CAMPAIGN

The core **Campaign for Democratic Renewal and Human Rights (DRHR Campaign)** addresses threats to democracy by promoting norms, regulations, and best practices reinforcing and protecting civil and political democratic space and protecting the human rights of democracy activists, especially parliamentarians in opposition, women in politics, minorities and vulnerable groups.



GENDER, EQUALITY, AND INCLUSION PROGRAMME

PGA's **Campaign to End Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM Campaign)** seeks to end child, early, and forced marriage by providing tools to parliamentarians to assert the primacy of national legislation; establish 18 years as the minimum age for legal marriage; reaffirm civil registration for births and marriages, health and education systems; and guarantee the enjoyment of sexual and reproductive health and rights, property rights, and access to justice for all girls and women.



GENDER, EQUALITY, AND INCLUSION PROGRAMME

PGA's **Campaign against Discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI Campaign)** seeks to mobilize parliamentarians as human rights champions, taking action to guarantee that all individuals have equal value, live with dignity and can achieve their highest potential free from all forms of violence and discrimination, including based on sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression and sex characteristics (SOGIESC). To date, PGA has sensitized and engaged 230+ parliamentarians from over 40 countries and facilitated meaningful interactions with representatives of the LGBTI community in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America, and the Caribbean.



GENDER, EQUALITY, AND INCLUSION PROGRAMME

Launched in 2022, PGA's new **Campaign for a Human rights-based approach to Climate Action** sensitizes and mobilizes parliamentarians in the Caribbean around the Escazú Agreement on Access to Information, Participation, and Justice in Environmental Matters as a tool to catalyze climate governance and action from a human rights-based approach in the region.



**INTERNATIONAL LAW
& HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME**

The **Campaign to Abolish the Death Penalty** aims to abolish the death penalty, promote justice systems grounded in the rule of law, and ensure equal access to justice for all. PGA assists its members from both retentionist and abolitionist countries in introducing legislative initiatives to eliminate the death penalty or reduce the scope of its application, including eliminating mandatory sentencing.



**INTERNATIONAL LAW
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The **Campaign for the Universality and Effectiveness of the System of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)** aims to promote a universal culture of upholding the Rule of Law, human rights, and human dignity, by contributing to putting an end to impunity for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community, by supporting the universality of the Rome Statute via ratification and/or accession by non-Party States and incorporating the Statute's norms and principles in national legal frameworks through full domestic implementation.



**INTERNATIONAL LAW
& HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME**

The **Campaign for the Protection of the Oceans and Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14** aims to end impunity for crimes committed on and against the world's oceans and their related human rights violations through the ratification and implementation of international treaties and effective national legal structures on Sustainable Small-scale Fishing (SSF) Industry, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Deep Seabed Mining (DSM), and Ending Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing.



**INTERNATIONAL PEACE
& SECURITY PROGRAMME**

The **Biological Security and Health Campaign** seeks to reduce the threat posed by, as well as the proliferation of, biological weapons and other weapons of mass destruction (WMDs).



**INTERNATIONAL PEACE
& SECURITY PROGRAMME**

PGA's **Campaign to promote Nuclear and Radiological Security** seeks to address the fact that a large number of States worldwide have yet to become States Parties and/or fully implement The Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM), its Amendment, and the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT).



**INTERNATIONAL PEACE
& SECURITY PROGRAMME**

PGA launched the **Global Cybersecurity Initiative** in cooperation with the Council of Europe in 2021. Taking into account the exponential growth in global cybersecurity threats, it seeks to address the fact that a large number of States worldwide have yet to become States Parties and/or fully implement the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and its Additional Protocols.



**INTERNATIONAL PEACE
& SECURITY PROGRAMME**

The **Campaign to Address the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons and to Promote Universality and Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (SALW/ATT Campaign)** seeks to contribute to a reduction in armed violence and the threat of armed violence worldwide as a result of significant steps taken to address the illicit trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), promoting the implementation of the UN Programme of Action Addressing the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, as well as continued promotion of the universality and implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

PGA's Annual Forum



All PGA members are invited to attend the Annual Forum, which has been hosted by National Parliaments since 2000, allowing PGA members to discuss issues not only with other members from around the world but also with parliamentarians who are not members and high-level government and intergovernmental officials and experts, whom they may not have ever met otherwise.

Every two years, the Annual Forum is held as part of the biennial Consultative Assembly of Parliaments on the International Criminal Court and the Rule of Law (CAP-ICC), the only parliamentary meeting dedicated to the fight against impunity for international crimes and access to justice for victims.

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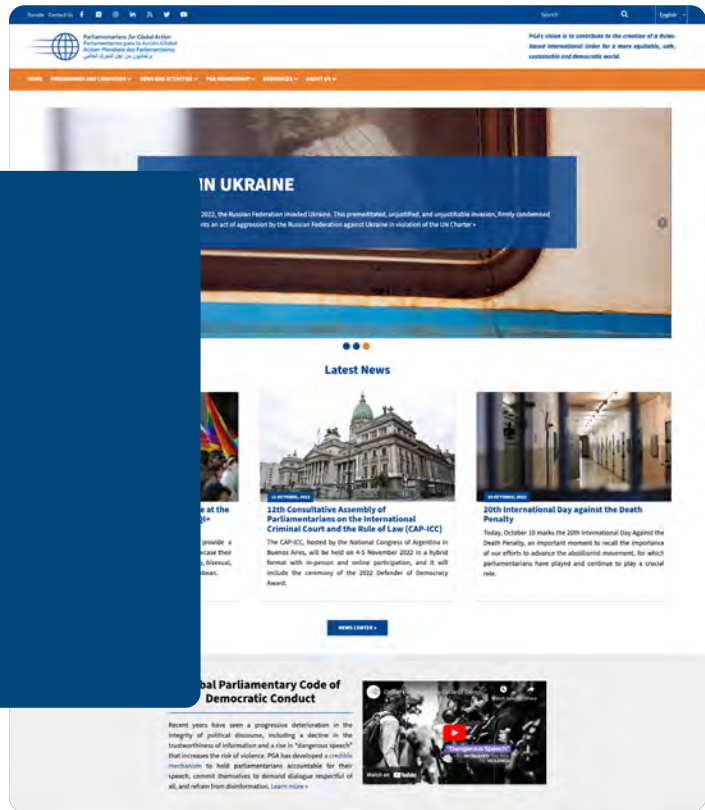
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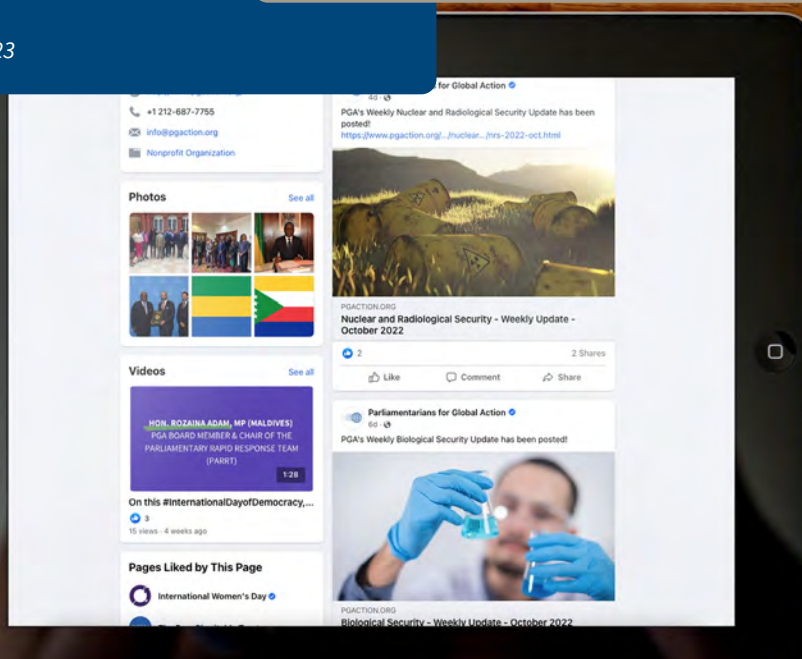
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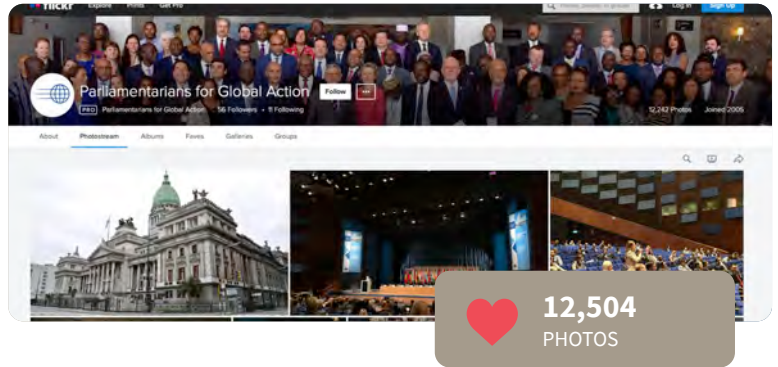


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